



## **PTO Meeting Notes Oct 14 @6:30**

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.

**Welcome** – Co-Presidents – Julia Place and Zandrea Bassford

**Minutes** –Co-Secretaries - Trish Symister and Nichole Savage Minutes are kept in the office, uploaded to the webpage, and a copy is sent with the newsletter.

**Treasurers Report** – Ariana Gonzalez balance \$4,401.10 as of 10/7

- \$4000+ for the read-athon
- Final money due tomorrow morning as PTO will be counting on Oct 15th

**Co-Vice President's report** - Alicia Savela and Katie Curtis

- Up Coming Events:
  - Timeline: Oct 23rd @Calvary Baptist Church. Doors open at 6pm
    - Kindergarten starts with a song, then they are free to go.
    - If you are able to stay for the entirety of the event- we can support many students and provide them an audience.
    - Timeline Costume may be worn to school the Friday after the event (10/24)
  - Red Ribbon Week activities listed in the Newsletter flyer
    - A small team of volunteers are requested to decorate campus on Sunday, Oct 26th @3pm
      - Takes a few hours (more volunteers, less time)
    - Please show support of the West Melb PD and Brevard Fire Rescue Station 82 by bringing cards and snacks to the office starting now, through Monday, Oct 27th.
    - Students are invited to submit posters to the PTO for our annual Red Ribbon Week poster contest. Due 10/29.
      - All students who submit a poster will receive a dress down pass.
      - Winners will receive a prize basket and announced at Spirit Day
        - Decided by a panel of judges after the Morning Mile
      - Poster size is 8 ½ x 11 or bigger
      - Put your student's name on the back

- Be as original as possible
  - Topics include healthy living and good choices
- Coins for a Cause will start on Nov 3rd. Students have two weeks to collect and bring coins for their classroom jar.
  - This year we are collecting to support Serene Harbor.
  - Prizes are TBD
- Clubs
  - We are looking for someone able to coordinate with Brevard County Mobile Library and start a STEM club
    - Coor will get to pick time and date
    - Is there a limit of the amount of children/ages and the times/days they are available?
    - Mrs.Parker will assist and parent
  - Oct 29 @7:45am Craft Club for 1st grade only.
    - Permission Form will be sent home with additional information.
    - Location TBD
  - Please contact admin if you are interested in starting a club!
- Art to Remember: Students have created a special art piece that has been uploaded to the website [arttoremember.com](http://arttoremember.com)
  - Families are invited to purchase the art and support the school. Information will be sent home soon.
  - Information flyer went home today, Tuesday Oct 14th
  - Products include blankets, keychains, and more
  - You can also upload different art
  - Oct 31st is the deadline to ship to the school directly
- Boxtops for Education
  - Download the app and scan your receipts to send extra funds to our school!
  - Walmart app is automatic
  - Can also share the app with family who can put the earnings towards our school
- Chess Club
  - Supplies are all available
  - Just need someone to be present to run it
  - Reach to PTO about co-chairing

### **Teacher's Report- Mrs. Eiben**

- Science and Engineering Fair Information for 4th, 5th, and 6th grade only
  - Practice Scientific Method and reinforce what's done in the classroom

- Each child presents to judges. Children and parents will have an opportunity to view projects
- Categories
  - Science: Animal, chemistry, human behavior, physics, etc
    - Must have one independent variable
  - Engineering: Mechanical Engineering, etc
    - Answer their questions
  - Computer Science
    - Coding (create a site), Mathematics, and Robotics
- More info at BPS Elementary Science Fair Website
- Teachers will send the link to the Science Fair handbook
- Teachers should have emailed Science Fair important dates
- Final Practice Board Presentation: November
  - Please put only one piece of tape on each page to allow for changes to be made
- Important Info
  - Can work in teams, from grades 4-6, must attend the same school
  - Projects deal with Indian River Lagoon may get special award
  - All entries written in pen
  - Projects not allowed
    - Where mold is grown? No mold
    - Use dangerous objects
    - Involve harmful living things
- Previous Projects: Available to view in Mrs. Eiben's class
  - What color helps memory retention?
  - Which music helps plants grow?
  - What liquid creates the strongest biofabric?
- Parent volunteers can judge just a different category from your own child
- Pro-Tip: use a sliding paper cutter
- Consider seeing Regional Science fair projects displayed at the mall on Friday, February 13th after school until 5p (includes elementary through high school)
- Class Updates
  - Kindergarten
    - Math - Comparing numbers, greater and less than
    - Social Studies - How to be a citizen
    - ELA - Problems and solutions, key details, cbc words
  - 1st and 2nd Grade Room 7 (Mrs. C and Ms. Josephine) and Room 8 (Ms. Murphy and Mrs. Saldona)

- Math -1st grade composing and decomposing 2 digit numbers -2nd grade going over the meaning of addition and subtraction
- ELA -1st and 2nd grade suffix work, Story elements
- Science -1st light and sound, -2nd states of matter
- S.S. -1st is focusing on how they can make a difference in the community -2nd is learning about how animals play a part in our environment
- Montessori -Lots of Montessori Lessons, working on 2nd workplan of the year
- 3rd and 4th grade (Ms. Jefferson and Mrs. Schultze)
  - Math-3rd strategies for multi-digit addition and subtraction -4th Multiplication and division facts
  - ELA - 3rd Reading the Hobbit- character discussion. Also, writing, composition, and cursive -4th DBQ (Inferential thinking, essay writing)
  - Science -3rd tools of science (hands on learning), -4th variables. science fair
  - Social Studies -3rd primary and secondary sources -4th maps of FL and physical landforms of Florida
- 3rd and 4th grade (Mrs. Caldorola and Mrs. Massney)
  - Math -intro to fractions
  - Science -rocks
  - ELA - 3rd reading Ramona Quimby and paragraph writing -4th reading Tale of Despereaux and writing essays
- 5th and 6th Grade
  - Math-5th multi-digit multiplication, moving on to long division -6th adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing integers, including negatives
  - Science -Science Fair
  - S.S. -getting ready for timeline
  - ELA-5th and 6th synthesize central ideas from two informational text articles -5th and 6th writing expository texts

**Principal's Report - Paul Galloway and Josephine Parker**

- Updates: Teachers have received training for Sign-up Genius use in the classroom
- Oct is Disability Awareness Month
  - Ms. Parker talking to each class about disabilities
    - Grades 1-3 General Discussion

- Grades 4-6 Autism Awareness
- Oct is Bullying Prevention Month
  - Part of Red Ribbon Week (make good choices)
    - Other fun days to show school spirit
- Timeline Update: Thursday, October 23rd
  - Help us during the event
    - Control the noise so all children can be heard
    - Teachers and staff will be stationed throughout the building to ensure kids aren't running around
  - Kids are seated in chronological order from past to present
    - 5 children on stage at a time
  - Generally runs 90 minutes
  - Please stay for the entire event if you can
- Teacher communication and Homework
  - Nov 13th 5p-7p: Parent/Teacher conferences
  - If it's a smaller issue, feel free to email or call your teacher
  - Homework expectation
    - Dictated by grade level
    - Kindergarten at 15 minutes up to 6th grade at 90 minutes per night
    - If your child finishes homework, focus on additional math as part of the School Improvement Plan. Extra Math Resources below.
      - 99 Math
      - Khan Academy
      - Prodigy
      - Zearn
- 3rd Grade Promotion Information
  - Must pass a few assessments to move to 4th grade
  - Portfolio assessment - 1st one is tomorrow, Oct 15th
    - Will have 3 more opportunities
    - Not part of school year grade
  - FAST Assessment (Level 2)
  - January is the PM2 - Next Assessment
- Montessori Night Classroom Tours
  - For friends and family to see Montessori in action in each classroom
- Meeting Adjourns at 7:38pm

#### **Concerns and Comments:**

- Has a project been decided for the Readathon funds? Kids can vote maybe?

See you at the next meeting Nov 18th @6:30