

Smithtown Elementary PTA Meeting

Agenda

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

- Pledge
- Welcome
- Treasurer's Report – Mike Prego
 - Sports night deposit will be in March / School pictures donation was in February
 - Balance \$22,190
- Principal's Report
 - Sports Night was such a success. Thank you to PTA volunteers and parents for helping!
 - Spirit days have been so much fun! Kids were so excited about PARP. Thank you to PTA for donations of prizes. Thank you to parents for partnering and helping with reading logs.
 - Lost and found still has many items.
 - Outdoor recess - It still back and forth weather for outside - please send the kids in layers.
 - There are many plans in the works for grade level special events - 5th grade will have their spring concert at Smithtown West, and the play is coming soon.
 - Thursday is crossing guard and bus driver appreciation. Bus Buddies made cards to thank them all.
 - We are working on bus behavior / safety. In the morning we read compliments turned in by staff or students, and we are hoping to read about bus behavior.
 - Mask off - It has been a smooth transition. There are several students and staff members still wearing masks. Please be respectful of those still wearing masks. The good news is that there has been no increase in cases. Please continue to report any cases, though.
 - Due to early COVID restrictions, we were not able to plan the circus. Now that things are opening up again, it is too late to begin preparing since it is a year long process. They are replacing it with other amazing events including Mother's Day Tea and Great Guy Day (dates to come).
 - All grades are in the process of planning field trips.
- Teacher's Report - Mrs. Cusati -
 - K - They are working on seasons and weather. (Is it true that March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb?) Project Lead the Way is working on pushes and pulls. Students were able to push/ pull teachers in chairs. They enjoyed the PARP theme and prizes!
 - 1 - They enjoyed the Star lab interactive field trip. They are learning about rainforest animals and working on information reports and non-fiction.
 - 2 - They are learning about planets and working on solar system books. They are subtracting three digits with regrouping. They are learning about seed dispersal in PLTW. Solar System show - details soon - parent volunteers to paint t-shirts.
 - 3 - They are learning about fractions and made fraction sundaes. They are also reading non-fiction, learning about animal adaptations, and writing in bear books.
 - 4 - They had Colonial Day a few weeks ago. It was a museum format to display their projects on their research of colonial trades. They worked on food web program from Western Suffolk Boces (looking at plankton through a microscope).
 - 5 - They have the Young People's concert at the high school to see how the music program works. They are learning about robots, and building their own robots for science. / They are making a kindness tree to spread kindness.

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- Sharon Gribbin- Green Team Chairperson
 - Contact to join the Green Team - Beth Finger bethpfinger@gmail.com
 - Secondary level is doing so much with the teams and clubs already established in the schools.
 - High school West and East students are creating an Instagram account to share information. There will also be a logo contest on the secondary level.
 - On the elementary level, we are hoping to bring in assemblies to teach the kids about the importance of a healthy environment.
- 5th grade Committee - T-shirts were handed out. Pictures will be happening soon. They will need help with the party for the 5th grade play. They ask for volunteers of parents from younger grades to serve beverages and snacks so the 5th grade parents can enjoy the night.

President's Report

- The Nominating Committee has been put together: Sharon Gribbin/ Sue Bosinius from the Board and Heather Calendrillo/ Jen Beinlich and Danielle Chasari from membership. Danielle will be the chairperson. An email will be coming with open positions or if you would like to nominate someone.
- California Pizza Kitchen Fundraiser: made \$108
- May's fundraiser - Mickey's Ice Cream Shop in St. James
- Sports Night was amazing! We had over 225 students participate, and it was NORMAL! Kids had a great time!
- PARP last week - We had 2 book cover winners per grade and 1 bookmark winner per grade. Each was awarded a \$10 Barnes & Noble Gift Card - Congratulations to all winners!
- Kindergarten Registration for September is now open. Contact NYA for information or look under the "kindergarten orientation" tab on the SEL PTA website.
 - Kindergarten screening is usually May/June.
 - Kindergarten orientation in June through the PTA.
- No School: This Friday, March 18th – Superintendent's Conference Day for teachers.

Upcoming Events:

- Thursday, we will show our appreciation to our bus drivers and crossing guards with a breakfast for them.
- The PTA will let our teachers/ staff know how LUCKY we are to have them with a special Duck Donut Treat.
- Family Connect Night: Next week March 21st
- 2022-2023 School Calendar is out - Please check our website or the district website.
- Spirit Wear Promo - NEW VENDOR
- PTA Website (smithtownelpa.org)- tons of information/ flyers and forms
- Remind App: text @68dkk3 to 81010

Next BOE meeting will be **Tuesday, March 22nd, 8pm**
Next PTA Meeting will be **Tuesday, April 5th, 7pm Zoom**