

Forest PTO Meeting, Thursday, January 14, 2016

Music Room

#### Principal's Report

Review work and progress made towards our goals.

- Share info on Feb 9th

Open our new 2nd grade Classroom

- Monday, Jan 11

#### Building Construction

- Project will start the day after school ends in June
- Minimum 4 additional classrooms
- Alternate addition (still waiting for approval) expand cafeteria and 2 additional classrooms to bring Great Start Forest classrooms back to Forest

Entering testing season:

- Currently in winter testing window. FAST in K-5 and MAP in grades 2-5.
- Finalize our testing schedule for both MAP and MCA's for spring tests and get that out to families.

#### K and 5th Grade transitions

- Kindergarten registration is Thursday, Feb 11th
- Middle School meetings occurred this week. RMS visit will occur near the end of January.

Follow up from November meeting:

- Student Council T-shirt quote – Quote with Beth for approval.

#### Teacher's Forum

First Grade (Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Hartl, Mr. Schiesel, Mr. Hunter)

FAST testing in 1st grade this week. 2 more this year.

- Tests meet with objectives on report card

Typical day: Breakfast, morning circle time, individualized reading time (daily 5), hour of math, health, science, writing, story time, closing circle time

Field trip this week at Mills City Museum (used federal aid/grant)

Spring concert, starting to practice, typically in April

Daily 5 to go smoothly; read to self, write, listen to reading. Would like headphones, new containers (book crates) 1st grade has \$250/year + \$250 for field trip.

#### Student Support Services (Casey)

Services provided are: Positive behavior at Forest, Behavior issues not handled in the classroom. Intervention (Response to intervention) Most kids in Tier 1, if its not working they move up to Tier 2 and Tier 3, then Special Ed. Support; support kids, parents, DARE, Playworks.

On site therapist (2-3 days week, 12-15 kids) goes through Social Worker or teacher referral. Insurance covers most otherwise there are grants to help cover.

Mark Hornbeak Social Worker – Helps with behavior groups. Works with Special Ed. Monitors attendance. Provides community resources (food, clothing, shelter).

#### Officers' Report

##### ShopWithScrip Fundraiser – Results (Wendy)

- Raised \$1331.97
- 69 kids participated
- 10 staff
- Positive; liked the Gift Card ideas, pay money, get money
- Very time consuming. A lot of startup time entered all kids into a database. Entering all info can cause errors. Had to sort all the cards. Not a high participation rate.

##### Family Fun Night (Erin)

##### Valentine's Day Class Party

- Send teachers list of parents who wanted to volunteer for party. Teachers send out an email to parents.
- Send ½ sheet volunteer list out to gather more volunteer names.
- Sign up Genius to reach out to volunteers
- Going out in next Sundays voice mail. Sunday 25th
- Volunteer list separated out to teachers.
- Ask Nurse about a different snack for party

##### Spring Fundraiser

- Square Art Fundraiser

##### Upcoming Events

January 21st	5-8	DQ Fundraiser
January 22nd	6-8	PTO Family Night (Magician)
February 9th	6-7	PTO Meeting
February 11th		Kindergarten Registration Night
February 12th		Valentine's Day Class Party
February 18th	5-8	DQ Fundraiser