

Robert Seaman PTA

Common questions asked by new families and students; Answers provided by members of the Robert Seaman PTA

****Seaman Website*** – www.jerichoschools.org. Go onto schools. Click onto Robert Seaman School for PTA Handbook, Jericho School calendar and other important information.

****Lunches – What happens if my child forgets his/her money?***

The office will provide your child with a lunch slip and send home a note to you. You may send the money back to school the next day.

Lunch programs - How do I find out about the lunch program and does the school offer a lunch cards? How much is it?

What are the cold lunch alternates?

All that information can be found at www.jerichoschools.org

****Snack Bar- What is offered and how much are the items?***

Items such as water, baked chips, pretzels and fruit snacks are offered at \$.75 to \$1.50 each.

****What are the Seaman Notepads for?***

These are pads to write school notes on when you need to notify the teacher or office regarding absences, early pickups, and play dates.

And where can I get one? You can purchase them through the PTA for \$3.00 each; we usually sell them at Meet the Teacher night as well as during the early fall PTA meetings.

****What are 5th grade Fridays?***

Special treats sold during designated lunch periods by the Fifth Grade Committee.

Where does this money go?

Proceeds go to help pay for 5th grade PTA sponsored activities during the year, such as: 5th Grade Sports Night, Sports Hub Night, Circus, Graduation Party and Bagel Breakfast.

****PTA Committees- How long is a commitment on a PTA committee?***

2 years

***PTA meetings?** There are usually 8 in a year.

When are they? The meetings are held in the Robert Seaman Cafeteria. The meetings are held once a month. All meetings are on Wednesdays, usually between 9:00am to 9:30am. We do hold at least one evening meeting a year (depends on need), which usually takes place in the Seaman Library at 7:00pm.

How long do they last?

About an hour.

***Do the children get involved in any community service projects?**

Yes. The PTA holds many Community Service Drives throughout the year. Each grade is assigned a drive to help with.

Some examples are:

K: Thanksgiving can drive- for our local soup kitchen

1: Bake Sale – to help fight Cancer

2: Coat Drive- make cards to attach to donated coats

3: Senior Center Concert

4: Valentines for Veterans

5: Legacy Project

***What is a Head Room Representative?**

This is the lead parent who organizes the class list for parents to come to the class parties and fields trips, collect the class dues and in general help out the teacher with whatever she may be needing help with. The parent would also act as a liaison between PTA and the rest of his/her class.

***What is a Room Representative?**

Any parent who wants to be a room rep can. This is for a parent who is interested in getting involved in his or her child's class. Responsibilities could include, attending a class trip, helping to organize class parties and events, or anything else the Head Room Rep needs assistance with.

***The Fall Festival is the school's largest fundraiser. All Head Room Representatives and Room Representatives are REQUIRED to work this event, so you can bring your children to help out if you need to and enjoy.**

***Holiday boutique (December), Plant Sale (May) and Book Fair (March)** are all PTA sponsored events that take place during the school day. Children attend these events with their class and parents are welcome and encouraged to come and shop with their child.

***PARP what is that?** Parents as Reading Partners. This PTA sponsored event brings in special programs to encourage reading with all our children.

***School Supplies – Can I get these through the school and when?**

Yes. Next year's school supplies can be purchased online during the month of April. The supplies are distributed in the month of June.

***On your child's birthday, did you know they say the pledge over the loud speaker? AND, if their birthday falls on a non school day they still get to do it during the school year.**

***Signing in at the Main Office**

This is done at the Main Office whenever you go in the school during school hours. You will receive a visitor's sticker. This insures all school personnel are aware that you have signed in at the Main Office.

***How do I get the class list?** Every parent in the school must sign a consent form to release their child's name, parent's names, home address, phone numbers and email address. Once **every** parent has signed the consent form, a class list will be released via email by the Head Room Representative of that classroom.

***Cultural Arts** is a Jericho program offered on Thursdays after school. There is a fee for Cultural Arts. Look for mailers about these extra curricular classes in the fall.

***What does ELA stand for?** English Language Arts

What is ESL? English as a Second Language

Will I be notified if my child is being tested?

Yes

***What is a stay put drill?**

It's an in school safety drill.

***What is the 5th Grade Circus?**

All 5th grade students participate in a circus workshop, which culminates in two final performances (for both students and parents) in early June. These workshops, as well as the final performance, are led by members of the National Circus Project. This is a PTA sponsored event and is paid for by the fundraising efforts of the 5th grade.

***How do you contact any of the faculty or staff?**

The email address for any faculty or staff member is the person's **first initial and last name @ jerichoschools.org**

Example: For Principal Ivy Sherman

isherman@jerichoschools.org

***Subscribe to the Jericho Syosset papers** and look for Seaman articles written about "our" children. Many times they include photos, as well! See enclosed order form for details to subscribe.

***When will my child get to participate in Band or Orchestra?**

Musical instruments are chosen by your 4th grade child and are asked to join either band or orchestra at that time.

***What is the JAA and is it affiliated with the school?**

The Jericho Athletic Association is a group that handles all the athletic programs for children in our district outside of school team sports.

You can go onto www.JAA.org to find out more details regarding soccer, basketball, baseball and more.

***Holiday/End of year gift for teachers?**

This is a small token of appreciation for your teacher, given at the parent's discretion. As per local laws, single gifts may not exceed \$75. In addition, a

portion of your class dues will go towards giving your teacher a holiday gift from the class.