Thoughts from the Executive Committee:
The Seaford Harbor Elementary School welcomes the cool crisp fall season. The PTA has been busy making arrangements for some fun and exciting events for our children to enjoy this year. Get involved and become part of the organization that supports enhancing your children’s education.
Thank you for supporting our PTA fundraising efforts. This money is used to fund the many programs and clubs that we offer. Special thanks go out to all the committee chairs and all who volunteered. You are an integral part of this great organization. Your valuable time is an investment to all the children at the Harbor School.

Treasurer’s Report: Diane Nigra announced that cash on hand is: $26,937.63.

RTI/AIS Presentation: Mrs. Schozer gave a PowerPoint presentation on Response to Intervention (RTI) and Academic Intervention Services (AIS) in the Seaford Harbor. Children are assessed throughout the year to ensure that they are reading and understanding at the appropriate grade level. Evaluations are made based on various criteria.

Teacher Representative: Mrs. Hansen says that everything is off to a good start. The Kindergardeners are preparing for Pumpkin Day. Mrs. Kemper informed us that on Thanksgiving Runyan’s will deliver 1500 meals to those less fortunate. All are welcome to decorate the bags to put meals in. The 5th grade class trip to Project Adventure was on Wednesday, October 12th. Please return your Fun, Fit, and Go sheets every Friday. Student Council elections are complete! Mrs. Hansen would like to congratulate the new board members and looks forward to an exciting year ahead!

Student Council Board 2016 – 2017
President – Amanda Williamson
Vice President – Kieran Calderaro
Secretary – Ryan Ciberowski

Guest Speakers: Mrs. Alia Frassa told us about Red Ribbon Week. The dates for Red Ribbon week this year are October 24th – 28th. National information can be found on RedRibbon.org. There will be theme days for this year and other activities and special assemblies for all grades. Please look out for the notice that will contain outline the activities of each day.

Monday: wear Red
Tuesday: Lei Off Drugs with Hawaiian Leis (provided by pta)
Wednesday: Team Up Against Drugs day, wear sports jerseys
Thursday: Don’t Let Drugs Spoil Your Dreams, Pajama Day
Friday: We Mustache You to be Drug Free & have Seaford Pride, wear green and mustaches (provided by pta)

Special Ed Representative: Jeanne Downey invited everyone to attend the next SEPTA meeting on Tuesday, October 18th in the Middle School Library at 7:00pm. Kevin McCarthy is the guest speaker, the topic is “Making Homework Successful” and it will start with a meet and greet. SEPTA is also still selling the mini school calendars for $5 each.

School Board Representative: Jocelyn Reeves informed us that the Seaford school district website will be more user friendly soon. It will be modeled after Nassau Boces website

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Auction: Karen Buck reminds us that the Auction this year will take place on April 20th, 2017 with the theme of “Anchors Aweigh”. It will be at Carlyle on the Green. We are still looking for someone to chair basket wrapping for this year. The table flyers will be going out soon so start planning who you would like to sit with. Tickets will be on sale starting in January and will be available at PTA meetings and through backpacks. PTA will start collection donations of goods next month – ideas for donations include new and unwanted items, baskets, ribbons, tissue paper. Please contact Karen at karb3808@aol.com if you would like to help out with the various committees associated with this event.

Apparel: Christina Cappetti reported that she currently has past Seaford Pride apparel available for sale as cash and carry. This year’s items include dri-fit shirts, lace-up hooded sweatshirts, tye-dye sweatshirts, and blankets. There will be a one time order in the fall for pick up at the December PTA meeting. Feel free to email Christina at ccappetti@yahoo.com or visit the PTA website.

Banking: Laurel Klein and Jodi Wind reported banking will be with Bethpage Federal Credit Union. The first deposits are on Thursday, October 15th. If you do not have an account, please visit your local Bethpage Federal Credit Union branch to set one up.

Clubs: Dame Cascone said fall clubs are about to start. Every grade will have a homework club, so far. Ms. Denk 3rd grade, Mr. T 4th grade, Ms. Liepa 5th grade. Ms. Liepa also doing a 1st grade lego club. Timing are from 3:15-4:15pm.
You MUST pick up your child on time and send in a note to homeroom teacher that they are going to after school club.

**Fifth Grade Committee:** Lisa Garcia announced that the Dinner Dance will be held at the Crest Hollow Country Club on June 14th from 6–10pm. New this year, there is an app where yearbook pictures can be uploaded to. DVD pictures still have to be a hard copy. The 5th Grade Committee meetings are held every month at 7:15pm prior to the PTA meeting. All 5th grade parents are welcome to attend.

**Holiday Boutique:** The Holiday Boutique will be held on Friday, December 2nd in the APR room from 6-9pm. There are a lot of great merchants. Come down and get some early holiday shopping done. Keep a look out for the flyer.

**Homecoming:** Laurie Ferraro wanted to thank everyone that helped out especially Lisa Gregorek who drew and painted the banner. Thanks to Laurie for the candy and balloons

**Kidstuff Fundraiser:** All books and/or money were due back on October 1st. If you still have a Kidstuff book at home, please either send it back or send in the money for it.

**Join the PTA!**

**Membership:** Laura Schneeweis reported that we are currently have 458 member. If you have not joined already, please consider doing so. The larger our membership is the bigger our voice is in the National PTA. Individual membership is $10 dollars and you will receive “Money From Home” envelopes. Family membership is $15 dollars and you will receive a “Note For The Teacher” notepad.

**Reflections:** Reflections is a national contest that includes literature, film production, visual arts, photography, music and dance choreography. Jill Rodgers reminded us the theme is “What Is Your Story?”. There are six category’s students may choose from and are due by Friday, October 21st. This is a great opportunity for the students to express themselves.

**Yankee Candle Fundraiser:** Evelyn Kouletsis informed everyone that the Yankee Candle Fundraiser starts the week of October 17th. There are a lot of wonderful smelling candles and great gifts!! We make 40% profit on the candles which goes back to the kids programs so don’t forget to order something for your dance, karate, or speech teachers, mail person and hair stylist. Please have orders in by the deadline because of the Holiday rush there will be no late orders accepted. Orders will be available for pick up at the December PTA meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Evelyn at kkouletsis@msn.com

**Bake Sale:** Dame Cascone said that the bake sale was a huge success. We made our goal for this year. The Committee would like to thank all the volunteers who baked and helped sell the baked goods.

**Student Photos:** Student Photo’s were a success. Retakes are scheduled for November 4th. If you want to retake the picture just send back photos without the class picture and write what you did not like about the pictures.

**Fall Festival:** was a huge success. We hope everyone had a fantastic time. A special thanks to all the volunteers and the middle school kids who helped out. Bridgette Ulzheimer has a few new ideas and changes for next year.

**Scrip Gift Card Fundraiser:** If you are in the market for gift cards for birthday, holidays, or just your everyday shopping needs, we have them for you! Be sure to register on the Scrip website –

It’s super easy: order the gift card online, send check in to Seaford Harbor PTA, cards will come in for November and December PTA meeting. A percentage of the proceeds for gift cards purchased through Scrip will be given back to the school. Any gift cards purchased through the Scrip program can be re-filled through the website for additional credit to the Harbor School.

**Congratulations to Karen Buck on winning this month’s raffle – a $25 gift card to Outback Steakhouse.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Please Join Us at Our Next PTA Meeting**

**Monday, November 7th at 7:45 pm**

**5th Grade Committee to meet at 7:15 pm**

*All parents are welcome!*