

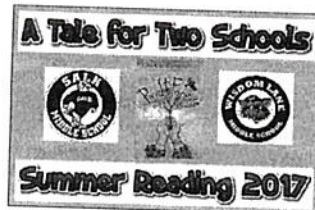


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Dear Levittown Families,

It is hard to believe that we only have a few short weeks left in the school year. With that being said, we are getting ready to embark on the Summer Reading Extravaganza for Summer 2017. We are utilizing our Summer Reading to make it become part of the students' core curriculum when they enter their new grade in the fall.

Therefore it is **mandatory** that each student read the required text in the young readers' edition entitled Pay It Forward by Catherine Ryan Hyde. The **only** requirement that we ask of your child is to read the book. They must do so thoughtfully and must be prepared to come into class on September 6, 2017 ready to discuss, share, and write about what they read. Simply skimming the book will not be acceptable. Students are encouraged to use post-its to gather thoughts and quotes that resonate with them along the way, but please do not annotate or highlight in these books. If the book is damaged in any way, students will have to pay for the book.

To enhance the students' engagement with this novel, we have partnered with the Levittown Public Library and will be hosting Book Discussion Days throughout the summer. The dates are as follows: **July 19, August 9, and August 23 from 7:00-8:30 PM.** There will be snacks, hands-on activities, raffles, and a lively book discussion on each of these days. This is a **voluntary** component to the Summer Reading Extravaganza. Please be sure to sign up at the Levittown Public Library if you wish to attend **one** of the Book Discussion Days. Parents will also have the opportunity to engage in a parent workshop "**Motivating the Adolescent Reader**" on the same day and times as the book discussion days above.

In addition to the Book Discussion Days, there will be a dynamic webpage to explore. Simply click on the "logo button" (see image above) from Wisdom's or Salk's home page. Here you will find videos by faculty, a "Creativity Page" that will provide a channel for your child to share their interpretation of what they have read, a moderated blog page for students to engage in online discussions with fellow students, and additional activities to explore.

This Summer Reading Extravaganza will also be tied to the Levittown Library's Summer Reading program. Every time you enter the Levittown Library over the summer, you will get a chance to enter the raffle to win additional prizes.

Thank you for your support and encouragement with this initiative. This will help us succeed in getting our students college and career ready and also encourage the love of reading. We wish you the happiest of summers. Happy Reading!

Sincerely,


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