

## Seeking volunteers for the Sixth Grade Party Host Committee

Hello sixth grade parents and teachers:

Do people often compliment you for being a creative and innovative problem solver? Do your peers frequently praise your ability to get things done? Do you come up with clever ideas? Are you simply fun to be around? Is the ability to build a deep empathy with your 'customer' (to truly understand their needs) one of your strengths? Are you proud of your sixth-grade child (or student)?

If you answered yes to the questions above, then you'll be a PHENOMENAL member of the Sixth Grade Party Host Committee! In addition to coordinating the celebration, we will also fundraise. Our first fundraiser is the sale of raffle tickets for the "gourmet dinner" at a reserved table at Bingo Night.

I am hosting a kick-off meeting at 7PM on Wednesday January 29<sup>th</sup> in the Terraset library.

At its core the sixth-grade "party" is way to **celebrate** the tremendous accomplishment of our sons and daughters: finishing elementary school! I place emphasis on the term *celebration* because I feel it invokes a wider range of possibilities compared to "party." With that being said, here are some questions to ponder over prior to our meeting:

- How do we engage our customers (i.e., the sixth graders) to best understand their needs, desires and perspectives?
- Based on what we know already, how would our customers like to *celebrate* their accomplishment? Try to focus on the kind of *experience* they would like to have, and less so on a specific location/venue. It's the difference between "play on a beach" and "go to Ocean City."
- Can we as a committee agree to think creatively innovatively...not feeling compelled to simply 'wash, rinse, repeat' what the class of 2019 did?
- What are some fun and successful ways we can raise funds?

I look forward to us having as much fun planning the celebration as our kids will enjoying it. See you at 7PM on Wednesday January 29<sup>th</sup> in the Terraset library.

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