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PTO Minutes – October 15th, 2024 6:30 pm

Dress Down passes were given to families who attended the meeting. Volunteer hours earned for attending. Attendance recorded in the book under family name to capture volunteer hours.

This month's meeting was called to order at 6:36pm by Co-Presidents.

Welcome – Julia Place and Megan Wood Co-Presidents- Welcomed everyone and handed out the dress down passes.

Minutes - Tanesha Wilson and Trish Symister. Minutes kept in the office, uploaded to the webpage and a copy sent home with the next newsletter. The November's newsletter will have a copy of the minutes for this meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Cristina Wright – Current account balance \$5,273. There is one outstanding cheque for \$75 for a teacher. Water cost of \$1000 will be covered as a one-time cost. Still waiting a few checks to clear from teachers.

Vice President's report – Alicia Savela

- **Recap of Oct 4th Spirit Day**- Many kids were super close to meeting the 75-lap goal; however, due to the two less days, some students were close but different meet the goal. Most likely those students will get to the mile mark by next spirit day and will receive a charm.
- **Red Ribbon Week**-October 28th-November 1st, 2024- Lasts for the entire week. A flyer went home with students today 10/15/2024. Each day is themed differently. Focus for our kids is more on making health life choices and being a good citizen.
 - **Monday**- Each class will recite the RRW pledge in the morning. Copy will be sent home
 - **Tuesday**- team/jersey day. Add your favorite sports theme to your uniform. Will have a visit from West Melbourne K-9 unit
 - **Wednesday**- silly hat, socks and silly jokes day. Room 1 will share a few jokes over announcements.
 - **Thursday**- Fall theme. Dress down in festive wear (no costumes). Last day to turn in posters
 - **Friday**- students will have popcorn and movie. For the October Spirit Day students will receive their charms as usual. Will announce the winner of the poster competition.
- **Upcoming Coin Drive**-Nov 4th-21st, 2024- Students will bring in coins and at the end of the month the total will be counted. Since funds are low in our current PTO account balance, funds from the coin drive will be kept for the PTO. PTO funded projects are voted on at the PTO meetings and used on items or projects that benefits the students and staff. The class with the most money collected in the coin drive will have the choice of having Principal Galloway complete a task- pie in the face, shave part of the his mustache etc. The classroom will also receive a \$25 gift card.



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- **Ways to support PTO (Donations),** PE T-shirt sales, Box Tops- As our current account balance is low, the PTO is looking for donations in different ways. PTO is requesting continued use of Box Tops to earn passive income. PE-T-Shirts are also on sale- \$12 is for Youth and \$18 for PTO.
- **Additional Call for Volunteers-** PTO is requesting Volunteers for different upcoming activities- Red Ribbon Week, Decoration for Red Ribbon Week on October 27th at 4PM. Also, looking for support for activities like Timeline, December social and all upcoming events. Please reach out to the PTO Board to offer assistance.
- **Art Assistant Sign-up on Fridays-** There is currently a volunteer for Teacher Melvin; however, volunteers are still welcomed.

Principal's report – Paul Galloway

- **Water Machine-** Fully up and functional. Students have access to clean water thanks to the donations from the PTO.
- **Timeline-24th of October 6:00-8:00 pm** at Calvary Baptist Church- Backdrop needed so that we can have a location to have students do selfie. Students are currently preparing for this event. Students are welcomed to come dressed as their chosen person. Kindergarteners will perform a song for us in the beginning of the program and then they are welcomed to leave the event if needed. All other students will come dressed and ready to present their influential character. It will be a lovely event and time to enjoy spending time with our kids and school family.
- **Curbing –** There is a current plan to shave the curbs in the pick-up loop to get a little more space for cars going around.
- **Weather Delays-Hurricanes, Tropical Storms etc.-** Information is sent out as soon as it is received. The information has been slow to come from the BPS Board. At current there are plans to interrupt Thanksgiving break week. Hurricane make-up time will be built into the school year and announced by the school board.
- **Substitutes Still Needed! -** Volunteers and Substitutes are needs. Parents or family members can become substitutes as long as they are a registered. All need to be background checked and finger printed. Substitutes also need to have a 1st degree.
- **New Paraprofessional:** Michelle Saraiva- came to help the 3rd grade class and the ESE and gifted kids. Please feel free to say hello should you see her in the car loop.

Teacher's Report -Tracy Graham

Vikki Giampaolo KINDERGATEN -

Looking for a model of the solar system. Doing the continent of North America. Topics being taught includes the following: Human Needs, Family, Love, Shelter, Food, Clothing, Community, The Universe, Our Solar System, Return to Planet Earth, ARTIST Yayoi Kusama, Continent North America



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Lonna Stevens Grades 1&2

Math 1st fact families and 2nd Arrays review and fact families

Science- categories sorting, defining attributes and understanding how senses interpret our world

Social studies- 1st government and founding fathers and 2nd map skills

Heidi Murphy

Room 8 - 1st & 2nd Grade

Math- First is working on addition strategies through 20 and second is working on writing equations to solve word problems. Students are working on Montessori lessons daily that focus on place value, skip counting, money, time and geometry.

Social Studies - citizenship and geography skills (continents, oceans and regions of the US)

Science - physical science - liquids solids and gases, sound and light energy

Tracy Graham 3rd Grade

Class is working on Timeline, Force and Motion, Engineering design of egg protection (vehicle and transportation safety), Maps and regions and physical features of places, man-made and natural resources, moving away from Subtraction and Addition and moving onto Multiplication and Division.

Brittney Bellis 4th Grade

ELA-Focusing on Theme and central message in dramas. The BBA will be given to students on Thursday.

Math- Multiplication and Division

Science- Conservation of Energy, Science Fair Projects and Scientific Method

Social Studies- Foundations of Government and history of Florida Constitution, Timeline Research and rehearsing for next week.

Lisa Eiben

FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE

5th math- multi-digit multiplication and long division

6th math- absolute values and working with negative numbers

5th and 6th Science- Science Fair

5th and 6th Grade SS- Timeline

Science Fair- Projects are still being approved. Grades 4, 5 and 6 are participating. Already looked at scientific method. Can get the BPS handbook on the BPS website. Rockets can only be water, not fire and

Concerns and Comments:

Next PTO will be November 12, 2024 6:30 Tuesday