

Forest PTO Meeting, Tuesday, March 8, 2016

Music Room

Principal's Report

- School improvement Plan Mid Year Review Presentation
 - o Will be posted on our website Mar 14th
- MCA Testing:
 - o Window open
 - o 5th graders start on Monday with science test
 - o 3-5th grade math and reading tests will be administered after spring break
 - o Testing dates will be posted on website
- Spring Conferences
 - o Dates: March 15th, 17th & 22nd
 - o PTO is providing staff meals.
 - § Canton Gardens, Mad Jacks
- Planning for next school year:
 - o Calendar
 - § Get dates on Calendar
 - o PTO meetings: offer topics
 - § Before PTO meetings that might include 5th grade panel, daily reading, Kindergarten
 - o Budget
 - o Committees (PBIS, Instructional Leadership, Equity, Parent Engagement, Handbook)
- April meeting with Superintendent
 - o Physical space
 - o Dr. Jenkins
 - o Add questionnaire to parents/teachers on what questions they would like answered

Attendees bring snacks

Teacher's Forum

- Third Grade – Farley, Olynick
 - o Fall
 - § Bus Safety
 - § Map Skills

- o Winter
 - § Arboretum Field Trip
 - § Dog Report
 - § Heritage Posters
 - § Community Project
 - § Decade Timeline
- o Spring
 - § Plant Unit
 - § Spring Field Trip (Zoo)
 - § Community Field Trip (Police, Library, Fire Dept)
 - § Fire Safety Visits
- o Would like ear buds/headphones
- o Homework
 - § Weekly reading log
 - § Nightly math if they don't get it done in class
 - § Spelling words

· Music Mrs. Lutz

- o K – music class held in the Kindergarten rooms.
- o Need multi-purpose room
- o Grade 1 – Steady Beat – district wide assessment
 - § Concert in April
- o Grade2 - Naming notes, rests and values – district wide assessment
- o Grade 3 – Naming notes on Treble Clef Staff – district wide assessment
 - § Trip to Orchestra Hall – January, singing challenge
- o Grade 4 – Recorders – district wide assessment
 - § Orchestra, tryouts for all District Choir in May
- o Grade 5 – Improvisation – district wide assessment
 - § Concert – mid-year, All District Choir, Orchestra, Band
- o Drumming Residency
 - § 3rd, 4th & 5th grades
 - § Performed on Culture Night

- o Possibly have multi-grade concert at Culture Night in the future

Business Topics

- Spring Conference & Scholastic Book Fair

- o Book Fair

- § How many volunteers are still needed?
- § Contact Ann to include volunteer link in Wed folder email
- § Contact Melissa to include volunteer link in Sunday message email
- § What other help is needed?
- § Did we decide against a teacher preview?

- o Conference – staff dinners

- § Are all dinners on order?
- § Budget is \$750

- Spring Fundraiser

- o Kick-off scheduled for March 18th
- o Fundraiser ends April 8th
- o Fundraiser will be announced in each classroom (not at assembly)
- o No student prizes will be awarded
- o Need to raise at least \$7K to be able to provide the same funding next school year
- o Product fundraiser in conjunction with cash donations

- § Square 1 Art

- Case in main hall displays some examples of product for purchase
- Each grade level/class did a different theme for art project
- Catalogs are personalized with students name and art project (all students receive a free sticker sheet)
- Kara Johnson coordinating product fundraiser
- Original timeline for sending art to Square 1 Art was 2/26 and catalogs returned 3/17
- Art (553 pieces) mailed 3/2 – catalogs scheduled to be returned 3/22
- Notified Kara multiple times that kick off is scheduled for 3/18 – requested she contact company and request a rush on catalogs so we can stick to timeline

- § In-kind monetary donations

- § Letter with PTO spend breakdown will accompany a collection envelope

- PTO Family Night
 - o Friday, April 15th, 6-8pm
 - o Bingo
 - § Wendy has a bingo game we can borrow – we have a 100.
 - § Charge \$1 per bingo card
 - § Cards are good for all games
 - § 10 games with 1 prize per game
 - § Gift cards for prizes
 - § Can we get donations from community businesses
 - o Do we need to contact the IRS and/or State for information on gaming laws?
 - o Are we doing a Jets dinner package again?
 - o Suggest families pay in advance with RSVP form – prevent loss
 - o What date should RSVP's be returned by? Spring Break return 4/4, event is 4/8.
 - o Volunteers needed –
 - o Staff – to help serve dinner, pass out bingo cards, collect money, bingo callers
 - o Families – set up and clean up
 - o Need to schedule a planning meeting if possible

Upcoming Events

March 15 th , 17 th , 22 nd		Spring Conferences & Book Fair
March 17 th	5-8	DQ Fundraiser
March 18 th		Spring Fundraiser Kick-off
April 8 th	6-8	PTO Family Night – BINGO
April 14 th	6-7	PTO Meeting (Dr. Jenkins / Fourth Grade / Fifth Grade)
April 21 st	5-8	DQ Fundraiser