



LEVITTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Success for Every Student

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Dear Levittown Families,

It is hard to believe that we only have a few short weeks left in the school year. Summer is right around the corner! With that being said, we are embarking on our Summer Reading Extravaganza for Summer 2023. We are utilizing our Summer Reading text as part of the students' core curriculum when they enter their new grade in the fall.

Each student entering grades 6, 7, 8 is required to read the text entitled *Pay It Forward*, Young Readers Edition, by Catherine Ryan Hyde. The only requirement that we ask of your child is to read the book. They must do so thoughtfully and must be prepared to come to class on September 5, 2023 ready to discuss, share, and write about what they read. Simply skimming the book will not be acceptable. Students are encouraged to use post-its to gather thoughts and quotes that resonate with them along the way, but please do not annotate or highlight in these books.

To enhance the students' engagement with this novel, we have partnered with the Levittown Public Library and will be hosting Book Discussion Days throughout the summer at Levittown Public Library's Community Room. The dates are as follows: **July 19, August 16, and August 31 from 7:00-8:30 PM**. There will be a lively book discussion, games, and a chance to enter our raffle boxes on each of these days. This is a voluntary component to the Summer Reading Extravaganza. Please be sure to register through the Levittown Public Library if you wish to attend one of the Book Discussion Days. <https://www.levittownpl.org>

In addition to the Book Discussion Days, there will be a dynamic webpage to explore. Simply click on the "logo button" (see image above) from Wisdom's or Salk's home page. Here you will find videos, a "Creativity Page" that will provide a channel for your child to share their interpretation of what they have read, a moderated blog page for students to engage in online discussions with fellow students, and many additional activities to explore throughout the summer months.

The Summer Reading Extravaganza will also be connected to the Levittown Public Library's Summer Reading program. Every time you visit the Levittown Public Library over the summer, you will get a chance to enter the raffle to win a special luncheon with Richard Specht, co-founder of *Cultivate Kindness*, in the fall! For more information about this foundation, visit <http://www.cultivatekindness.org/about-us/>.

Thank you for your support and encouragement with this initiative. This will help us succeed in getting our students prepared for their new grade level in the fall and encourage the love of reading. We wish you the happiest of summers. Happy Reading!

Sincerely,
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