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SCHOOL OPENS
SEPT 5

BOO HOO, YAHOO
BREAKFAST
SEPT 6

CLASS PARENT TEA
SEPT 11

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT
TBD

EXECUTIVE PTA MEETING
SEPT 16 AT 7PM

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH
SEPT 20 (RAINDATE 9/27)

BREAKFAST WITH
THE PRINCIPAL
OCT 16, 9AM

BLOOD DRIVE
NOV 21

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Congratulations - Honorary Life Membership Awards



On May 14, the PTA celebrated six individuals with the New York State PTA Honorary Life Awards.

The recipients were Jen LoPresti, Mrs. Aspetti, Judy Snyder, Leah Rezza, Daniell Brooks, and Mrs. Cawley. They have been an integral part of the PTA for many years. There are not many PTA activities that they have not had a hand in making successful.

Congratulations and thank you all for your commitment to our children!



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East Lake special!



PTA Presidents' Message

Jennifer Azzariti
and Judy Snyder

resource for everyone.

Dear Parents, Teachers, and Friends,

This school year has flown by and we can hardly believe that we're coming to the end of our term as East Lake PTA's Co-Presidents. We have truly enjoyed the last two years with this great organization and are so grateful for all of the amazing people who we've met. Without you, our volunteers, the things we did this year would never have been possible.

The PTA has hosted a number of wonderful events this year including assemblies, workshops, and family events, not to mention programs to enhance the educational experience for our children. Our second half of the school year has included fun family events like "Mother Son Sports Night" at the Long Island Sports Dome, the Family Fun Fishing Trip and Long Island Ducks game, Kindergarten Orientation, the Reflections Ceremony recognizing student work, as well as everyone's favorite, Field Day!

This year, we continued with our online initiative by creating a brand new website at www.eastlakepta.org that is meant to help our families stay informed, find fliers that may have been misplaced, as well as, to help you sign-up online for events or to volunteer for committees. In addition, we've been much more active on the PTA Facebook page, using it to remind our families about upcoming events and link back to our website. We hope it will continue to be a

As the school year comes to an end, we want to thank our current Executive Committee for their commitment to the East Lake Community. In addition, we want to thank all of those who volunteered to chair, as well as participate on our many committees. All of your work has made such a profound impact on our students and their families. It has been an honor to serve our community in this capacity for the past two years, working beside each and every one of you.

As we say good-bye to our current roles, we welcome a new Executive Committee led by Co-Presidents Dana Durso and Meaghan Wrona. They'll be supported by 1st Vice President Danielle Ocuto, 2nd Vice President Tina Flynn, Treasurer Luz Bove, Recording Secretary Erika Conti and Corresponding Secretary Lauren Cuccias.

In closing, we thank everyone for your commitment to East Lake. The children really appreciate all the things that East Lake School and the PTA do for them.

We hope you enjoy reading all of the great information in this newsletter!

Enjoy your summer!

Jennifer Azzariti and Judy Snyder

PTA Co-Presidents



A Message from Principal Thomas A. McKillop III.

It is hard to believe another school year is ending and summer vacation is almost here. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents for their support and participation in your child's education. I continue to be so fortunate to work in a school community that values the efforts of my staff and the school as a whole. Additionally, it is truly a pleasure to work in a building that has such a supportive and dedicated PTA. Mrs. Velte and I appreciate the efforts of the East Lake PTA as the special events and programs

enhance our educational program each year. Specifically, I would like to thank the East Lake PTA co-presidents, Mrs. Azzariti and Mrs. Snyder, for all of their efforts over the past two years. Moving forward, I wish the new co-presidents, Mrs. Durso and Mrs. Wrona good luck as they take on the leadership role of the East Lake PTA. I look forward to the opportunity of working with them, as well as the entire East Lake PTA, to bring about the very best for our students. Our goal remains, providing children a positive home-school relationship and this would not be possible without the continued efforts of the PTA.

As the school year comes to a close, I would like to wish the entire East Lake community a pleasant, safe, and healthy summer vacation. I look forward to September and, once again, working with you and your children.

Have a great summer!

Thomas A. McKillop III
Principal

YOUR 2018-2019 PTA OFFICERS



CO-PRESIDENTS

Jennifer Azzariti & Judy Snyder

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Jamie Farrell

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Janine Hunter

Kid's Care Carnival

Members of the Kids Care Club culminated a fantastic year with their buddies at the East Lake Carnival. This was a great end to a year where students fostered meaningful friendships that enriched the lives of ALL. I am sure all members of Kids Care and their buddies will agree, "There is nothing better than a friend"



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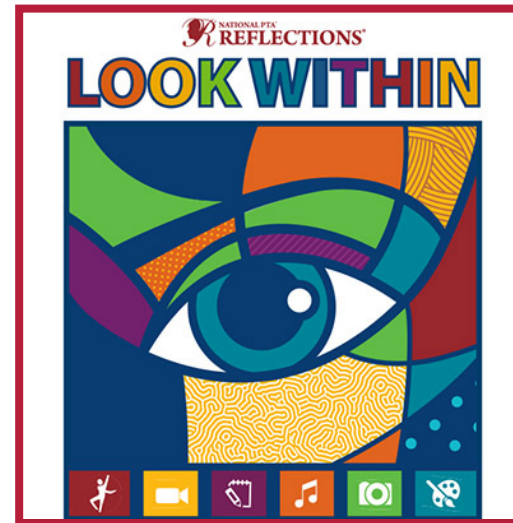
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Leah Rezza



EXPLORE the Arts!

PARTICIPATE in PTA Reflections



Reflections -

Jen Azzariti

The Reflections Program is a National PTA cultural arts competition that helps students build confidence in their abilities to explore ideas and learn through the arts.

The purpose of the program is to provide an opportunity for students to use their creative talents by expressing themselves through their own original works. Students can create and submit original works in the areas of dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography and visual arts.

Student work is reviewed by a panel of judges. Winning submissions at the school level, then move up to the region level, state level and could even make it to the national level. All students who participate

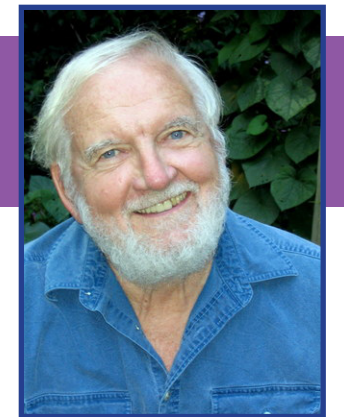
are recognized at a ceremony usually held in March, and winners are awarded trophies and/or medals.

The theme for the 2019-20 school year is "Look Within." Students are encouraged to create an original work expressing what this theme means to them. This is a great thing for students to work on over the summer, and then they can submit it once we return to school in the fall. More information will be available on the PTA website at www.eastlakepta.org.

Author in Residence - Laurence Pringle

Renee Susman, School Librarian

On Friday, May 10 PTA sponsored our annual Author-In-Residence program coordinated by literacy advocates, comprised of East Lake's Reading Teachers and Librarians acknowledging the works of Laurence Pringle. <http://www.laurencepringle.com/>



The noted author presented grade specific assemblies and viewed classroom created projects which lined the hallways to welcome our visitor. Laurence Pringle grew up in western New York, roaming woods and fields, exploring ponds and creeks. These boyhood experiences led him to earn degrees in wildlife conservation at Cornell University and the University of Massachusetts. He was an editor of *Nature and Science*, a children's magazine published at The American Museum of Natural History in New York City. When it ceased publication in 1970, Larry decided to try to being a freelance writer. Currently he has 117 books published and counting. The Chicago Tribune has called him "one of America's top nonfiction writers for young readers." Larry says he is still learning about writing, still trying to get better. "I'm making progress!"

FIELD DAY

Danielle Brooks, Diana Pedote, Co-Chairs

Field Day 2019 was another success. All grades participated in numerous activities and events such as beach ball, tug of war and relay races. We had another amazing show from our 5th grade jump rope club. We would like to thank the teachers, committee members and volunteers for all their hard work. Wishing everyone a happy and safe summer.



Arts in Education

Tina Flynn & Erica Burns, Co-Chairs

On April 18th, Bash the Trash, came to East Lake. Bash the Trash was full of crazy instruments made from recycled and reused materials. They showed grades k-3 how to create musical instruments using nothing more than items found around the house bound to wind up in the trash. This assembly inspired students to investigate how sound is created and what they can use to make music.



Kindergarten Orientation — Jen LoPresti, Meaghan Wrona Co-Chairs



Introducing The East Lake Class of 2025!



Annabelle Albert
 EmiliaAlexandrakis
 Brooke Applegate
 Thomas Azzariti
 Lucas Banushi
 Dylan Basabe
 Vincent Bonacorso
 Tatum Brennan
 Joseph Brooks
 Elizabeth Brucato
 Madison Buckvar
 Owen Burns
 Samantha Cain
 Juliana Caracappa
 Alyssa Catapano

Caitlin Chance
 Mary Ciofalo
 Ben Cohen
 Leah Conboy
 Patricia Consalvo
 Dante Cunha
 Joseph D'Amico
 Ryan Dalton
 Christopher Diamond
 Jack DiMarco
 Kevin Drury
 Kailyn Duffy
 Emilio Egher
 Brianna Etergineoso
 Giuliana Farella

Dylan Fazio
 Aidan Fierro
 Zachary Galanoudis
 Connor Glennon
 Nicole Heller
 Shawn Hillkewicz
 Ava Hilpert
 Emma Hoehman
 Kali Humann
 Landon Humann
 Ava Jones
 Arianna Lavelle
 Thomas Lomonaco
 Danika LoPresti
 John Maiorino

Gerard Marino
 Sophia Matos
 Michael Mauceri
 Daniel McCullough
 Keira McLaughlin
 Gabriel Micheli
 Alex Miller
 Christopher Mones
 Jonathan Mulhern
 William Mulhern
 Danielle O'Connell
 Rebecca Oliver
 Maddox Pace
 Gregory Parmiter
 Connor Patten

Alyssa Payero
 Valerie Pedote
 Emma Pflaum
 Anthony Pomarico
 Charlotte Preall
 Caitlyn Reece
 Kellen Reilly
 Olivia Reyes
 Morgan Rezza
 Madelyn Rothstein
 Logan Sakowski
 Andrew Sanfilippo
 Michael Saracino
 Victoria Sawyer
 Maeve Schiereck

Corinne Schrammel
 Emma Sforza
 Frank Sforza
 Adriana Sherman
 Madeleine Simpson
 Julianne Snyder
 Jack Stanley
 Liam Urgo
 Jeffrey Velazquez
 Adam Villalobos
 Daniel Walsh
 Vivienne West
 Bryan Whitmore
 Michael Ziegler

MOTHER SON SPORTS NIGHT

Vicki Cuthbert, Kerry Patten, Co-Chairs

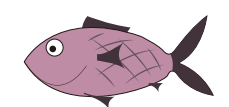
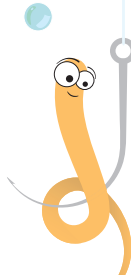
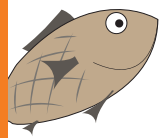
Boys Sport Night was a huge success. Held locally at The Sports Dome 182 boys challenged their friends and moms in relay races, kickball, and dodge ball. The Boys of East Lake had the speed and agility to beat their moms in all events, but I think it was a winning night for everyone.



fishing trip

Janice Consalvo, Jennifer Sawyer, Co-Chairs

It was a great night out on the bay aboard Captain Eddie III. You couldn't ask for better weather. Many Sea Robins were caught and released, and the lone keeper was a Fluke measuring in at 21 inches. The sunset was a beautiful farewell for all at the end of the evening.



plant sale

Leah Rezza & Michelle Winczorkowski Co-Chairs

The plants once again looked amazing and our students were able to purchase plants for their loved ones for Mother's Day! Pre-sale was a big hit with new varieties to buy and we thank everyone who ordered. A very big thank you to our committee, volunteers and the custodians for all their help! Enjoy your flowers.

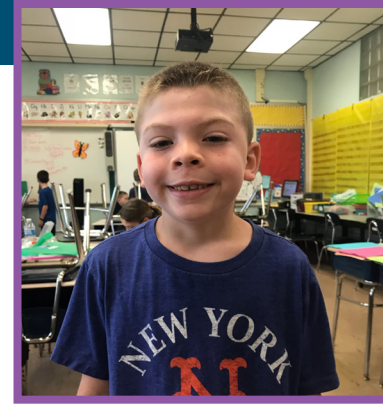


student editorial —

Summer Break...Here I Come!

Shawn Crespo- Mrs. Cockerill 1st grade

This year I am better at math. I have a lot more focus facts on my fact grid. I am learning about interesting shapes right now. I read new books in school and at home. I get books from the library and bins in my class. I am a better reader in first grade than kindergarten. This year, I am better at baseball and hockey. I skate faster than last year. I can catch super fly balls in my glove. I am proud of me this year!!!



Jaden Maione - Mrs. LaTorre 3rd grade

I am really proud that I am a good swimmer because when I was younger I was absolutely petrified to swim. I always thought I would drown. I hated doing swimming lessons because I really didn't trust the swimming instructors for some reason. Whenever we would get to the pool I would always be shivering in fright. When lessons were over I would feel so relieved. Eventually we stopped going because I was usually too scared to even go in the water! Since I still didn't know



how to swim I could never go in the pool with my friends or go to pool parties.

One summer day my neighbor invited us to her pool. It was really hot outside and I wanted to cool down. I felt like I was finally ready to learn to swim so I took a big step and took off my life vest. My mom helped me with a foam noodle and taught me some tricks. After a few minutes I started to get it! I couldn't believe I finally knew how to swim!

From that day on, I swam more and more and loved it! A few weeks later, I was even going off the diving board! I am so proud of myself for taking that big step and finally learning how to swim.

Family Fun - LI Ducks Game -

Janice Consalvo, Jennifer Sawyer, Co-Chairs

It was a great night to see a ball game. Over 300 East Lake supporters showed up to cheer on the Long Island Ducks. The 5th grade handbell choir's performance was sensational!

