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To all those that participated in some form of a School Supply Drive, let us once again celebrate a job well done. Let's pin this idea to do again in the New Year which can include a collection and donation of items such as winter accessories and cleaning products. Children are forever forgetting (or refusing) to use hats, gloves, and scarfs. Unfortunately, "Mother Nature" can sometimes harshly change her direction from one minute to the next and teachers will appreciate having a few sets if need be. Disinfecting products will provide teachers with a swift form of attack against those nasty germs that will always be their uninvited guest.

As we begin to outline our year's meeting dates, fundraisers and community outreach projects remember to include and promote our Margaret Yardley Fellowship. The Margaret Yardley Fellowship Fund was established in 1930 to provide fellowship grants to deserving women who are New Jersey residents pursuing post-graduate advanced studies at the school of their choice.

Application forms can be found on our website with a deadline of March 1st. Also, consider adding this information and the link for this Fellowship on your social media platforms.

Hopefully, your club has seriously considered hosting a Spelling Bee this year. All necessary forms and letters can be found on our website. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact your team of Queen Bees for guidance. Me (Cirilli@njsfwc), Brandi Lee Miller (Miller@njsfwc) and your District Spelling Bee Chairs (their contact information can be provided upon request) are here to help you. This is one of my favorite projects to do each year. Yes, there is work involved but it is fun and a great way to promote your club and our organization.

Promoting partnered events with your local libraries is a wonderful way to encourage reading and creative thinking. Looking ahead to special events/dates that can be read about, discussed, and adding a little creative project is always a fun way to enhance the learning environment. Additional resources are available on our website.

If you aren't sure of how to find such resources, please contact the CSP and we will work together to find books and projects that your club is comfortable with. Remember that all it takes to make a project successful is **JOY** and **EXCITEMENT** on your part. The children will pick up on your energy which will lead to a successful experience for you all.

