

HOPE Meeting March 24, 2025 - Virtual

Mr. Karas - welcomed parents/caregivers.

1. Special events for 4th and 5th graders
 - a. Moving Up ceremonies will be had for both.
June 12th - 10AM for 5th grade, 12PM for 4th grade.
 - b. Fun Day - 4th grade will be 6/9/25, 5th grade will be 6/6/25.
 - c. Handprint Tree will also be done for both.
 - d. 4th graders will be able to apply for Safety Patrol during Spring Break.
2. Attendance challenge for all grades
3. Community service project
 - a. 5th grade - Popcorn Park Zoo
 - i. Will be collecting items to donate
 - ii. Vote for favorite animal
 - iii. Will have home made zoo
 - iv. Class trip will be taken to zoo on April 15.
4. Holman yearbook on sale
5. District spelling bee - winner is Holman student, George Rafla
6. NJSLA testing for grades 3, 4, 5 starts on 5/6/25.

Mr. Karas then introduced Melissa Gregory to the parents/caregivers as the president of HOPE who continued the meeting.

1. Read-a-thon
 - a. \$8,145 was raised and the school keeps \$6,108.75
 - b. Ms. Cisneros' class raised the highest amount and won a pizza party.
2. Old Monmouth fundraiser
 - a. Due on Friday, 3/28/25
 - b. Pick ups will be at Holman on 4/9/25.
3. Panera - dine to donate
 - a. Tomorrow, 3/26/25 in Howell from 4-8pm.
 - b. Holman gets 20% of sales
4. March Madness - Thursday 3/27/25 - students vs staff
 - a. 5th graders arrive at 6:30
 - b. Admission is \$3 per person
 - c. Will also have snacks for sale
5. Yearbook - last day to order is 4/15
6. Upcoming events
 - a. Staff appreciation week, 5/19 - 5/23
 - b. Book fair - buy one, get one free, 5/19 - 5/23
 - c. Candy Bingo
 - d. Field days for K-5
 - i. Sign ups for volunteers will go out early May
 - e. Fun days for 4th and 5th

- i. Sponsored by HOPE. Sign ups for 2 parents from each class to help. Will also have sign ups for donations like Gatorade, waters, snacks. HOPE will provide lunch, inflatables along with other games
- 7. Yard signs will be for sale soon for graduating 4th and 5th grade students.
- 8. Treasurer Report - Chris LaBau
 - a. Winterfest and Cinnabon - raised \$180
 - b. Clothing drive - \$221
 - c. Valentine's grams - \$300
 - d. Dance - \$1,200
 - e. Book Fair - \$2,000 in profit
- 9. Next HOPE meeting will be 4/16/25
 - a. Nominations will be due for that meeting for the following positions -
 - i. PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
 - ii. 3 board members are leaving due to moving over to the Upper Elementary School so all three positions need to be filled.
 - iii. Email aoexmann@gmail.com to submit nominations
 - iv. To be eligible for all positions (except President)
 - 1. Must be HOPE member
 - 2. Attend 3 meetings or volunteered for 3 HOPE sponsored events
 - 3. (may be waived if agreed upon by the current board)
 - 4. For PRESIDENT - must have held a previous Board position for at 1 term

Melissa stated that our next HOPE meeting will be on 4/16/25.

Mr. Karas thanked all parents/caregivers for coming.

Meeting adjourned.