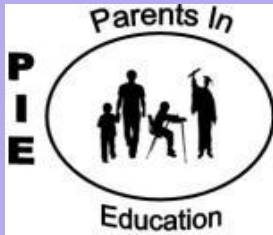


Please note: this is meant to be an electronic resource as there are a few links included.



To learn more about Pie's Mission, our Board Members, how you can be involved, and a listing of upcoming events, missed a meeting and want to view the Meeting Minutes: Visit our website at [frcspie.weebly.com](http://frcspie.weebly.com)

PIE Board Responsibilities [here](#)  
PIE Bylaws [here](#)

[Room Parent Communication Tips/Resources](#)

Like us on Facebook: [FRCS Parents In Education](#)

Not Sure Who Your Room Parent is?  
Contact: [parentsineducation@yahoo.com](mailto:parentsineducation@yahoo.com)

Unsubscribe from PIE Emails [here](#)

Dear Families,

Like me, I'm sure each and every one of you has a laundry list of hopes and dreams for 2016. As PIE President, my wish is for a never ending flow of enthusiastic, energetic, talented volunteers I can share laughs with and with whom I can form lasting friendships. In an effort to make this happen I'd like to separate fact from fiction when it comes to Parents In Education.

**Fiction:** Parents In Education is nothing more than an informal social club consisting of parents who have nothing but free time on their hands. **Fact:** Parents In Education is classified as a Not- For- Profit Charitable Corporation 501(c)(3) responsible for Annual Reporting to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. (Remember this for tax purposes if you've donated to PIE.) PIE consists of full-time and part-time working parents, as well as stay-at-home parents, who all share the scheduling challenges the rest of us have, but who are interested in being involved in their children's education.

**Fiction:** Parents In Education is a "Moms only" organization. **Fact:** Just as Parents In Education implies, we strongly encourage more dads to be involved in PIE. The opposite gender would bring a variety of talents and fresh perspective.

**Fiction:** Volunteering for PIE means a serious time commitment. **Fact:** Volunteering for PIE does not mean logging hundreds of hours. Can you spare an hour or two at an event once or twice a year, or create a flyer, or be a room parent, maybe trim box tops in front of your favorite tv show at night? If you would like to be more involved, even serving on an event committee or as a board member doesn't need to be a full time commitment.

Lastly, google "parent involvement in school" and you will find research showing that regardless of income or educational background, the more a parent is involved, the more successful the child will be academically and behaviorally. Showing that you value education, and that your child's education is important to you, will have a positive effect on your child.

I hope you can be involved in some way just like the numerous volunteers who stepped up to help with the scholarship fundraiser and holiday fair. We have a variety of events coming up. We'd love to do more – we welcome your input always! Read on for all the details!

Wishing you and your family the best in 2016!

Kathy Montal

***Coming very soon!***

**PIE Meeting, Thursday January 7th, 7pm** in the Media Center  
Come to a meeting – find out what's going on, meet other parents, and help plan or volunteer at an event.

**PAINT NIGHT!! Friday January 8th.** Cost: \$25. Sign up online no later than Wednesday January 6th. See you there! (See details in Upcoming Events)

## Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities



### January 7<sup>th</sup> **PIE Meeting , 7pm in the Media Center (rescheduled)**

***This THURSDAY!!!***

All parents and staff welcome. Meet our special guest from the administrative team and help us plan upcoming events. Agenda will be published to our weebly site prior to the meeting. Did you know we offer free childcare during the meetings? Please sign up for child care by Monday before the meeting. If you would like childcare, please sign up [here](#). (If you sign up for child care and decide you do not need it, please let us know by cancelling your sign up on line or emailing [parentsineducation@yahoo.com](mailto:parentsineducation@yahoo.com) by 4:30pm. Thank you!)



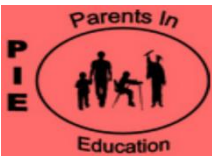
### January 8<sup>th</sup> - **Paint Your Own Masterpiece, 6:30 - 9:00pm (Friday)**

Join us in the cafetorium when the folks from The Parched Painter turn everyone into an artist! No experience necessary! You must PRE-REGISTER (and pre-pay - \$25 – a deal!) for this event. Please try to arrive by 6:15 – we start at 6:30 and you won't want to miss a single minute! Bring a friend! Open to students in grades 6 – 12, and adults of all ages! Register [HERE!](#)



### January 20<sup>th</sup> **Staff Snacks Staff Meeting After School (Wednesday)**

For this month's staff meeting, we are looking for help and donations from families with students in K, 3rd, 7th, or 12th grade. If you would like to donate or volunteer, please click [here](#) to view the sign-up genius details for this event. Items and pick up times are listed on the sign up genius. We appreciate your time and donations! Questions? Please email Julia Howells at [juliabhowells@gmail.com](mailto:juliabhowells@gmail.com).



### February 11<sup>th</sup> **PIE Meeting, 7pm in the Media Center (Thursday)**

Join us and help plan this spring's events! Details will follow in the February newsletter, on the [frcspie.weebly.com](http://frcspie.weebly.com) site, and facebook!



### March 11<sup>th</sup> **Father/Daughter/Somebody Special Dance! (Friday)**

Mark your calendars now! Lower School ladies and their special somebodies won't want to miss this event! Details coming soon. Yes! We'd love your help! Send a quick email to [parentsineducation@yahoo.com](mailto:parentsineducation@yahoo.com) to volunteer. (This is a fun event to volunteer at – especially if your kids are older!)



You **must** have a completed CORI form on file with FRCS prior to volunteering at an event. Even if you haven't volunteered to date, you may want to help out with some of the upcoming activities. Please be certain to fill out a CORI form and send it in to the school at least **two weeks** ahead of your volunteer date. It's for the safety of our students! Find the CORI form [here](#).

## Treasurer's Corner – December Summary

Yes, December was a busy month for all of us, and especially PIE. We are still gathering our expense reports for the Holiday Fair as well as the Scholarship Fair. While the Holiday Fair is always expected to be a PIE expense, the numbers for the Scholarship Fair are looking good and we anticipate raising an amount just shy of \$3000 for senior scholarships. We won't know until all of the expenses are paid. If you have an outstanding expense report, please send it to Jaynemie Hunt as soon as you can!

### Scouting News

Is your teen interested? There's a new scouting Venturing Club for ***gals and guys*** thirteen years of age or older. For information or to join the FRCS Venturing Troop please email [crew314FRCS@gmail.com](mailto:crew314FRCS@gmail.com).



### Box Tops . . . The Next Contest . . .

Did you know? For each unexpired box top, we earn ten cents. Keep clipping and sending in those unexpired box top – even if it's just a few! It's easiest if you put them in a bag or envelope with your child's name and teacher's name on the bag (or envelope) – this will allow us to give credit where credit's due in the next contest. Don't wait – send those box tops in! Details for the upcoming contest will be out shortly. Everyone who sends box tops in will be entered in the upcoming contest. Box tops must have an expiration date after 3/1/16 in order for us to receive credit. Our next submission is March 1<sup>st</sup>. Have a hankering to use your scissors? Volunteer to clip some box tops! Contact [parentsineducation@yahoo.com](mailto:parentsineducation@yahoo.com) for more information.



THANK YOU!! To our incredible organizers and spectacular volunteers, and to everyone who came out to support such a great event! Thank you, too, to everyone who contributed and to our room parents!

We had awesome auction baskets! Awesome raffles! Awesome baked treats! And, awesome fun!

