

PTA News

February 2019 Spotlight

Our Spotlight this month features
Aimee Magovern, PTA President



UPCOMING EVENTS

PTA Meeting

Wednesday, February 5 at 3:15 pm

◆ **Child Care during PTA meetings** ◆
Just send your child in with a note

tubing at Butternut

Sunday, February 9

Cash Calendar Fundraiser

Entries due February 10

February Break

February 17-21

“None of us is as smart
as all of us.”
– Ken Blanchard

Can you share a bit of background about yourself?

I live in East Otis on Big Pond with my husband and two boys, John and Thomas. We have a blended family: My husband has three grown children, and I have two. John and Thomas have three older sisters and two older brothers. When we all get together, it's an exciting party!

What is your line of work?

I went to school to be an English/Theater teacher. I have taught American Studies, 9th grade English, 11th grade English, as well as 7th and 8th grade English and history. I did take time off to raise my children, something I was so thankful that I was able to do. Currently, I am a substitute teacher at Lee Middle High School, and Westfield Middle School and High School.

What are your hobbies, or what do you enjoy doing on your time off?

I love to read and listen to music (Broadway and Contemporary Christian). My favorite radio station is K-Love 106.9 FM. I also enjoy going to see musical theater. In the summer, I love to swim.

What things are special to you about Farmington River?

Farmington River is the reason my family stayed in Otis. Both my boys have had incredible experiences academically and socially. The teachers and staff go above and beyond in educating and caring for the students. I also have found some amazing friendships by joining the PTA. I feel like Farmington River students and teachers have become family.



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◆ GENERAL PTA UPDATES ◆

ANNUAL TUBING TRIP

Our 3rd annual PTA-sponsored tubing adventure at Butternut is scheduled for Sunday, February 9, from 3-5pm. All family members are invited and will be paid for, courtesy of the PTA. Parents are responsible for their child's transportation and while tubing. S'mores will be provided. Participation forms and waivers were due January 17.

CASH CALENDARS

Please help us with our biggest fundraiser of the year: The Cash Calendar. Last year we raised over \$15,000 which allowed us to fund Field Day, the Ski Program, tubing, new playground equipment and so much more. A \$10 donation gives you 51 chances to win \$7,175 in cash! All entries are due February 10 and drawings begin March 1.



HOLIDAY SHOP WRAP-UP

Thank you to all of the Happy Helpers who made our Holiday Shop a success! A special thanks to PTA Treasurer Jennifer Catolane for organizing this popular event and Ms. Catullo for the use of the Art Room.

DRAMA PROJECT AT FRRSD

The FRRSD Drama Project, with guests from Berkshire County Theater and Performing Arts groups, is an Otis and Sandisfield LCC grant-funded project for all families in Otis, Sandisfield and neighboring towns. Children in grades 3-6, children in grades 1-2 with an adult chaperone, and adults without children, too, are all welcome to attend these workshops to learn more about theater and dramatic arts. Learn how to project your voice, role-play a character, dance in a musical number, and just have fun on stage! The workshops will be held for 8 sessions during the month of March from 3:15 until 5pm. Participants may attend one or all of the workshops on March 5, 6, 9, 12, 16, 19, 24 and 26. For more information or session details, please contact Laura Catullo at lcattullo@frrsd.org or call the school at 413-269-4466.



◆ **Collect Box Tops!** If your package has a traditional Box Tops clip, cut it off and send it to the school, making sure it has a valid expiration date. If your package has a new SCAN label, there's no need to clip: just use the NEW Box Tops app to scan your store receipt within 14 days of purchase. The app will find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online. See www.boxtops4education.com for more information.



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