***We are closing in on the 100th Day of School***

***and I wanted to provide you with an update of***

***Spring Glen PTA’s happenings thus far!***

We closed out our 2016-17 school year with 198 members and

over 2085 volunteer hours documented!

 Connecticut PTA recognized Spring Glen PTA

with the following awards:

10 outside community members

100% teacher membership,

Increase of membership by 10%.

We were also acknowledged with HIGH STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE

 in *Communications, Family and Community Involvement, Membership Promotions and Enrichment Programs.*

In an effort to match or even exceed all of the accolades bestowed upon our PTA last school year, the Spring Glen PTA has worked tirelessly to continue to provide for our students, teachers and community!

**The Spring Glen PTA begins supporting our students before**

 **the school year even begins!**

Over the summer, the Spring Glen PTA held Meet and Greetsfor new families. Four playground stops throughout the neighborhoods culminated with a pizza party at the Spring Glen playground that was enjoyed by all. **MIRA DEBS** and her committee organized these events.

**The Spring Glen PTA works to create a beautiful environment for our students to come to every day.**

The fall of 2017 was a busy time for the Spring Glen PTA. During the September Open House,the PTA executive board had a sign-up table with membership and volunteer information. **CHRISTY CZEKAJ**, Membership VP, has done a phenomenal job reaching out to the school community to support the PTA. Mr. Hornreich asked the PTA help to landscape the front gardens. In our budget was the Mother Nature’s Classroom clean-up under the direction of **KARLEN MEINSEN**, so the executive board supported this new endeavor. **ANN POWERS** and **CHRISTY CZEKAJ** created beautifully landscaped gardens with the support of parents and friends. We are looking forward to a spring awakening.

**The Spring Glen PTA fundraises in order to provide for our students, teachers and community.**

Fundraising events, led by Fundraising VP. **ALLISON ROSENBERG**, included Mum Sales, Lyman Orchard Pie and Cookie Sales, Election Day Bake Sale and Conference Night Basket Raffle. These programs all contribute to the PTA budget. BOX TOPS collection under the direction of **BENNIE FINCH** also brings in additional funds for the PTA budget. The Holiday Shoppe**,** organized by ANN POWERS was a financial success, as well as exciting opportunity for all of our young shoppers. **EVE SANSONE**,secretary, is organizing the READ A THON event, now in its 3rd year. It will take place this March. We look forward to the READ A THON, as well as the upcoming Someone Special Dance, Aladdin Jr Playbill, and the Spring Flower and Plant Sale.

The two ***Scholastic Book Fair events***, run by the Spring Glen PTA, give the students the opportunity to buy books for their own home libraries. PTA gave $800 value of books back to students in financial need as well as giving each teacher $40 worth of books for their own classroom libraries. In addition, $800 in Scholastic Dollars was given to the PPS Team to purchase items for their classroom needs. The spring Book Fair is a buy one get one book sale. Volunteers will be needed the first week in May.(*Volunteers are needed for 4 days to set up, assist students and help cash out the book sales.)*

**The Spring Glen PTA supports enrichment for**

**all of our students.**

The Spring Glen School PTA has been very fortunate to be able to offer a diverse selection of ***afterschool programs*.** This year we offered 3 -8 week sessions. We were lucky to have some parents, teachers and outside instructors step in and instruct from 3:35-4:45pm. The programs offered to our students were:

 KIDDING AROUND WITH YOGA,

K-2 MATH CIRCLES

PLAY, MORE CHESS

LITTLE SCIENTISTS and GREAT SCIENTISTS

BRENNAN-LUCEY IRISH DANCE ACADEMY

THEATRE AND COMEDY INPROVISATIONS

CREATIVE KIDS

STEM

INVENTION CONVENTION

MATH for UPPER GRADES.

New the 3rd session is CLAY CLUB with **MR. SULLIVAN** and LEGO QUEST with **MS. SENISE**.

I have been organizing the afterschool programs, which consists of contacting the instructors, reviewing their flyers, scheduling the rooms and completing building usage forms for the school office.

*A chairperson will be needed for this role for next school year.*

Spring Glen PTA honored all requests for scholarships to attend the afterschool programs. The instructors offered one space for their program, each session, and PTA paid for additional requests. All requests were funneled through our principal, Mr. Hornreich.

Spring Glen PTA supports theENRICHMENT COMMITTEE with a $6000.00 budget. Mr. Hornreich and his committee choose the best programs for all students. Amazing Hero Art, The Luneaus Basketball Family, and a visit from Miss Connecticut are some of the events this year.

**The Spring Glen PTA supports the students, teachers and community through financial donations.**

The PTA gave a $100 value Amazon gift card to every teacher to purchase needed classroom materials. Teachers were also able to choose a classroom magazine this year that was paid for by the PTA.

PTA also sponsors a $250 scholarship to a Hamden High School Senior and pays for all the playground equipment that is needed throughout the year. This includes indoor and outdoor equipment. The Spring Glen PTA also financially supports the Teacher Welcome Breakfast in August, Teacher Appreciation Week, Holiday Family Support ($400), Diaper Drive and Hamden's Color Me Run.

We cannot forget the Art Night event, under the direction of **PATRICK SULLIVAN** and Field Day organized and orchestrated by **KRISTYNA B. TEMPLETON**. The Spring Glen PTA happily supports these fabulous events for our students through financial donations.

MANY thanks to Treasurer, **HEATHER WAINWRIGHT** for handling all the plus’ and minus’ of this job. It is a huge undertaking with all the fundraising programs we have all year long and *we will be looking for a Co-Treasurer for next year*.

**The Spring Glen PTA presents Aladdin Jr.!**

With several emails and flyers posted of my concern about not having a school play, parents stepped forward to continue the tradition. We are excited to hold ALADDIN JR. on May 18 and 19, 2018. The different facets of putting on a student play require many volunteers. It is not too late to get involved. In addition to the play this year, we are creating a PLAYBILL. We are looking for small and large businesses to support this event- as everything costs money. **CHRISTY CZEKAJ** and I are the point persons for the sponsorship opportunities. **CHAUNDRA VASSEUR** will direct you to the other chairs of the play production.

We have some parents who are committing to joining the Executive Board for 2018-19 school year. Show your support for them at our May meeting.

Please keep in mind that it takes many hours of planning by volunteers to have successful programs. I hope that you will consider joining a committee this school year (It’s not too late to lend a hand!) and next year so these programs will continue.

You can reach out to springglenschoolpta@gmail.com to join.

As always publicized, the PTA membership meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month. Times switch between 3:45 or 6 pm throughout the year, trying to make it convenient for the working parent or the stay at home parent to attend a meeting. Children are welcome to attend. Babysitting would be provided if there is sufficient notice to the president to arrange coverage.

Our Spring Glen PTA facebook page and website are monitored, and frequently updated, by **LISA MICALI** and **LEI WANG**. They post approved flyers and important messages. Please "like" our facebook page, if you have not done so already! (All flyers are also sent home to families as another means of publicity.)

We appreciate the OFFICE STAFF: **MRS. MCKEE** and **MRS. WIELAND** for assisting us. Our principal, **MR. HORNREICH**, has been most supportive. He generously gives the PTA space in the *"SPRING GLEN HAPPENINGS"* each week, and attends programs and events. He is always available to assist the Executive Board.

All of our volunteers are most appreciated all year long. For a 3rd year, the PTA will be hosting a Volunteer Thank You Breakfast in June. Keep an eye out for more information.

My favorite saying has always been MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK.

Please contact springglenschoolpta@gmail.com with your questions and volunteer information. You will be directed to the appropriate chairperson.

Thank you,

Hinda Piscitelle

Spring Glen School PTA president 2016-2018