

October 2023 PTO Minutes

October 11, 2023
Call to Order - 7:11 pm

<p>Board Members in Attendance:</p>	<p>Nicole Moore (President) Tracey Kilinski (Vice President, Grade Level Oversight) Gwen Perdomo (Treasurer) Rebecca Stark-Gendrano (Recording Secretary) Cassie Muratore (Co-Correspondence Secretary) Heather Anderson (Co-Correspondence Secretary) Beth Willoughby (Teacher Liaison)</p>
<p>Mr Tennant - Principal's Round Table</p>	<p><u>Parking Lot Paving</u> In about 2 weeks the Teacher parking lot, the horseshoe and the recess parking lot will be paved. When we receive a schedule we will share it with you. Arrival and Dismissal will remain the same.</p> <p><u>New Fence in Teachers Lot</u> Preventative measure for parents and students walking through the the teachers lot</p> <p><u>RESPECT LESSONS</u> Our guidance counselor Ms. Gamble is pushing into classrooms to do lessons with the students on Respect.</p> <p><u>UPCOMING EVENTS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NJ Cap reps are in Faber to discuss Bullying prevention (10/11 - 10/31) ● Book Fair (11/1-11/8) ● Walk your Child to School Day (10/25) ● Halloween parade (10/31) ● Invention Convention (11/3) - 3rd grade parents only <p><u>CLASSROOM UPDATES</u></p> <p>Preschool: In Ms. Keen's classroom, students made Halloween crafts. In math they completed patterns and worked on counting and finding the corresponding number. In science they studied the bat life cycle and bones in the body. Mrs. Lowrey's class made Halloween decorations for the classroom and new hallway. They worked on the letters L, E, F, and H. In Ms. Gutowski's class, students did October and learned about letters L, E, F, and H.</p> <p>Kindergarten: In ELA, students are learning new letters, sounds & sight words. For Math, they are practicing comparing numbers. They are perfecting our drawing skills in writing to prepare for their label unit. In Science and Social Science, students are exploring the world around them in the season of fall. They are going on nature walks, collecting leaves and creating leaf projects.</p>

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First Grade:

Students are mastering trick words, CVC words, and identifying digraphs. In math, they are continuing to fluently add and subtract within 10, learning about doubles facts (& signing the Doubles Rap), and beginning Topic 3 (using strategies to solve addition facts to 20).

They are working on personal narrative writing pieces and writing descriptive sentences about various fall topics. In Science, they are learning about Fire Safety.

Second Grade:

The 2nd graders are continuing to practice routines to implement new math and reading centers for small group instruction. Students are finishing up the adding and subtracting within 20 units and will be moving into learning about even and odd numbers and making arrays for topic 2. Also, students are learning about glued sounds and closed syllables in Foundations.

Third Grade:

3rd grade has begun our inventors unit. Students are reading novels about different inventors throughout history. They are very excited for our invention convention where the students will be creating their own inventions and showing them off to the world. In math students are mastering our multiplication facts.

Fourth and Fifth Grade:

4th Grade ELA -- 4th grade classes are finishing up their first novel for the year and will be moving on to the next one soon. As well as studying a novel, each teacher is piloting a reading program. Ms. McGrath & Ms. Kinsella are piloting Wit and Wisdom. Mrs. DeSousa, Ms. Beattie, & Mrs. Palmer are piloting MyView.

4th Grade Writing - Students chose a meaningful moment to write a personal narrative about in a first person point of view.

5th Grade ELA -- Each class is finishing up Shiloh. Students are working on an end of novel project. Students will be watching the movie once all the classes have finished.

5th Grade Writing - Students chose a meaningful moment to write a personal narrative about in a first person point of view. Their final draft of their personal narrative story will be graded as a test grade at the end of the marking period.

4th and 5th Grade Math

Fourth and fifth grade math students are doing a great job of getting into the routine of changing classes and adjusting to small group instruction and intervention. Our fifth grade math students are working their way through topic 2: Using Models and Strategies to Add and Subtract Decimals. In Social studies the students are continuing to learn about the different regions and early native peoples.

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	<p><u>REMINDERS</u> If your need to pick your student up early from school, kindly notify the student's teacher and the main office (732-400-5900, option #1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 11/1: Early Dismissal- PD Staff ● 11/9 - 11/10 NJ Teacher Convention (No School) ● 11/14 Parent Teacher Conferences (Early Dismissal) ● 11/15 Parent Teachers Conferences (Evening Only) <p><u>DISCUSSION</u> Will the paving project interfere with Monster Bash? No, we do not expect any impact on that event The conference schedule applies only to Faber, since LMS and DHS students</p>
Nicole Moore - President	PTO meeting called to order at 7:11 pm
Gwen Perdomo - Treasurer's Report	<p>Opening Balance: \$58,172.14 Closing Balance: \$60,205.24</p> <p>We had expenses for Kindergarten breakfast, Back to School Lunch, and food items from Costco.</p> <p>We had money coming in from memberships and tee-shirt sales.</p> <p>A motion to approve the report was made by Melissa Paltjon. The motion was seconded by Kelly Soto.</p>
Rebecca Gendrano - Minutes	A motion to approve the minutes was made by Maggie Koski. The motion was seconded by Megan Torres.
Nicole Moore - President's Report	<p>Shirt Order forms are due by October 15th, as we will place a new order at that time.</p> <p>PTO had a table at Harvest Fest. The kids had fun spinning our prize wheel, as well as older community members. Thank you to those who visiting.</p> <p>Monster Bash will take place October 28th from 2-5pm. Truck or Treat will take place in the parking lot from 2-4pm. We will have a DJ, crafts, games, face painting, and a photo booth sponsored by Warrior Martial Arts.</p> <p>OEM will come to our November meeting and speak at 6:30pm to provide tips on how to prepare for emergencies.</p> <p>The school is requiring volunteer forms, so any volunteers that will be in the school are required to submit the form ahead of time. We have forms here so you can fill them out now. You will need to submit one form per year. Team leaders should send the form to their parent volunteers. Remember that an</p>

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	<p>original form must be on file with the school. Electronic signatures are not accepted.</p>
<p>Nicole Moore reporting on behalf of Maria Bartman - Vice President, Committee Oversight</p>	<p>Health and Wellness Night will take place on October 20th at 7pm. We will have Zumba with Yolanda, as well as a relaxation room with coloring and tea in the library. Remember that this will be an adults only event. We will not charge for attendance, but we are accepting donations for a local women's shelter.</p> <p>Red Ribbon week is taking October 23-31. There will be a spirit week with themes like pajama day or wear red. We tried to come up with simple themes to make things easier for parents. Each student will receive a cinch backpack.</p> <p>Book Fair will take place Nov 1-8, with set up on October 30th or 31st. Sign ups will go out next week and will include the shopping schedule, so that parents can have the information need to volunteer.</p> <p>Holiday Bazaar set up will be Dec 1, and students will shop December 4-8. The link to the shop is available on the PTO website.</p> <p>Marketday offers frozen meals delivered to your home, and we have a link on our website.</p> <p>The Outback fundraiser earned us \$190 dollars. Thanks to those who participated.</p> <p>Committee Sign up sheets are available on the tables by the door. Please sign up if there are committees you would like to be involved with. Let us know if you are interested in chairing any of the committees.</p>
<p>Tracy Kilinski - Vice President, Grade Level Oversight</p>	<p>Team Leaders were picked at our board meeting. The Team Leader is the liaison between the teacher and the parents when organizing parties.</p> <p>The PTO sponsors 4 parties: Halloween party, winter party, spring party, and end-of-year party. A lot of classes will have additional parties to celebrate events like Valentine's Day or 100 Days, but teachers are responsible for organizing those events.</p> <p>The PTO provides a snack, paper products, a drink, and volunteers (for some parties, but not all). Please provide seasonal plates, not plates with designs specific to one holiday or another. We want the decor to be inclusive.</p> <p>All snacks need to be approved by the school nurse, Mrs. North, prior to the party. This applies to homemade snacks as well as school snacks. If you are supplying a homemade snack, you'll need to send the ingredients list to the school nurse. A photo of the ingredients list for store bought snacks should be emailed to the school nurse.</p> <p>PTO parents may also attend as chaperones for the field trip. This is often the team leader, but there is no guarantee. A lot of teachers will pick names from a hat.</p>

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	<p>In your folder, you'll find a form with instructions for the year. Please sign and return this.</p> <p>Be sure to introduce yourself to your teacher. Ask for the number of students in the class, as well as any allergies in the class. Then email all of the parents on your list to begin setting up the first party. Be sure to contact all parents for every party.</p> <p>If teachers collect money from all students for something for a class party, such as goody bags, then be sure to provide good bags for all of the students in the class (not only the students who provided cash).</p> <p>Team leader is not responsible for providing a class gift. Decisions regarding gifts should be made by each parent individually.</p> <p>If someone wants to help in the classroom and hasn't paid their membership, let us know. Parents can provide volunteer hours in order to work off their membership fee.</p> <p>Please attend the PTO meetings so that you can know what is happening in the school and advocate for your student's class.</p> <p>Don't feel like you need to do everything yourself. There are lots of people in PTO who can provide extra help if you need more support.</p>
Heather Anderson - Corresponding Sec'y	<p>Membership Update: 101 families and 85 teachers have joined the PTO. It's never too late to join. If you run into someone at the end of the year who wants to volunteer, let them know that they can join on the website.</p>
Cassie Muratore - Corresponding Sec'y	<p>Website Update: Check the website for flyers and information on upcoming events. You can click on the form to sign up for Truck or Treat.</p> <p>Our next meeting will take place on Monday, November 6th.</p>
Beth Willoughby - Teacher Liaison	<p>Thank you for all of your support. It's great to see so many parents here. Please reach out to your teachers if you have questions.</p>
Open Discussion	<p>There was a suggestion to use Google Translate to create an English version and a Spanish version of each email you send, since we want to include our Spanish families.</p> <p>The paving project will take place before and after school drop-off and pick-up times, so students should be able to get to school on time. Remember that parking will be more limited during this time.</p>
Meeting Adjourned	<p>Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.</p>