

Wisdom PTA Meeting 2/10/25

- Zoom Meeting Scheduled for 7pm by Janette Ruddy
- Rec. Secretary - Faith Dermody - Approval of minutes from January meeting. Stand as written
- Principal Report - Mr. Avena - Welcome everyone!
 - Half way through the school year, anyone that is failing at this point then we will contact parents to discuss options. Wisdom will run the short summer program again for anyone that fails 2 or more subjects. More information on that will be given directly to parents that may need it.
 - Winter II sports are up and running for the past couple weeks and going well.
 - Friday, long but wonderful day. Wisdom Wildcats day, battle of the classes. Started with an inspirational video and then competing in different competitions, followed by a discussion of the video and lunch. Then were our wonderful relay races. 8th grade won, and I want to mention that even though 7th grade came in last they had a ton of school spirit and great sportsmanship.
- 1st VP - Janette Ruddy - No Report but we are in need of a delegate for the next Council Meeting 3/4
- 2nd VP - Ronna Duarte - As of today membership is 227 members.
- 3rd VP - Yeliz Cipriano - Fundraising no report
- Treasurer Report - Anthony LoPinto - a few fundraising deposits and a cultural arts expense
- Corresponding Secretary - Tara Reyes - One wedding card was sent out
- Honorary Life - Tara Reyes - Dinner and awards ceremony will take place on April 30@Coral House. Invitation to purchase a ticket will be sent out in the near future
- 4th VP - Ms. Going - see attached report
- Delegate report - Samantha Stanley - see attached report
- Curriculum - no meeting this month
- Transportation - no report meeting tomorrow
- Food Services - Eileen Lynch - report attached
 - Strawberry Milk was requested, they tested it at a few schools, it was a hit, so now it will be stocked at all the schools.
 - Grilled Cheese and Soup was a hit, so they added it to the menu again in February
 - The chicken drumstick lunch in February will be breaded, not glazed
 - Salads are available and a sign is up
 - The kitchen is supposed to be redone over the Feb break
 - I went on grilled cheese and soup day. I was told they do chicken soup not tomato soup because the kids don't like tomato soup. The soup was hot and good, the grilled cheese was warm and the edges were hard and crunchy, I'd prefer it hotter. The salad was very fresh and the cookies were good as always. All the alternative choices were available.
 - I also went on popcorn chicken and fries day. It came with cold pepper strips, they were fresh and good, the kids didn't give a good reason why they didn't take them, I saw some kids eating them but not many. Popcorn chicken is a big hit, that seems to be the main choice on that day. All the alternative choices were available.
 - Bosco Sticks and French bread pizza seem to be their favorites and most requested lunch.
- Jeanette Ruddy - We need to have a vote on our new By-Laws, did everyone see the email with the new by-laws? If you approve please type in the chat. They will go into effect on July 1st. Thank you.
- SEPTA - Dr Ippolito - March 4th, transition fair at Division & next meeting is 2/10 at Memorial
- Old business - none
- New Business - none
- Meeting Adjourned 7:24

Ms. Going Report for January

- Ro Daly Volleyball Tournament Wednesday, March 26th.
 - \$30 a team to register
 - Must be teams of 6 can be all students or 1 teacher with 5 students
 - Money raised goes to American Cancer Society
- 6th grade trip to Medieval Times
 - Friday, March 21st
 - Registration deadline has passed
 - If your child is going and has any food allergies or restriction please contact Mrs. Carrillo
- Wisdom will be selling Autism Awareness gear after the break and will be doing various activities in April. Information will be posted in Parent Square.
- PS I Love You Day is this Thursday, 2/13 encourage your child to wear purple. Mrs. Finkelstein (aka Ms. Bronstein) and other support staff will be doing other events around the building that day.
- On March 11 , The Builders and SADD clubs will host CANINE COMPANIONS as an awareness workshop. This will be OPEN to ALL Students & Staff to learn about services provided by them; students meet, greet and interact with the service dogs! DAHS Key Club will be hosting Canine Companion in April.
- Thursday, March 20th – Division HS Key Club/SADD Club will host Wisdom Middle School students for a leadership building experience at the Annual Pizza & Play Night Students will attend this after school/evening field trip, have a pizza dinner and see the theatrical production of The Wedding Singer. Cost to student is the Play Ticket \$15
- This year 7th Grade Band, 7/8th Grade Chorus, and Chamber Orchestra are fundraising for our upcoming May 17th Music in the Parks Competition and Festival. We have two fundraising activities scheduled.
 - Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser ends Tuesday 2/11 at 5:00pm. Wisdom Music earns 50% of sales. You can purchase using the following link. <https://popup.doublegood.com/s/15jwg50b> OR purchase from an individual student's "Pop-Up" store (they must share their link with you)
 - Chipotle Fundraiser on March 15th 4-8PM in Levittown. Wisdom Music receives 20% of sales.
- March is Music in our Schools Month. The theme this year is Unity Through Music. Tri-M Honor Society will be organizing activities.
- Yearbooks can still be purchased.
 - Go to [Jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com) for ordering
 - Deadline for ads (boosters) and personalized books has passed.
 - We have plenty of photos for the book but yearbook staff will be working on the end of year slideshow, please email Mrs. Going with any photos you would like the staff to review for using.
- Regional Science Olympiad competition at Kellenberg HS- March 8th
- GO sponsored Spirit week will be March 17th ~ 21st
 - Raffles can be entered by bring in food for the food pantry
 - Prize are given for best attire for some theme days
 - Other fun activities happen all week long.
- Wisdom Challenger Team is BACK come cheer on the team here is their schedule:
 - **February 11, 2025 – AWAY GAME – Salk MS – 4:30pm**
 - **February 25, 2025 – HOME GAME – Wisdom – 4:30pm**
 - **March 6, 2025 – AWAY GAME – Division HS – 4:30pm**
 - **March 11, 2025 – HOME GAME – Wisdom – 4:30pm**
 - **March 12, 2025 – AWAY GAME – Berner MS – 4:30pm**
 - **March 19, 2025 – HOME GAME – Wisdom – 4:30pm**

- Wisdom Lane Art show is at Levittown Public Library for the month of March.
 - Student work will be on display March 1-27.
 - Artists' reception is March 13, 6-7pm
- Dress Boutique is Thursday, March 27th
 - Long or short dresses
 - Shoes, Jewelry and accessories
 - Unused makeup or gift certificates to salons
 - Donations can be brought to the social worker in any of the secondary schools (Mrs. Finkelstein at Wisdom)
- 8th grade trip to the Long Island Holocaust Museum & Tolerance Center in Glen Cove – students will be divided into three groups since the museum cannot take more than 100 kids per day. We will be going on March 26th, 27th, and 28th.
- Wisdom Relay Race was this past Friday, 2/7 8th grade class won fun time was had by all

Delegate Report 2/4/25

President reported that mid-year audits are due. There should be monthly audits without a signor completed. Checks require 2 signatures. February 5th was the second Budget session and March 5th will be the 3rd. Nominating should be happening right now. You need to complete a sealed letter to Beth Lyons by 2/25. Unit nominations should be happening soon—check your bylaws.

Superintendent reported that the Cheerleaders were headed to Nationals in Disney.

2/5 is the next Board meeting and the 2025-2026 calendar is on the agenda.

2/26 at 7:30 after Parent University there will be a Parent Security night. They are taking questions online that will be answered that evening. There's a contract to sell Seaman's Neck Road School—district will keep the fields but the building will be sold to BOCES. The vote will be in May. Salk was named a 2025 NYS School of Character. Cell phone policy needs to be developed for the 2025/2026 school year.

SEPTA

Pizza kit fundraiser thru Vincenzo's.

Transition Fair in March at Division.

Council bylaws up 7/1—propose new in March.

Honorary Life dinner 4/30 at Coral House in Baldwin. Raises money for Senior Awards.

2/12 next Food Service Meeting.