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PTO Meeting – December 12th, 2023   6:30 pm

Dress Down passes will be given to families who attend the meeting. Volunteer hours earned for attending. Please record in the book under your family name. Childcare may be available if we have a registered volunteer.

Welcome – Julia Place Co-President

Minutes - Tanesha Wilson and Trish Symister. They will be kept in the office, uploaded to webpage, and a copy sent home with the next newsletter.

Treasurers Report:

Diana Hernandez and Cristina Wright balance: $10,212.49. Mrs. Turner asked PTO to think about what projects they would like PTO to fund for upcoming year 2024. She made recommendations to have a covered walkway to connect both buildings. This would give shelter for the staff and kids during rainy weather and it would also give a more defined cross walk for safety.

Vice President's report - Alicia Savela

- **Morning Mile** Tuesday and Thursday morning 8:00 to 8:30 registered volunteers. Going well so far. The children enjoy participating. Charms will be given out at the next Spirit Day in January 2024. If registered volunteers are interested they can Sign up at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44ABAD23A1FCC25-educational.
- **Coin collection** for Daily Bread Nov 1-14th – Country Day and EHCS collected almost $420.00. Total collected from coin drive was $418 and PTO rounded to $420.
- **Bench project** – Both benches arrived and assembled at the PTO. Plaque will be ordered to affix to both benches. One will be from the Stern family and the other from "PTO of 2024"
- **Box Tops** for EHCS over the Winter Shopping. QRS codes were given out to parents to simplify downloading the app. Parents were also given the option to drop receipts off at the front office and VP of PTO Board Alicia Savela will scan in the receipts so that the school can receive the credit for qualified purchases.
- **Canned food drive** now until December 14th – load the truck Dec 15th @1:00. Parents reminded that school is still in the collection window and taking donations until Dec 14th.
- **Art to Remember** – Sales $758.29 151 student piece of art submitted 14% purchased products. Pieces arrive at school about 12/13/23. Late orders accepted until 12/29/23 – we make 25% profit - $189.00

Principal's report - Cheryl Turner

- Winter Break December 25th through January 8th. Both teachers and students will be returning on the January 8th
- Testing for VPK – grade 2 complete   Grades 3-6 will be January 10th and 11th

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- Interim #2 - Reports will be sent home December 15th
- School scores came in 12/11/23 and EHCS continues to be a "A" rated school
- ONLY early release on Fridays in December. Last three days are dress down only.
- Mrs. Turner reviewed the FORTIFYFL with all parents. FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. Parents given the opportunity to ask questions about this initiative and received clarification. This information is also posted on the school's website.

Teacher's Report – Brittney Bellis New 4th Grade teacher summarized the teachers' report.
- VPK – Grades 2 completed STAR testing on Friday
- Grades 3-6 will get the State testing January 10th and 11th
- Grades 3-6 doing benchmark testing 12/13/23
- Grades 1-2 are working on reading and writing skills
- Grades 3 reading Charlotte's Web and reviewing research skills
- Grades 4-6 are working on their science projects and getting ready for the Science fair

Concerns and Comments: No current concerns

Focus: Holiday Craft Day! Work as a family to complete a holiday craft – bring canned goods! Holiday crafts made at the end of the PTO meeting. Family and kids got a chance to make holiday crafts with their families and socialize with other parents and friends.

Next Meeting will be January 9th, 2023 (Tuesday) 6:30 pm