



# Monthly Slice of PiE

**February 2024**

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Read below for updates and details. Have any questions, please reach out to [dtspie@gmail.com](mailto:dtspie@gmail.com) !

**Our next meeting is Wednesday, Feb. 7th at 7 p.m. via Zoom only - link is below!!**

## Upcoming Activities

### After-School Enrichment

- Our highly anticipated Enrichment Program will run on Wednesdays and Thursdays starting February 21st and 22nd through mid March. Registration began on January 27th and **will close on February 5th.**
- We have amended the grade levels for the following classes:
  - Wednesday: Hunterdon County Parks K-2 (was K-1)
  - Wednesday: Comic Book Writing 3-8 (was 4-8)
  - Thursday: Cooking Club 4-8 (was 6-8)
- Use this link to sign up - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084EAF92AA3F85-47506057-dtspie#/>
- We need volunteers to make sure this program runs smoothly and well. Even if you are only able to do one week or two weeks, we would love to have the assistance. Please use this sign up to volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084EAF92AA3F85-47354952-enrichment#/>
- The program is open to all enrolled DTS students from K-8. It will start right after school, running for four weeks. Pick up will be 4:30 p.m. More information on dismissal can be found in the [Enrichment Packet](#).

### Updated PiE Calendar

- We've added dates for a number of events to the second half of the school year – example Color Run, Paint Nights, Plant Sale! **Check out the updated calendar attached!!**

### Muralist Residency

- At the end of last year, PiE, with support from the Administration and Board of Education, moved forward with bringing a schoolwide Muralist Residency to DTS for the current year. The muralist Caren Frost Olmsted will work with PiE, the school, and most importantly each and every student to transform the main hallways near the Main Office and Cafeteria into a work of art that will last for decades to come. Her past work at schools and elsewhere can be explored at [www.olmstedmurals.com](http://www.olmstedmurals.com).
- The theme is to celebrate DTS and its community! Painting will take place in April with students painting during their art classes and other assigned times for those who do not have art during April. To help transform the halls, PiE needs volunteers to assist in various capacities - prep work, touch up work, helping during the student classes. Please use this sign up to volunteer your time when you can - we have a lot of slots - and remember to wear appropriate clothing and shoes for painting.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084EAF92AA3F85-47618801-dtsmuralist>

### Teacher Appreciation Week

- PiE is asking for parents' help in celebrating our amazing teachers & staff. We are looking for those interested in joining a Committee to plan out festivities, help decide if we should bring back "You Take the Gift Card," and the theme for this year. Please email the Teacher's Appreciation Week Chairperson, Debbie Lubitz, at [dlubitz319@gmail.com](mailto:dlubitz319@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping out.

### Plant Sale

- **May 10th is our annual plant sale** (Go green! Send in a reusable bag with your child to help get the plants home!)
- If you are able to help volunteer with the Sale, please sign up here:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084EAF92AA3F85-47591831-mothers>

### Third Annual Color Run

- It's time for our *Third Annual Color Run* being held on **Saturday, May 18th** ( rain date 5/19)! Join us in coloring our community this Spring at our 5k Run / Walk event being held outdoors at DTS. This is a free event hosted by PiE. If you would like to be part of our Color Run committee, please email us as we are looking for assistance!
- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084EAF92AA3F85-47602654-dtspies>

### Paint Night Sign Ups

- PiE is bringing back the Paint Party events **at the School in the cafeteria**. We have two dates set based on grade levels. If you are able to volunteer for the event, please email [dtspie@gmail.com](mailto:dtspie@gmail.com).
- Please use the sign up below and make sure to specify what your child would like to paint as well as any relevant personalization.
- **Grades 4 to 8 - May 28th 6:30 - 8 p.m.**
  - <https://paintpartyfarm.com/events/600-800pm-delaware-township-school-grades-paint-night/#em-event-booking-form>
- **Grades PK to 3rd - June 4th 6 - 7:30 p.m.** Feel free to stay with your young one, we would appreciate your support!
  - <https://paintpartyfarm.com/events/600-800pm-delaware-township-school-grades-paint-night-2/#em-event-booking-form>

### Recap since the last Slice

#### Holiday Shoppe

- The kids had a great time picking out gifts for their family members! It was fun to see their thoughts process through each section of gifts. There was a lot of adding/subtraction throughout the grades, our parent volunteers were very helpful with each grade encouraging them to put others 1st! Even the middle schoolers seemed to enjoy the shop too.
- Thank you to all the volunteers who made this week run so smoothly. Also thank you to Mr. Muratore for allowing us to take over his room, to the teachers for taking their students to shop, and the custodial staff for helping.

#### Family Roller Skating

- PiE had another successful family night at the Frenchtown Roller Rink on January 14th. Over 100 skaters joined the fun on the rink, while a lot of others mingled and enjoyed the open

snack bar.

### **Book Bingo**

- PiE held a Book Bingo on Friday, January 26th for PK to 5th. About 50 people joined for a fun night of Bingo games. Student Council raised some funds by selling snacks. Leftover donated books will be offered to the School's library and the rest donated to the Hunterdon County Library for its annual sale.
- Winners (and participants) were able to pick out books that had been donated as their prizes.

### **Ongoing Programs**

#### **Assemblies**

- March 18th - Trashaganza brings three performers with amazing instruments, fun interactive songs, cool science, and timely environmental messaging about plastic pollution and climate change. Kids love to see how to build the oil can guitar, diddley bow, water cooler drums and styrolin among other strange and weird instruments. Each show ends with an uplifting segment encouraging students to get involved in the struggle to save our planet.
- May 30th - Eyes of the Wild is a rescue facility. They will bring a variety of animals for the students to see. They will also discuss things such as: how we obtain our rescued animals; protecting wildlife and the environment; completing research before choosing a pet; and the habitats, survival techniques, communication skills, and unique behaviors of the amazing animals we are lucky enough to share the planet with! They will share many funny stories and anecdotes.

#### **Author in Residence**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes are again working with children's book author/illustrator Peter Catalanotto in this writing and illustration workshop, now in its 8<sup>th</sup> year. Over the next few months, Peter will guide students through the writing and illustration process to develop and produce their own stories, which they will present at a publishing party for students and families. Peter will also follow up with 4<sup>th</sup> graders who went through last year's program. Check out Mr. Catalanotto's books at <https://www.petercatalanotto.com>.

#### **Storytelling Workshop**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students are practicing collaborative storytelling, story mapping, and character development while enhancing their comprehension and vocabulary skills in this program led by Bronwyn Bird from Storytelling Arts (<https://storytellingartsinc.org>).

#### **Faculty Grants**

- As we do each year, DTS PiE invites you to apply for a Faculty Grant for funds to support events, projects, etc; that enrich the education of the children of DTS. Requests should have a direct and meaningful impact on the educational experience of the students in our school. They should not only be enriching, but also memorable, lasting and enhance the academic curriculum while not conflicting with any policy procedures; as well as have a broader benefit to the school and students. They should not be for infrastructure items and the grant form needs to be completed with details.
- If you have a great idea for funding and aren't sure how to start or if even a possible funding opportunity, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We look forward to working with you! The form can be found [here](#).

#### **ShopRite Gift Card Program**

- Looking for a way to help PiE raise money? Check out our new form that also is being sent home to sign up, but it costs you nothing other than the amount you would already spend

at ShopRite!

- PiE makes **5% on every gift card purchase** so that same \$100, earns PiE \$5.
- How it works - you register using the form, each month, you will receive the gift card increment (for example \$100), and then you write a check to PiE for the \$100. Super simple and if you shop at ShopRite, it doesn't cost you anything more or less!!

### Note To School

- Tired of writing notes to the school when your child needs to stay after school or is being signed out early? PiE has just the answer - a notepad with the key data points the school needs already pre-printed and organized. Simply fill in your personal data and send it along with your child.
- Reach out to [dtspie@gmail.com](mailto:dtspie@gmail.com) to order yours. One pad is \$3; two pads for \$5.

### About PiE

DTS Partners in Education was formed in 2010, when the DTS PTA and the DT Community Education Foundation merged to become a single group. It is an all-volunteer organization supporting the School's students. Learn more by visiting our website - [www.dtspie.com](http://www.dtspie.com). As a member of the PiE community, you will be part of our listserv and get these monthly newsletters as well as periodic emails reminding you of upcoming meetings and opportunities to volunteer for different activities. We look forward to a great year!

### Monthly Meetings

- Please join us for our next meeting of the school year on **February 7th** at 7 p.m. **This month's meeting will be remote only via zoom.**
- This year most of our meetings are available in-person or via Zoom; the two winter meetings are only via Zoom. All start at 7 p.m. and the links for the meetings are unique to the meeting.

2/7/2024	PiE Meeting - remote only	<a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82152860382?pwd=QVlIVUc5cWJqczM5NU82b0xZbTk4dz09">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82152860382?pwd=QVlIVUc5cWJqczM5NU82b0xZbTk4dz09</a>
3/13/2024	PiE Meeting - hybrid	<a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82867250705?pwd=WHJkTjBzOFBURFlpT2Q2Z05INVgxUT09">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82867250705?pwd=WHJkTjBzOFBURFlpT2Q2Z05INVgxUT09</a>
4/10/2024	PiE Meeting - hybrid	<a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83417105378?pwd=OWlrczRxd3l3c0cwVC90ZS9lOU8xUT09">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83417105378?pwd=OWlrczRxd3l3c0cwVC90ZS9lOU8xUT09</a>
5/8/2024	PiE Meeting - hybrid	<a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81168347631?pwd=cWZMbTdvRjA4N05YcjF4d3RsWG9qQT09">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81168347631?pwd=cWZMbTdvRjA4N05YcjF4d3RsWG9qQT09</a>

### Volunteer

- Want to volunteer some of your time for PiE events? [Fill out the Google Form](#) & be notified of any upcoming PiE events in need of volunteers.
- Check out the attached list of Current Committees with the Chairperson's contacts in case there is something that interests you and you'd like to reach out directly to get involved.
- There are also some PiE committees in need of a chairperson. For more information or questions contact Debbie Lubitz at [dlubitz319@gmail.com](mailto:dlubitz319@gmail.com).

**More detailed information on ALL of our events can be found on our website at [www.dtspie.com](http://www.dtspie.com), email us at [dtspie@gmail.com](mailto:dtspie@gmail.com) or check out our social media pages (Instagram & Facebook)**



# STILL TO COME THIS YEAR!

**APR 9 - 29**

**Muralist  
Residency**

**MAY 6 - 10**

**Teacher  
Appreciation  
Week**

**MAY 10**

**Plant Sale**

**MAY 18**

**Color Run**

**MAY 28**

**Paint Night  
Grades 4-8**

**JUNE 4**

**Paint Night  
Grades PK-3**

**SIGN-UP TO  
VOLUNTEER TODAY!**

EVENT DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE.



# NEW YEAR NEW WAY TO SUPPORT PIE



**PIE EARNS 5%  
OF EVERY GIFT CARD SOLD!**



PLACE AN ORDER AT  
ANYTIME DURING THE  
YEAR!

AVAILABLE IN \$25, \$50 &  
\$100 INCREMENTS

CARDS ARE  
DELIVERED VIA  
BACKPACK ON THE  
FIRST WEDNESDAY  
OF THE MONTH



## PAYMENT METHODS:

- CHECK MADE OUT TO DTS PIE -  
-PAYPAL-

\* PAYPAL ONLY ACCEPTED FOR MONTHLY ORDERS  
OF \$200 OR MORE DUE TO PROCESSING FEES \*



ACCEPTED AT ALL SHOPRITE LOCATIONS &  
FOR SHOPRITE FROM HOME!



YOUR GIFT CARDS COST YOU NOTHING ELSE  
BUT THE FACE VALUE OF YOUR GIFT CARD!



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QUESTIONS?

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## SHOPRITE GIFT CARD ORDER FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 each = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50 each = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$100 each = \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL**

\_\_\_\_\_

Please complete **ONE** Order Option

☐ **A: MONTHLY ORDER:** If you would like to receive cards each month and are ordering for the first time or need to make changes to an existing order. The program runs from September - June, however, you may join at any time.

☐ **B: ONE-TIME ORDERS:** Please process my one-time order. I will contact you when I need another order.

**Payment options for monthly and one-time orders (choose one):**

☐ I will send my check made payable to "DTS PiE" via backpack\* as soon as I receive my cards.

☐ I will pay via PayPal (only for orders of \$200 or more). You will receive an invoice at the email address indicated above.

**Your order will come home in your child's backpack as you indicate below.**

CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HOMEROOM: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Orders and payments may be sent to "DTS PiE ShopRite Program" via backpack or to DTS PiE P.O. Box 186 Sergeantsville, NJ 08557**

Additional order forms are available on our website [www.dtspie.com](http://www.dtspie.com)



**Info on PiE Committees, Communications, & Volunteers:** In general, want to get involved, contact our volunteer chair – Deb Lubitz, [dlubitz319@gmail.com](mailto:dlubitz319@gmail.com); ones highlighted in yellow may be looking for someone to chair or learn the ropes for next year.

Committees - Want to get involved?			
Committee	Chairperson	Email Contact	Time of Year
Bookfair	Jenna Haxton & Deb Lubitz	<a href="mailto:jenna.haxton@gmail.com">jenna.haxton@gmail.com</a> and <a href="mailto:dlubitz319@gmail.com">dlubitz319@gmail.com</a>	October
HR Partners	Kristen Schlesier	<a href="mailto:kristenschlesier@gmail.com">kristenschlesier@gmail.com</a>	All Year
Holiday Shoppe	Courtney Sootkoos & Maegan Harrington	<a href="mailto:csrubjan@gmail.com">csrubjan@gmail.com</a> and <a href="mailto:fosterlovegive@gmail.com">fosterlovegive@gmail.com</a>	December
Plant Sale	Olena Brophy & Tiffany Heater	<a href="mailto:olenashpanko@hotmail.com">olenashpanko@hotmail.com</a> and <a href="mailto:prettybirdfarm@yahoo.com">prettybirdfarm@yahoo.com</a>	May
Program Fee	Dawn MacDonald	<a href="mailto:dawn.romeo@gmail.com">dawn.romeo@gmail.com</a>	Sept-Oct.
ShopRite Gift Cards	Olena Brophy	<a href="mailto:olenashpanko@hotmail.com">olenashpanko@hotmail.com</a>	All Year
Sponsorships	Dawn MacDonald	<a href="mailto:dawn.romeo@gmail.com">dawn.romeo@gmail.com</a>	Aug. to Oct.
After-School Enrichment	Dawn MacDonald	<a href="mailto:dawn.romeo@gmail.com">dawn.romeo@gmail.com</a>	Jan-March
Author in Residence*	Sarah Waverka	<a href="mailto:sarahwaverka@gmail.com">sarahwaverka@gmail.com</a>	All Year
Storytelling Residency	Sarah Waverka	<a href="mailto:sarahwaverka@gmail.com">sarahwaverka@gmail.com</a>	All Year
Back to School Luncheon*	Cara Cerullo	<a href="mailto:cara@humblemonkey.com">cara@humblemonkey.com</a>	August-Sept.
Color Run	Dawn MacDonald	<a href="mailto:dawn.romeo@gmail.com">dawn.romeo@gmail.com</a>	May
Community Service Award			May-June
Directory	Deb Lubitz	<a href="mailto:DLubitz319@gmail.com">DLubitz319@gmail.com</a>	Aug-Oct.
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Faculty Grant Committee	Jessica Roethel	<a href="mailto:jessicab@princeton.edu">jessicab@princeton.edu</a>	All Year
Family Activities	Julie Luster-Roell & Dawn MacDonald	<a href="mailto:dawn.romeo@gmail.com">dawn.romeo@gmail.com</a> and <a href="mailto:julieautumn24@gmail.com">julieautumn24@gmail.com</a>	All Year
In-School Enrichment	Danielle Hartdorn and Deb Lubitz	<a href="mailto:dogloverkd@hotmail.com">dogloverkd@hotmail.com</a> and <a href="mailto:dlubitz319@gmail.com">dlubitz319@gmail.com</a>	All Year
Middle School Experience			All Year
Muralist Residency	Julie Luster-Roell/Kyla Vieth	<a href="mailto:julieautumn24@gmail.com">julieautumn24@gmail.com</a> and <a href="mailto:kylavieth@hotmail.com">kylavieth@hotmail.com</a>	All Year
Nominating Committee	Jessica Roethel & Christina Sulewski	<a href="mailto:jessicab@princeton.edu">jessicab@princeton.edu</a> and <a href="mailto:csulewski24@gmail.com">csulewski24@gmail.com</a>	Mar-May
Paint Night	Julie Luster-Roell	<a href="mailto:julieautumn24@gmail.com">julieautumn24@gmail.com</a>	May-June
Teacher Appreciation	Deb Lubitz	<a href="mailto:DLubitz319@gmail.com">DLubitz319@gmail.com</a>	May
Spiritwear Sales	Dawn MacDonald	<a href="mailto:dawn.romeo@gmail.com">dawn.romeo@gmail.com</a>	Fall/Spring
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Facebook/Instagram	Dawn MacDonald	<a href="mailto:dawn.romeo@gmail.com">dawn.romeo@gmail.com</a>	