

Potter Road PTO

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

PTO Board Attendance:

Co-President: Adina Kurzman and Kristi Johnson, Co-Vice President: Lisa Gold, Treasurer: Andy Aylesworth, Co-Secretary: Sharyn Richards and Suzanne Burke
PRS Administrator- Larry Wolpe

Administer Update- Larry Wolpe

Access testing will be completed by the end of January

All ELL students are being tested on listening, writing, speaking and comprehension

139 students are going through this on-line testing on English proficiency.

There has been outages but all testing had been completed.

There was a sing-along with Manoogian just before Holiday break

The students had a wonderful time

School-wide fun which featured a few students dancing

Concert on Wednesday, January 20 at 6:00pm will feature the band, chorus and recorder club

James and the Giant Peach performance came from the High School last week

Gave the children something to strive for in the future

Potter Road Drama club performance will be held in May

Friday, January 15

Professional Development Day

There is a number of workshops to choose from for the teachers. The workshop is happening at the high school.

Lego League extension until January 14th.

More parents volunteers are needed

Students will be informed by January 20th if they win the lottery.

The league will be held after schools on Mondays until 4:30.

Lego League begins on January 25th and ends on April 4th

Boks- Chris Lewis

Boks is over and will start up again the end of March

Planning to start either March 21st or March 24th depending on volunteer coverage

Chris would like to train the children to run a mile and get ready for an actual Kids Run where they will bring their family along. Considering late May or even June once school has ended.

Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast- Lisa Slavin

This will be held in the cafeteria on the morning of February 5th

Lisa may need volunteers, if so, she will send an email.

Creative Arts- Elizabeth Meyer

4th Grade going to Lexington Symphony Orchestra on January 27th. They will be bused which will be funded by the town-wide Creative Arts, which is run by Adele Williams.

Adele Williams is in charge of the Creative Arts Council. The council hires a group once or twice a year to come to each school to perform. She would like to hand over this position. If anyone is interested you would be responsible for hiring performers and working within a budget. Adina can provide an email for anyone who is interested.

Town-Wide PTO- Kevin Harris, Sarah Bowers

The next meeting is January 27th from 7-9pm at Stapleton

Target will be discontinuing their fundraising program with the school in the Spring.

Amazon and Stop and Shop funding is important and we should send out a reminder.

Samba fundraiser coming up on February 4th

Give the restaurant the flyer we will be given and 20% of eat-in and take out food sales will go to Potter Road School.

Five Guys fundraiser raised \$208

Margaritas raised \$176

Potential fundraiser options: Big Fresh, Bolocco/Ben & Jerry's combo option, Booster card, Magic Oven

Sweetheart Dance- Lisa DeRosa, Kari Canney

Flyers coming out January 14th in Friday folder

Tickets will be sold on-line through the Spirit Wear link starting January 14th

Split up sales between on-line and flyer returns

175 person limit for the dance.

Sell 60 tickets on-line. First come, first serve

\$5.00 per couple, \$10.00 per family

Creating tickets for people who are attending

Will be sending out a sign up genius email for both food and volunteers.

Food needs will be cookies, cupcakes, fruit, cheese, juice, water, hot chocolate and gift cards from Trader Joes and Stop and Shop.

Receiving a gift card from Party City Corporation for the decoration of \$150-\$200 .

Sarah Bowers will be taking pictures at the dance. She will set up in the cafeteria at the end of the school day.

She will send an email requesting volunteers for set up, breakdown.

She will pass out a bookmark with the Valentine's Day logo. The bookmark will have the web address with 2 locked codes where families can see the photos online, both formal and candid photos will be taken.

Have a meeting a week after the dance to discuss the outcome and what can be changed for the next year

Budget- Andy Aylesworth

Amazon has raised \$190.00

Stop and Shop has raised \$156.00

Target fundraising will be ending May 4th

Get Paula/Larry to send the teachers an email regarding all the fundraising options they can take part in.

Kids Stuff raised \$1462.00 this year

Kids Stuff raised \$1375.00 last year

Where does Potter Road money go?

Buses, mini grants for teachers, field trips, Creative Arts (Aquarium touch tanks), Museum of Science, stipend for classroom supplies, performers (taught kindness, anti-bullying).

Class pictures raised \$1500.00