

PTA Minutes February 5th, 2015

Spring Dance

- Friday, March 6th from 5:30-7:30 in the cafeteria
- The sixth grade will be doing a bake sale during the dance to raise money for their end of year promotion. This is being headed by Sherry Barnes. They will be needing volunteers to help with the set up and clean up.
- PTA will be providing hotdogs, water, and popcorn. Admission will be free for PTA members and a nominal fee for non members (exact amount TBD).
- As a reminder: the dance and movie nights are not a PTA fundraiser. These events are intended as a morale booster and to give students and their families a fun night at school with friends. The admission fee is only meant to help cover the cost of food and drinks. We hope to break even, but have always come out of pocket.

Book Fair

- March 9th-13th
- The library has requested for 2 volunteers to help set up on March 4th for about 1-1.5 hrs
- March 11th will be Parents' Morning at the Book Fair from 7:30-8:30. This year PTA has decided to forgo the potluck breakfast. We would like to provide coffee and possibly small breakfast baked goods as a light snack. PTA may look into ordering coffee from Starbucks or we will need to find a large coffee urn to borrow and make coffee.

Fun Run

- Our Technology Fun Run will be on the morning of May 15th. The goal is to raise funds to purchase computer carts for upper grades (30k) and 5 iPads for each classroom in lower grades. This is an ongoing effort.
- Donation envelopes should go home on or about April 15th and we will also have an online donation option set up
- We will offer prizes for the top 3 students raising the most money
- For every \$10 raised, students will be put in for a raffle for the opportunity to win smaller prizes. (ex. \$40 raised will get 4 raffle tickets) These tickets will be marked with the student's name and put directly into the raffle. There will be no raffle tickets sent home that you will need to keep up with.
- PTA will provide drink pouches/boxes and pretzels or other snack for each class after Fun Run
- PTA rented a rock wall for the Fall Festival but, due to a last minute issue with the structure, the company was not able to set it up or provide an immediate replacement. We were given a full refund and a promise of a free rental for a future event. Due to time constraints for each class at the Fun Run, the rock wall is not an option. We are looking into something the students can do quickly and safely in a limited amount of time. We are trying for an inflatable slide but the previous company does not have one available. Amy Bull will be looking into rental prices for a slide through other companies and we will see about booking the rock wall for the next Fall Festival.

Uniforms

- Uniform shirts are currently on sale and available through the front office for \$8
- Our goal is to deplete the current stock by May
- PTA has placed one more order for uniform shirts so that we will have stock on hand throughout year if needed
- This is expected to be our final order for the year before transitioning over to Custom Company next school year
- Custom Company will have uniform shirts for sale at Meet and Greet just before the school year starts. As before, students will be allowed to wear Shafter shirts from previous years (uniforms and official school event/club shirts i.e. -Robotics, Fun Run, etc)
- Custom Company is in the process of creating a new but similar uniform logo for us

Jump Rope For Heart

- JRFH is scheduled for the morning of February 27th
- Volunteers will be recruited and coordinated by teachers/classrooms

- PTA will be planning and coordinating the event and will also provide a drink and snack for students after the event
- Funds raised do not benefit school. The fundraiser is for the American Heart Association

Board Member Drive

- Our current PTA board members will all be transitioning out of their positions at the end of this school year (Pres., VP, Treasurer, Secretary)
- We will all be available to train prospective new board members on our positions. If you are or may be interested in any position or have questions please come to our next PTA meeting on March 5th at 1:00

Fire Up Your Feet

- Use of our FUYF winnings are waiting on final portable classroom delivery and placement expected to happen in June. Further discussion, decisions, and execution have been postponed until August

Teachers Message

- Teachers have requested the donation from PTA of a large jug of hand sanitizer with pump for the computer lab
- Field trips for the year will be slowing down and some classes may not have another field trip so PTA does not plan to subsidize buses for a field trip for every class. PTA may donate a certain amount per class for teachers to spend in classroom as needed

Mrs. Higa's Message

- Mrs. Higa opted to go without a Vice Principal for an extended period. The money she saved in the school's budget was used to purchase computers for the school's computer lab.
- Thank you, Mrs. Higa, for all of your hard work!

Our next PTA meeting will be on Thursday, March 5th at 1:00