



PTA Meeting

18 September 2024

7:30am at IPE Cafeteria

-Introductions

- Staff, PTA Board, and Parents attending the meeting

-Treasurer Report

- Budget update was provided
 - Budget is available for anyone whenever requested
- Some of the bigger budget line items are as follows
 - Walk the plank – our biggest fundraiser
 - T-shirt sales (pre-sales coming soon)
 - Grounds Day/Maintenance – clear plastic signs on doors, mulch, painting, flowers are some examples of things done this year or in the past
 - Angel Tree with Ms. Woodall – helping kids/families in this community
 - Musical production – 4/5th grades
 - Field Day – held in the spring
 - Fun Night – moved to the fall
 - Winter Dance – planned for February
 - Specials can receive \$400 givebacks
 - Teacher discretionary funds is set at \$100 per teacher
 - Mini grant info and deadlines will be distributed to staff in October – larger financial assistance for bigger projects/expenses)
 - Teacher appreciation
- 23-24 Audit
 - Requires 3 non-board member volunteers to review and sign off on the audit papers to ensure we are compliant

-2024-2025 Calendar Overview and upcoming events

- Fun Night is planned for September 27th
 - Need volunteers!
- Reading and Literacy Night
- Posts will be made for events on social media, givebacks website, and in the weekly memos from the Assistant Principal
- General PTA meetings occur every 3rd Wednesday of the month



-PTA Membership is Live

- Sign up for PTA using the QR code above
- Membership is free for anyone who wants to join, keeping in mind we need a quorum to vote on things
- Even if not a PTA member, you can still attend any event and meeting
- Donations are appreciated
- Any suggestions, requests, etc. please send PTA an email, text anytime we have open lines of communication

-24 IPE Merch Orders

- We are getting new car magnets and yard signs in stock!
- Also planning to have hats, long sleeve t-shirts, sweatshirts available
- Some items may be ordered through pre-orders as we are looking to have that available in time for possible winter-time presents
 - After fun night, a flyer or additional information about pre-orders will be sent home



-Fun Night

- We need volunteers!
 - 3 shifts available – mainly used for inflatables and ensuring kids are okay
 - Scan the QR code to volunteer
 - Also posted on DOJO and a flyer will be sent home in kid's folders
- Rain date is scheduled for October 4th



-Teach Appreciation

- Emily Turner will be heading this up
- Ongoing efforts
 - There will be 1 main focus a month
 - Providing gift cards, food, candy donations to put in their inboxes, fun night teachers will receive vouchers for meals at the food trucks
- Suggestions
 - Contact teachers directly for their amazon wishlists
 - Send a \$10 gift card to Chopt since they have Tuesday Chopt drop each week
 - Provide classroom snacks since previous grants/funding don't provide classroom snacks any longer

-Staff Updates

- Doty
 - officially set dates for school wide spelling bee and science fair
 - Science fair 17Dec2024
 - Held in the evening (all items to be turned in on 09Dec)
 - walk through for kids during the day on the 18th
 - 3rd-5th graders will participate
 - If wanting to be a judge; email Doty
 - Winners move onto county fair, date TBD
 - Spelling Bee 20Dec2024
 - 3rd-5th graders
 - County spelling Bee is typically in February
 - STEAM night March 13th
- Woodall
 - clothing donations for accidents, muddy/rainy days are appreciated. Could use leggings, pants, new underwear, and shoes
 - Angel tree begins early October
 - Last year we helped 250-300 children
 - You can Sponsor a child/family (volunteers would do the shopping from a wishlist)
- Castillo – curriculum facilitator
 - Dibels testing is happening for 4th and 5th grade (reading assessment by teachers 1:1 – sounding out words, vocab, etc.)
 - Testing is going on from the beginning of Sep-end of Sep.
 - Children will bring home a data report
 - NWEA reading/math
 - National test that is taken 3 times a year



- small groups have been implemented based on last year's data.
 - Any questions reach out to Ms.Castillo
 - Also, more details will be discussed during Curriculum night
- Troxler – school counselor support pre-k-5th grade
 - Wear green day (today)
 - Trying to build community with harmony SEL curriculum
 - Can provide short brief therapy up to 6 weeks with community resources as necessary
 - Oct. 16th is Unity Day – We do not support bullying!
 - Wear color orange
 - Kindness parade will take place, and whichever class wears the most orange gets a pizza party
 - Feb 13th SEL night
 - Promoting health and wellness
 - Coping mechanisms
 - Provide a calming kit
 - Classroom guidance will begin next week or the week after
 - Instead of media center (swap on and off with media slots)
 - Promotes being good global citizens
- Hill - ACES
 - Volunteers and employees needed
 - Donations and clothes (pants/underwear)
 - Maybe get HS for volunteer service-learning hours
- Leighty - Principal
 - 5-6:30 for curriculum night for general school updates
 - 90 families – pizza is included
 - Up 25 students for IPE enrollment, while public schools' enrollment is down
 - Tours happen any day; but would like to be during the day so they can really see what is happening as school is going on
 - Choice window for magnet schools was moved to October
 - Kindergarten open house event will be in October to coincide with above
 - The sooner that people can register, the better
 - We hired 100 years of experience!
 - Any concerns with teachers or other issues, speak with Leighty first
 - Green Playground – needs fixing
 - New building facility is not on the GCS calendar in the near future
 - Safe and functional playground system is necessary as well as many other school facility needs
 - District funds have been reassigned



- Support effort and finding resources (grants, community) and ideas is greatly appreciated
- Would love to do some things like putting up sunshades on the outdoor classroom

-New business

- Grounds update
 - Ms.Mckee (previous Principal of IPE) passed away; would like to try doing a bench or something in her memory
 - Walk through happened and there are a lot of issues that district is unable to address in a quick manner
 - If there are any volunteers to provide project management for the grounds, we would love to know
 - Dig-up day and planting party with perennials
 - New Irving Park garden club?
- Adopt a school program (Boy Scouts)
 - Sam - Cub scouts rep for our school/area
 - Focused on citizenship, leadership, exercise and mental exercise
 - Eagle scout projects could be utilized for some grounds beautification efforts (only 55 eagle scout projects happen per year in the area)

-Next PTA meeting will be 16October2024 at 7:30am