

PTO September Minutes

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Committees

- Bookfairs Need a core group to call in volunteers for each bookfair. Contact Stephanie Leppien if you can help. Volunteers must have a volunteer form on file with the school.
- Carnival Carnival is a thank-you to all parents and students for the fundraising they do throughout the year. This year it will be held at the middle school, and will include all three elementary schools. Middle school leadership students will help with activities, but parent volunteers will be needed to manage the inflatables and handle cash. We hope to have a bookfair on the same night, and the proceeds will be split with the middle school library.

Budget & Events Approval

- Guest Author \$1500 budgeted for an author to come. Schools can combine their shares of Guest Author money towards bringing an author in. PTO Treasurer will track which schools use the money.
- Each teacher will receive \$130 provided that teacher reps from each school come to PTO meetings.

Fall Fundraisers

50% of all sales made go to the schools, which is a better percentage than many fundraisers. We also still have water bottles to sell, which are now 100% profit to the schools. Donations in lieu of sales are always welcome. We need to raise \$50/student over the course of all fundraisers to meet our budget projections.

- Sept. 30th 5 Volunteers needed for Hillcrest pickup
- Oct. 6th Luce Rd. fundraiser begins
- November Pine fundraiser begins

Upcoming Events

- Luce Just had Constitution Day, including a visit by politicians
Preschool begins Sept. 26th
Fall Festival is set for Oct. 27th
- Hillcrest Trips to Alma College for "Broadway & Beyond" dance performance and Chippewa Nature Center
- Pine Constitution Day was observed and "Broadway & Beyond" trip coming up.

Volunteers

- ArtReach ArtReach materials available for volunteers, including artist folders with sample pictures and activity ideas. Contact Sheryle Dixon if you are interested. We hope to have one volunteer for each classroom.
- Directories We need help to set up the directories.
- Box Tops We raised \$1200 in past year - this is a worthwhile effort!
- Coke Rewards Another opportunity for easy rewards (not cash). Need a Coordinator for each (or all) of the schools participating. See MyCokeRewards.com for more information.

Other Events

- Art for Autism Sept. 25th from 2-4 p.m. For more info: GratiotCoAutismfueled@yahoo.com
- Teacher eList Need a list of teachers who would like to have flyers emailed to them, in an effort to reduce printing. Teachers will be responsible for contacting PTO to have their names on this list. Flyers can still be printed for those who prefer that method.
- Video There is a 22 minute DVD of the 5th grade YFC party that is available for promotional use.

Next PTO meeting is on October 18th at 6:30 p.m. at Hillcrest. Free child care is always provided. Please join us!

PTO Sign-Ins

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	<u>Parent</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
Bonnie Arns	x	
Vickie Ostrander	x	
Jonathon Case		Pine
Evelyn Elts	x	
Mike Mazurek	x	
Jessica Snyder	x	
Kim June		Pine
Matthew Cooper	x	
Deb Wallin		Hillcrest
Michelle Binge (?)		Luce
Kathleen Crana		Hillcrest
Laura Ash	x	
Brandi Derry	x	
April Carlson	x	
Lisa Shauver	x	
Sara Bonacci	x	
Miriam Cross	x	
Teresa Tarks	x	
Colleen Flinton	x	
Amber Bullard	x	
Ashleigh Holmes	x	
Allison Lebron		Luce
Angela Elsea		Pine
Angelina Oestrike	x	
Stephanie Leppien	x	
Kirsten Keeton	x	
Sheryle Dixon	x	