

PTO March Minutes

3/18/13

Reports

- Secretary's report accepted.
- Treasurer's report accepted. Notes to teachers: Checks are cut by the business office on Thursdays. Please keep this in mind when submitting receipts. All receipts for reimbursement this year are due on April 15th.

Fundraisers

- **Club's Choice** - Profit is tentatively \$12,836 (there are a couple of outstanding orders yet). The top three classrooms by sales each have won a limo ride. First place: Mrs. Gecker's class; second place: Mrs. Sandro's class; and third place Mrs. Beatty's class. The limo will be making lots of trips, and volunteers to help with that are welcome!
 - Also, Club's Choice will match up to \$1000 for teacher supplies if ordered through Oriental Trading.
- **Bookfairs**
 - Hillcrest - \$5,780 in sales, and \$3349 in profit. The library will have \$2,300 to spend on Scholastic books.
 - Luce - \$5,828 in sales, and \$2,955 in profit. The library will have ~\$1,700.
 - Pine - Preview started today (3/18) and sales will begin tomorrow. Volunteers are needed for Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning - contact Stephanie Leppien if you can help.
 - Hillcrest and Pine will be doing R.I.F. (Reading Is Fun). This program was a federal program providing funds free books for students in 2nd thru 5th grades to pick three free books per year. The program no longer exists, but PTO is providing funds for one free book each year for each student from 2nd through 5th grades. Mrs. McDonald at Hillcrest had funds donated by parents towards allowing students who could not purchase a book to pick one during the fair.
- Jessica Ackerman has agreed to organize Bookfair for next year (with current committee's help), but we need another volunteer to team up with Jessica.
- **Family Fun Night** - March 22nd from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at DLPMS gym. Admission will be \$10/family or \$3/person. Jeff and Kim Turk will MC the entire event. We need volunteers for food sales, as well as to help manage oversight (a sign-up sheet was passed). Teachers are encouraged to come and dance with their students!
- **Lugnuts** - trip set for May 17th. Reservations are due on April 9th. The game night features hot dog and drink certificates and fireworks, and is always a fun night. There is no organized transportation - families will meet at Cooley Stadium in Lansing and watch the game together.
- **Box Tops** - Mandy Sanders in the new BoxTop/Labels coordinator. She has organized displays for each of the Parent/Teacher conferences explaining how the labels can benefit the schools. She met the March 1 deadline for box tops with just over 12,000 box tops (!), and is working towards the March 31 Labels for Education submission, which will earn free books for our libraries. Information on the various labels available to raise money (rules, deadlines, etc.) and also our progress on goals and yearly totals will be posted on the PTO website soon.

Upcoming Events

3/14 & 21 Parent/Teacher Conferences

3/29-4/7 Spring Break

Luce

3/22 Representative Altman will read to students.

3/25 Errin Thompson read-in

4/11 Kindergarten Registration

4/15 Julie Austen performance

4/18 APA performs Peter & the Wolf

Hillcrest

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For next school year, teaching teams will be formed, with each 2nd grade teacher teaming with a 3rd grade teacher. This will affect the teacher requesting process. More information on the plan is to come.

Pine

3/18 Bookfair begins this week.

March Celebrating Reading month with a superhero theme. Great participation and excitement. No TV day on 3/20; and a contest to figure out the 'secret page turner' is in progress.

Community Events/Activities

Please share any information on local activities for children and families at our meetings!

- Little League sign-ups are going on now!
- Alma Community Art Center is offering After School Art classes through March and April. May and June class schedules are forming now and will be out soon. The current exhibition is Youth Art Month, with the CASA exhibition following in April. For more information, please visit www.alma-cac.org.
- Everyone Together Camp will be available for the first time this summer. The dates are Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursdays in July from noon-4:00 p.m. at the RESD Bailey Building in Ithaca. For more information, please visit www.etgratiotcounty.co

Next PTO meeting is on April 15th at 6:30 p.m. at Pine Avenue. Free child care is always provided. Please join us!

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