



## MANHASSET SCHOOL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

### SCA Executive Board Meeting

Date: Friday, November 18, 2022

#### Executive President's Report – Kim Haggerty

- Thank you for taking the time to read our November SCA Report. As a reminder, the SCA Executive will meet in person for a minimum of 4 times a year. The months the Executive Board does not meet in person, the Executive Board will post a report on the SCA Website. Our **next Executive Board meeting is Friday, Jan. 20th, 9am** in the District Office Community Room- all are welcome!
- The **SCA Fall Luncheon** was back this year and was a huge success! On Wednesday, Nov. 9th 200 SCA members, school administration and Board of Education members enjoy a wonderful afternoon at Harbor Links Golf Course. Thank you to Co-Chairs Lara Ciamician & Jenn Petrucci and all the volunteers that helped to create this “special trip to the Amalfi Coast.”
- Please support the SCA at Americana Manhasset's annual **Champions for Charity**, Dec. 1st-Dec. 3rd. 25% of your full price, pre-tax purchase will be donated to your selected charity. Please register at [championsforcharity.org](http://championsforcharity.org) and designate the SCA as your charity of choice.
- **Saturday Series** registration will begin in a few weeks, all online, including Musical Theater sign ups! Saturday Series will start Jan. 21st and run for 8 weeks.
- **Project Share** is kicking off their annual Holiday Gift Giving Drive. They are collecting gift cards for local families in need for this holiday season. Be on the lookout for the Sign-Up Genius to donate.
- Save the date for our annual **Family Theater** production, Saturday, March 18, 2pm at Munsey Park. Enjoy a professional production of the classic story, The Cat in The Hat! Contact Co-Chairs Kasey Collins or Lena Tanzi to volunteer or for more information.
- Save the date for the **SCA Fair**, Saturday, May 6th! Planning is underway to create the best day of the year! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Co-Chairs Christine Lucchese & Jessica Qualter.

#### Executive Treasurer's Report – Eva Sehic

##### ADMIN

Membership Dues is currently at \$23K which is 25% lower than what we saw last year at the same period. There have been some efforts made recently (increased email notifications etc) that should move the needle into more positive outcomes in the next couple of months.

##### PROGRAMS

###### *Spiritwear Sales*

Both schools doing well in sales and there is a lot of movement in terms in merchandise purchasing so we will see the below trends change in the next couple of months.

- MP down 20% from the same period last year
- SR up 30% from the same period last year.
- The above trend is not entirely significant at this juncture.

##### FROLIC

The balances in the 2018 and 2019 Frolic accounts are still due to be cleared in accordance with the Bylaws.



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### **Executive Secretary's Report – Kristi Wede**

#### **Interim votes:**

The request for approval of the SCA square store for the Fall Luncheon was approved by the SCA executive board via electronic communications on Friday, October 21, 2022.

The request for payment to BOCES for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Shelter Rock Enrichment Program, Project Adventure in the amount of \$3300.00 was approved by the SCA executive board via electronic communications on Tuesday, October 25, 2022.

The request for payment to the Ink Stitch Club Inc. in the amount of \$6936.28 for Munsey Park Spiritwear was approved by the SCA executive board via electronic communications on Wednesday, November 2, 2022.

The request for payment to Harbor Links Golf Club in the amount of \$11,792.00 for the SCA Fall luncheon was approved by the SCA executive board via electronic communications on Saturday, November 5, 2022.

The request for payment to Leonard's Palazzo for the Senior Banquet in the amount of \$20,676.80 was approved by the SCA executive board via electronic communications on Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

The request for payment to Spectrum Designs for Munsey Park 6<sup>th</sup> grade sweatshirts in the amount of \$4317.35 was approved by the SCA executive board via electronic communication on Saturday, November 12, 2022.

#### **High School President's Report – Rachel Harley**

The SCA was in the Fall spirit! The outside of the Secondary school was decorated in a fall motif, with pumpkins, mums and other Fall favorites! Additionally, at the end of October the SCA set up lots of Halloween treats for the teachers in their cafeteria!

The Senior Banquet was held at Leonards on November 7<sup>th</sup> and it was a huge success! Many, many thanks to Val Bebbler and her incredible team for all of their hard work organizing such a well-attended event for our seniors. A special thank you to all our junior parents who volunteered that night so our senior parents could enjoy the festivities.

The SCA Luncheon was back and better than ever! The event took place on November 9<sup>th</sup> at Harbor Links and many thanks to Lara Ciamician and Jen Petruccelli for their incredible work!

Senior Yearbook poses were due today, and Class of 2023 families can purchase their yearbooks online at [www.yearbookforever.com](http://www.yearbookforever.com) until December 31<sup>st</sup>!

The High School Fall Production of The Addams Family is happening now, November 17-19<sup>th</sup>!

And finally, the SCA Student Directory should be going into production next week, so keep your eye out in the beginning of December for this goodie in your mailbox!

#### **Looking Ahead...**

Thanksgiving Recess—woo hoo!

Parent – Teacher Conferences on the evening of December 1<sup>st</sup> and all day Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Holiday concerts! Holiday concert I at 7:30 PM on 12/15, holiday concert II at 7:30 PM on 12/20.



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Holiday recess – yippee – beginning on December 24<sup>th</sup>!

Our next Parent Council meeting will be on **Friday, January 20, 2023 at 10AM** and we hope to see everyone there!

### **Middle School President's Report – Jenna Post**

#### **Middle School Halloween Party**

The Halloween Party was on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 - 9:30. It was very successful! We had over 350 students attend. We utilized both the High School and Middle School gyms and we also used the outdoor basketball court area to serve pizza and refreshments. We had a DJ and Photo Booth, and rented games like Pop-a-shot, air hockey and Speed of Light. We also set up a ping pong table, and spike ball. The gyms were decorated with Halloween decor as well as balloons and blow-up figures. We also had raffles and gave out prizes for best costumes. Parents helped to decorate and also supervise and serve food. Thank you to our chairs, Dianne Tolentino, Eileen Bauer, and Vita Tagliavia, and to all of the parents who volunteered their time and those who gave donations.

#### **SCA Fall Luncheon**

The SCA had their Fall Luncheon on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. It was held at Harbor Links Golf Club. It was a really nice event with great raffle baskets and vendors. The decorations were beautiful and the food was good. They also had students from the High School musical there to perform for entertainment. Thank you to the co-chairs, Lara Ciamician and Jennifer Petrucci.

#### **Fall Decorations**

We bought pumpkins, corn stalks and other fall decor and decorated outside of the Middle School Entrance. It is a nice way to make the school festive for Fall.

#### **Halloween Treats**

Rachel Harley and I bought candy for the Secondary School Staff and set it up inside the staff lunch room. We decorated the room with tablecloths, signs, and other Halloween themed decorations and set up baskets of candy throughout.

#### **Holiday Concerts**

The Middle School will be having their Holiday Concerts on December 12<sup>th</sup> and December 19<sup>th</sup>. We are looking forward to those!

### **Shelter Rock President's Report – Susan Siris**

#### **HAPPENINGS:**

**ENRICHMENT-** On October 20<sup>th</sup> the Science Museum of Long Island presented a program on reptiles and amphibians to the 1<sup>st</sup> grade. A continued thank you to our Enrichment Chair Elena Vases for her work on these programs.

**RED RIBBON WEEK** took place October 24-28<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers tied red ribbons to the trees and fences around school and ribbons were sent home for children to put on their backpacks. The speaker this year was Rich Specht, co-founder of ReesSpecht Life Foundation, who gave talks during the week to parents, K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 3-4<sup>th</sup> grade and 5-6<sup>th</sup> grade. Mr. Specht's theme was "with kindness we can change the world". The student presentations were very well received and



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had a lot of positive feedback. Most parents were not aware of the parent presentation early in the week and asked for more advertisement in the future. Thank you to CASA, Connie Bruno and our Red Ribbon Week chair Whitney Godfrey for putting this event together for us.

Shelter Rock held its annual **PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST** the week before Halloween. Children in all grades were invited to bring in decorated, non-carved pumpkins that were displayed for all to see in the hallways. Winners were announced by Mr. Roder at the conclusion of the week.

The 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade evening **HALLOWEEN PARTY** was held Friday October 28<sup>th</sup>. Children enjoyed carnival games, volleyball, a photo booth, pizza, munchkins and a DJ who led the group in fun activities. The cafeteria and gym were fully decorated and transformed for the occasion. This year was a big success thanks to the many volunteers who spent hours in preparation and execution. It worked well to have set security stations determined and explained ahead of time with a head security volunteer who oversaw them all. A huge thank you to our Halloween chairs Annie Yeung, Sondra Goettelman, Dana Dignam, Abra Dilisio and all volunteers for their time and effort that went into this event.

**OUTDOOR LUNCH DUTY** began November 14<sup>th</sup> for Grades K-2. All participants were required to attend an in person or zoom meeting by Ms. Folchetti who explained the rules and expectations. Thank you to our Lunch Duty chair Deirdre Scaramucci for getting lunch duty back on its feet and her ongoing help organizing volunteers.

**BOOK WEEK** is November 14-18<sup>th</sup>. The theme this year is "How Do You Book?" and scenes were set up around the library with stuffed animals reading in an array of different settings- in bed, while camping, on the school bus, at the beach. etc. Children were invited to draw a picture of their favorite place to read and the artwork was displayed on the bulletin boards outside the library. During K-4 class library periods this week parent volunteers came in to read a book out loud and dress up in a corresponding costume. We were able to bring back costumes with hoods and masks that we could use have during Covid and it has been a lot of fun for the children to guess which parent is hidden behind the mask at the end. Thank you to our Book Week chairs Kasey Collins and Yancy Kabaszinska for putting this cute week together.

### LOOKING AHEAD:

PHOTO RETAKES- November 17<sup>th</sup>

SR/MP JOINT PARENT COUNCIL MTG- December 1<sup>st</sup> @ MP 9:30 AM

SR 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> CHORUS HOLIDAY CONCERT- December 8 @ 7:30 PM MP

SR 4<sup>th</sup> GRADE HOLIDAY CONCERT- December 9 @ 9:15

SR BAND/ORCHESTRA CONCERT- December 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30

SUPPORT STAFF LUNCHEON- December 16<sup>th</sup>

### **Munsey Park President's Report – Teri Ann Quinlan**

**Extended Extras:** Our Extended Extras Fall 2022 session successfully kicked off on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the Munsey Park chairs Virginia LaRocca and Jeannine Doumar for all their work in bringing back some class favorites, as well as adding some new classes that have already received great interest. We have 13 classes running and 150 students registered.

**Photo Day:** Photo Days at Munsey Park were on October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Our chairs, Nancy Chu and Monica Aliaga-Laud worked hard with Irvin Simon and the school to make the days go smoothly. Thank you, Nancy and Monica.

**Halloween Party (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grades) & Pumpkin Decorating Contest:** The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Halloween Party took place on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. There was a DJ, a photobooth, party games, and a haunted house. The event was well attended.



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Thank you to our returning 6<sup>th</sup> grade chairs, Margaret Nicklas and Colleen Sharkey, as well as our new 5<sup>th</sup> grade chairs, Jen Schultz and Holly Wilson for all their hard work in planning what was a great party. The SCA also sponsored the Pumpkin Decorating Contest – the submissions were fantastic and students and staff really enjoyed getting to see all the creative pumpkin designs. Thank you to Coach Mueller and Mr. Dillion for helping coordinate the contest.

**Red Ribbon Week:** Red Ribbon Week was October 24<sup>th</sup> – October 28<sup>th</sup>. This year's national Red Ribbon Week theme was "Celebrate Life, Live Drug-Free." For the elementary students the theme was modified to be "Celebrate Kindness, Make a Difference in the World." There were several assemblies where Rich Specht, former LI science teacher and co-founder of the ReesSpecht Life Foundation, shared his moving story of how kindness changed his family in the wake of a terrible tragedy. Unfortunately, the parent assembly at Munsey Park was not well attended. Thank you to our chair, Jill Szczerbiak who worked hard in conjunction with Connie Bruno, Director, Program Development and Community Engagement of CASA – thank you.

**Enrichment:** On October 17<sup>th</sup> the science museum came to Munsey Park for 1<sup>st</sup> grade enrichment. Each first grade class had a 45 minute session. Thank you to Lucia Del Monaco for scheduling this program, and working hard to make sure that all other grades will have an enrichment program this year.

### Looking forward to December:

- Photo Day retake is November 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Parent-Teacher conferences are November 21<sup>st</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Munsey Park will host the first MP/SR joint parent council on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to Dr. Gately for helping to coordinate with Ms. Tallerine for what we are certain will be an informative presentation about the District's math curriculum.
- Munsey Park will host many holiday concerts in the month of December for both Shelter Rock and Munsey Park. We are excited to be having Spirit Wear sold prior to and after each concert.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Wede  
SCA Executive Board Secretary