

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER 2016

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WELCOME TO THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

On behalf of our PTO, we would like to welcome all new and returning families to the Academy of Greatness and Excellence! We are so excited to send our first PTO newsletter for the school year! We would like to take a moment to formally introduce ourselves, talk about our recent events, and let you know about all of the upcoming activities for next two months. We hope you find our first newsletter helpful and informative and would love to hear your new ideas and feedback. We are excited about the upcoming school year and look forward to providing our students with some exciting events that can enrich their educational experience.

WHAT IS THE PTO?

The PTO is an organization of parents and teachers that strives to build a nurturing environment for our children. We would like our **Parent Teacher Organization** to symbolize a special partnership – one that bridges our children's two very important worlds: their home and school.

WHO ARE WE?

PTO PRESIDENT

Fayezah Khan has been a PTO Board member since AGE first opened its doors in 2013. She has two children who both attend AGE. Fayeza has a B.S. in Health Administration and enjoys interior design and travelling.

PTO VICE PRESIDENT

Waleed Gabr is the NorthEast Regional Manager of Islamic Relief USA. He has three beautiful children with his wife Dr. Yasmin Sharif. Waleed is keeps himself busy with the 1st Muslim Youth Community Center and Muslim Youth Sports Programs. Lastly, he assists many people annually to perform the Hajj.

TREASURER

Margo Mohamed is a parent to two kids who both attend AGE.

SECRETARY

Marwa Ali is a teacher at AGE and is also the parent-teacher liaison on our PTO Board. She has a daughter in first grade.

PARENT SERVICE HOURS

As part of the tuition structure at A.G.E., parents support the school through 25 hours of service. Volunteering builds a sense of community, taps into talents of our parents, and creates opportunities for parents and teachers to get to know each other on a different level. Whether you have 30 minutes or a couple of hours, your ideas, your time, and your talents are truly needed. Please know that in order for your service to count towards your 25 hour obligation, Parent Service Hours (PSH) must be completed/scheduled no later than the first week of May. Parents may opt to pay a \$250 fee to waive the service-hour commitment. You may contact the school principal or PTO for questions about the service-hour commitment. In Sha'Allah at the end of the school year, we will have elections for those family members that are interested in becoming PTO officers for the following school year. If you have any questions or would like to contact us with any ideas or ways to volunteer, please email us at pto@agenj.com. We can also add you to our WhatsApp group "AGE Families". Again, we would like to urge parents to volunteer at the school---it really does make a difference in our children's lives! We look forward to another productive school year.



HOW DO I GET INVOLVED ?

The process is simple. Read through this newsletter. If there is an event that interests you, make sure to register online at www.agenj.com/events. Volunteers are assigned on a first-come first-serve basis.

Please remember that we are always looking for people who can offer new ideas and can spearhead new activities. If there is an event or activity that you would like to plan, email us and we can try to put it on the calendar. Another way to fulfill PSH is by contacting the main office. The school is always looking for parent volunteers to assist during in-class activities such as the spelling bees, science and math competitions, etc. There are many opportunities to volunteer at AGE. Please just make sure to contact either us at pto@agenj.com.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS?

We love supporting our AGE community and their small businesses. Please email PTO to purchase Ad space on our next newsletter. You may also become an event sponsor. Please email us for more details. Thanks!

BOWL-A-THON

HERE'S WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR!**BAKE SALE****Friday, October 14, November 18, December 16****A.G.E. School, Gymnasium**

Delicious assortment of homemade sweet & savory goods will be for sale during the school day for students to purchase. All items will be sold for \$1.

**AGE FAMILIES LUNCH AT LA'MEZZA RESTAURANT****Sunday, October 16, 2016, 11:00am-4:00pm****63 Nathaniel Place, Englewood, NJ 07631****(201) 569-2662**

Summer is over and the school has just begun! It's the perfect time to get together with other AGE families for a Lunch between 11am-4pm on Sunday Oct 16, 2016. La Mezza Restaurant is a Lebanese Fusion Cuisine. Menus are available on their website. Please call to make reservations!! Let the restaurant know you are from the AGE School and 20% of your total order (excluding tax and tip) will come back to the school!

PAINT NITE**Friday, Nov 11, 2016****5:00 pm- 7:00 pm****A.G.E, Gymnasium**

This event is open to all children and their parents to enjoy an evening together and paint the Moroccan Blue City on canvas to take home! You may bring friends along, as long as they are registered/paid. Space is limited to 100 people so **submit your registration & payment by Nov 8.** (Detach Attached Form & Send Back to School with Staped Payment to Reserve a Spot). We need **THREE** parents to help set-up/cleanup tables and verify registration. You will receive 3 PSH. *Any late payments received after Nov. 8, will be \$3 extra. No exceptions.*

**THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE****November 1, 2016 - November 23, 2016**

In the spirit of giving, AGE Students will be collecting canned food in their classrooms. The AGE Student Council will be distributing the collected food items to a local food pantry to help the less fortunate within the Teaneck community. PTO will reward the classroom that collects the most goods with an ice cream party in January. Please send only canned goods.

Friday, December 9, 2016, 4:00-6:00 pm**Bowler City, 85 Midtown Bridge St, Hackensack, NJ**

Come out for a fun night of bowling! This event is open for AGE Families and Friends. For just \$10 per student, you can bowl for 2 hours including the shoe rentals. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Only 6 students are allowed to play per lane so take your friends along with you to play together! **Registration is required and forms must be returned to the school with payments no later than Tuesday, December 6, 2016.** (Detach Attached Form & Send Back to School with Staped Payment to Reserve a Spot)

**NEED PARENT SERVICE HOURS?**

We are still looking for parent volunteers for the following events. **Visit www.agenj.com/events to sign up!**

- ❑ **October-November-December Bake Sales:** 1 PSH for 2 dozen sweet baked goods, 2 PSH for fruit/vegetable of the month baked goods, and 2 PSH for working the bake sale (setup and cleanup). **TWO** volunteers are needed to run bake sale. **TEN** Parents Volunteers are needed to send nut-free, halal baked goods from home. You must sign-up up to 2 months in advance by visiting www.agenj.com/events with the item you will be sending. Please make the item presentable, easy to serve, and sufficient for the \$1 cost each.
- ❑ **Paint-Nite (Nov 11):** We need **THREE** parents to help set-up/clean-up tables and verify registration. You will receive 3 PSH.
- ❑ **Thanksgiving Food Drive (Nov):** We need the assistance of a **FOUR** parents to help box and organize the goods collected in the classrooms. We will assign PSH based on time volunteered.
- ❑ **Bowl-A-Thon (Dec 9)** **SIX** Parent Volunteers needed to monitor bowling lanes, make sure kids are safe, are following directions, and abiding by rules.