



Joyce Kilmer School

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GRADE 8 ACTIVITIES PARENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Welcome to 8th grade! Along with the many academic opportunities your children will be exposed to next school year, there will also be opportunities for them to showcase their many talents while working together to fundraise for their 8th grade Banquet and class trip to Camp Mason! The following is an abbreviated list and description of those events. Please monitor the Class of 2020 webpage on our school website throughout the year for updates and other information.

FUNDRAISERS

HAUNTED RIVER WALK – Thursday, October 24, Friday, October 25, Saturday, October 26. Raindate: Sunday, October 27

Two dress rehearsals will take place: one will be in the APR in October, and the final dress rehearsal will be on the path on Wednesday, October 23rd.

In order for the student to participate in the Haunted River Walk, a parent must chaperone at the event at least 2 of the 3 nights. The parent must sign a safety waiver for the night they will not be present to designate another parent to be responsible for their child. Parents chaperoning on the evenings their child is participating will be placed in accordance with the specific needs of the event.

HAUNTED RIVER WALK – CEMETERY

- Committee needs one chair and several members whose responsibilities include (1) marketing & selling of Tombstones; (2) painting / updating of tombstones; (3) the cemetery set up (including lighting); (4) cemetery clean up / breakdown
- Tombstones are to be sold to local businesses / organizations only (not family or friends). School administration to set the pricing for the tombstones. **Strongly encourage contacting existing tombstone supporters to utilize current tombstones.**
- Marketing materials / flyers must be approved by the JK main office prior to distribution. Allow 48 hours for approval process.

MARCH MADNESS BASKETBALL GAME - Friday night in March (TBD)

The March Madness Basketball event is a pair of spirited basketball games where fun and enjoyment take precedence over winning and losing. Game 1 features the 8th grade students and Milltown community members while game 2 features Joyce Kilmer and Parkview staff and the Joyce Kilmer Boys and Girls Basketball teams. Those on this committee would work closely with the staff advisors on the event.

VARIETY SHOW - Friday and Saturday evening performances in March (March 27 and 28). Dress rehearsals and tech nights to be determined.

The Variety Show is a celebration of our students' various talents in a variety show format. Those who choose to get involved in this event would work closely under the direction of Mrs. Ostrov. The students participate in a full grade opening number, and either a skit or backstage in the capacity of equipment, costume, technical, art or sound support.

ADDITIONAL FUNDRAISING EVENTS (DANCES AND CAR WASHES) WILL BE HELD ONLY IF THE FUNDRAISING EFFORTS FALL BELOW EXPECTATIONS.

SPECIAL EVENTS

CAMP MASON – MAY 20 – 22, 2020

- A total of 20 parents (10 mothers and 10 fathers) as chaperones. All parents need to monitor and assist with all activities. This constitutes hiking an average of 2 miles each day and assisting or participating in all camp activities. Children need to be supervised at all times. Please give thorough consideration to making this commitment. We want all of our parents to have a rewarding experience at Camp. Parents who desire to be a camp chaperone need to participate in related 8th grade activities.
- Chaperones are responsible for supervising students at all times.
- No alcoholic beverages are permitted at the camp at any time, nor may any chaperone leave the premises and drink alcoholic beverages while chaperoning the students.
- Extra cars are not permitted at camp. All chaperones are needed to monitor the buses going to and from camp.
- No smoking is permitted in the presence of students and in or around the cabins.
- Any parent that violates the Camp Mason volunteer policy, particularly when it deals with the supervision of the students in regards to leaving camp, or consuming alcohol or tobacco while at camp, will be banned from future participation in the trip and possibly other 8th grade events.
- Two overnight security chaperones should be recruited.
- All chaperones will be required to undergo New Jersey State Police background checks. The cost will be paid for by the school. Background checks will be completed in late winter. Chaperones will be provided with the forms and the Main Office will file with the NJ State Police.
- The trip takes place rain or shine.
- Faculty advisors will help coordinate parent chaperones with cabins and walking groups (walking groups should be different than sleeping groups). Students will sign up for the two groups with faculty advisors once it is decided how many will be in each cabin and how many in each group, based on the number of students in the class.

BANQUET - FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2020

The school secures the date, caterer and entertainment. The banquet takes place in the gymnasium at Joyce Kilmer School. The Committee coordinates the theme selection, decorations, set up, clean up and class gifts.

- Two chairs plus 12 committee members. One chair responsible for the “marketing” of the event (decorations, invites, centerpieces, etc), one for the “business” (finance, gifts, etc); each with committee members to assist with the work.
- Committee work should begin in early Winter to begin the theme selection process, which should take place following the Variety Show theme announcement. Contact the main office for details on this process.
- Limousines are not appropriate. Students do not attend with a “date.” Appropriate dress is indicated in the [Pupil, Parent, Staff Handbook](#).
- Parents may accompany their students to the school for a photo opportunity before students enter the dance; at which point the students will then have their dinner and the dance will begin.

ADDITIONAL COMMITTEES

- Class T-shirt. This is organized shortly after winter break. A small parent committee coordinates the ordering of this shirt through the approved vendor. The vendor information is available in the school office. Each student needs the shirt prior to the Variety Show so that it can be worn in the closing act. Committee will work with the vendor to obtain the template. The template is signed by each 8th grader prior to printing. The committee should contact the office to arrange a time for the signing. Committee coordinates the ordering of the shirts, including the flyer and distribution of shirts. Remember, the flyers require advance approval. This is an expense that is paid from the fundraising.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All 8th grade students are expected to participate in two of the three fundraising activities: the Haunted River Walk, March Madness or the Variety Show (or all, if student chooses to do so) in order to assure equal student participation in the fundraising for Banquet and Camp Mason.
- All adult volunteers (community and parents) must sign a “Volunteer Waiver” for each event. The waivers will be provided by the Main Office and available on the website in advance of events.
- Mrs. Bottiglieri is the Joyce Kilmer 8th grade school liaison. She can be reached at SBottiglieri@milltownps.org if you have any questions during the year.