

# Sachem Central School District

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Dear Tamarac Community;

Tamarac is bustling with excitement due to the various programs and activities that are currently happening. Students will be on a variety of field trips as well. The next two months will be very busy, filled with a myriad of fun activities for our students.

On Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our annual spring clean-up project at Tamarac. We will start at 8:00 AM. Many hands make light work. We will need wheel barrows, rakes, shovels, gas powered backpack blowers, etc. If there is any interest in our former students looking to earn community service hours, this is a great opportunity to get a few hours done.

On Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting our inaugural Fintastic 5K race. This is a great opportunity to run/walk and enjoy a wonderful morning with your Tamarac family. Registration form is available online and will be sent home via e-mail and text. Please remember that every registration comes with 4 tickets to see, "Guys with Guitars Under the Stars", at the PennySaver Amphitheater.

Please join our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade chorus and our 5<sup>th</sup> grade band and orchestra for our annual spring concert on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The concert will begin at 7:00 PM. All students must be at Sachem East High School no later than 6:30 PM. It is always a wonderful event; we hope to see you there.

Our Kindergarten Orientation for the 2017-2018 school year will be on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 AM. This is only for our incoming Kindergarten students and their parents. Should you know anyone in your neighborhood that has a child eligible for Kindergarten, please direct them to call Central Registration at (631) 471-7861 Ext. 1145 for the pertinent information.

Our PTA will be hosting our Mother's Day Plant sale on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. The schedule will be e-mailed home and is available online on our website as well. Please remember to send in plastic grocery bags to help your child carry home their flowers. Thanks go to Jamie Boron, Michelle Kaplan and our Mother's Day Committee for facilitating our annual sale. This is a student only event.

Our PTA will be hosting our annual spring book fair starting Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> through Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Nicole Canales or Dena Smagala for more information.

May 16<sup>th</sup> we will also be hosting our Annual Art Show and our Third Grade Recorder Concert. Ms. Gempel works extremely hard with our children to capture the beautiful art projects created throughout the school year. Mr. McGlone has done an amazing job preparing our third grade students to make wonderful music with their recorders. Please visit our show and celebrate our students' hard work and artistic talents.

### Dates to Remember for May

5/2-5/4 Math Assessments	5/16 Budget Vote
5/4 Star Wars Day	5/16 Art Show & Recorder Concert 5:30 PM
5/5 Smencil Sale (during lunch periods)	5/22 Spring Concert at East 7:00 PM
5/6 Father's Club spring clean-up 8 AM	5/23 4th Grade Science Test
5/8-5/11 Spring Book Fair	5/24 PTA Meeting 6:30 PM
5/10 Kindergarten Orientation	5/24 Father's Club Meeting 7:30 PM
5/12 PTA Plant Sale	5/26 & 5/29 <b>School Closed</b>
5/13 Fin-tastic 5-K Race	

May 16<sup>th</sup> is also our Budget Vote. Please make every effort to exercise your right to vote. This is also a great learning opportunity for our children. If possible, please take your children with you into the voting booth!

Please remember if you would like to share information with me about your child's placement for the upcoming school year, the letter must be in my office by May 8<sup>th</sup>. We are beginning to create next year's classes within the next few weeks. Please refer to the Placement letter that was emailed home in March and available online for the specific information that should be included in your letter.

Please remember that school will be closed on Friday, May 26th and Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day. As always, if you have any questions, please contact me at 244-5680 or email me at [msaidens@sachem.edu](mailto:msaidens@sachem.edu).

Respectfully,

*Michael S. Saidens*