

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.