

Forest PTO Meeting, Thursday, November 19, 2015

Music Room

Principal's Report

MAP Scores

- Letters and individual student reports regarding Fall 2015 MAP results will arrive in homes the weekend of November 20th for students in grades 2-5.

November Assembly

- The assembly was a great success recognizing our Veteran's.

Student Council

- Representatives were recently announced. Would the PTO consider providing shirts for these students each year?

Family Engagement

- Parents as our Partners has 2 more sessions.
- Muffins with Mom - December 4th
- Doughnuts with Dad - December 11

Dr. Jenkins

- Will join the April 14th PTO meeting

Teacher's Forum

- Phy Ed - Mr. Arseneau
 - Expectations for all grades "Work, Respect, Belong"
 - Work - Give 100% the whole time
 - Respect - Teachers, Classmates, Equipment
 - Belong – Do not cause distractions
- Kindergarten – Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Clemenson, Mr. Rebrovich, Mrs. DeSmit, Mrs. Efron
 - Morning – reading & math blocks, specialty in the afternoon
 - Later lunch & recess this year is working well
 - Kindergarten teachers meet on Wednesday as a group to share ideas.
 - Teachers asked about possibly doing a field trip this year instead of having something come in. They will look around for options. Another possibility is maybe dividing the \$250 among each other, so they each have an amount to spend.
 - Every class has rest time for 15-20min after lunch.

Officer's Report

- On budget
- ELL group is requesting some funds. The PTO would like them to present to the group what they are wanting the money for.

Business Topics

- ShopWithScrip Fundraiser – Update
 - Email went out to teachers explaining the Scrip fundraiser. Kids will come home with folder with information for families
 - Return order forms Dec 7th
 - Cards will come in the week of Dec 14. Families can choose to have cards sent home with kids or we will have a pickup day.
 - Script information will go in Mrs. Jacksons weekly messages.
- Forest Spirit Wear Update
 - Youth & Adult: all grade level colors, short or long sleeved t-shirts, crew & hooded sweatshirts
 - Order deadline 11/30/15 (checking to see if this can be extended)
 - Delivery and pick up at Forest before winter break
 - Order and pay online at www.companycasuals.com/forestelementary
 - Communication: Works Night, Principal News & Notes 11/16, Facebook, Forest front office, 1/2 sheet going out to families Tuesday, November 24th. Adding an order form in case parents want to pay with cash, they can turn it into the office.

- DARE 5th Grade Graduation
 - Thursday, December 17th 2:30pm
 - Volunteers needed – 3rd and 4th grade parents have helped in the past
 - 10 volunteers needed between 2:00-3:30
 - Send home ½ sheet asking for volunteers
 - Organizer – Casey Young, casey_young@rdale.org
 - PTO will provide cakes and supplies
 - Expecting around 300 people.
 - City providing decorations

- PTO Family Night (Magician)
 - Friday, January 22nd 6-8pm
 - 6-6:45 have pizza, 7:00-8:00 Magician
 - Hoping to have staff volunteers
 - Have parents help with setup and tear down
 - RSVP for pizza \$4/person or \$12/family (pizza/water/cookies)
 - School donate fruit, possibly through the cafeteria
 - Coburns donates water (300-400), checking with them
 - Hy-Vee donates giftcards
 - Magician free

- Interschool Council Meetings
 - Once a month, Representatives from all schools, community, School Board are present. School Board talks about what they are planning, equity planning, long range planning
 - Open to anyone who wants to come
 - Meeting minutes will be on the Robbinsdale website