

Smithtown Elementary PTA Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

- Pledge
- Welcome
- Treasurer's Report - Boosterthon, plant sale, Trunk o' Treat, \$29,000 Balance - Only a few accounts to settle. In November we will bring in funds from the book fair and pie sales.

- Principal's Report -
 - Thank you to all of the PTA volunteers at events - Trunk o' Treat, scarecrows, Red Ribbon Week, book fair (Mrs. Lavery is really appreciative of the tables of books for kids who did not have money.)
 - Halloween was great! The Girl Scout Troop set up flags for Veteran's Day.
 - Thankful Family Feathers - There is a beautiful display in the main hall by the Greeter's Desk!
 - Clubs and music lessons are up and running.
 - World Diabetes Awareness Week - A student wrote a message about her experience. This Friday everyone will wear blue.
 - On Wednesday, November 23, there will be a lockdown and evacuation drill with a 15 minute go home early drill (begins at 2:45 - shelter in place, lock down drill, silent go home drill / Students, buses, and classes can earn stars for being quiet. Please no pick-ups between 2:45 and 3:20.)
 - Students were surveyed about the Grade 5 trip. - Bronx Zoo is in the lead for the survey.)
 - June - Mrs. Lavery is retiring after 34 years in education. She is so grateful for all of the wonderful years and Smithtown Elementary and is looking forward to a great year for her last!

- Teacher's Report
 - Kindergarten - In Foundations, they are working on letters and sounds. In social studies and ELA, the topics are families and Thanksgiving. They are working with PLTW units on structure and function. They are reading The Three Little Pigs and building a house. They are working on shapes in math.
 - 1st grade - They are working on story elements through folktales and fables. In math, they are working on module 2 which is subtraction. In Foundations they are learning about bonus letters and doing Thanksgiving themed activities.

- 2nd grade - They finished math module 1 and are beginning module 2. In ELA and social studies, they are learning about communities. In PLTW, they are working on states of matter.
- 3rd grade - They finished math module 1 and are starting module 2 which is place value, the metric system, and multiplication facts. In ELA they are discussing how kids around the world access books and reading both fiction and non-fiction on the topic. In PLTW they are working with simple machines and compound machines to save the tiger. In social studies they are studying the U.S. government.
- 4th grade - They are learning all about Native Americans. In PLTW, they are working on the wind lift challenge. They are practicing letter writing to say thank you to someone who impacted them and writing poetry for their poetry anthology.
- 5th grade - They wrote thank you letters to the Veterans. They are working on fractions and geometry. They are finishing *Tuck Everlasting* and are starting *Esperanza Rising*. They are also working on a grateful tree, have pj movie day coming up, and are participating in the Great American Mail Race.
- RISE - They wrote cards for Veteran's Day. They are learning about the solar system and fall topics.

President's Report

- Family Connect Night - Today! Kickin' Chicken- 25% back to the PTA
- Thanksgiving Food Drive- If you have the means, please send in a giftcard by Friday to Ms. Dennis.
- Meadow Farms Fundraiser continues - wrapping paper/ small gifts/ coffee cakes, etc.
- Please consider making Smithtown Elementary PTA your Amazon Charity of choice! Set it and forget it!
- Membership Push - Raffle: Winter Lantern Family 4-pack for all new members by 11/23
- Lost & Found is piling up; please take a look! (**Mabel Labels Fundraiser is a yearly fundraiser.**)
- Opportunities to volunteer are on the website - Thanksgiving Pie Pick-up & Holiday Night
- Trunk or Treat did AMAZING! Thank You to everyone that came out!
- Boosterthon - The Fun Run was also GREAT and the weather was perfect.
- Spirit Wear - SOCKS are selling out! NEW Flow Society Shorts/ Pop-Its/ Stickers - This can all be purchased throughout Memberhub Store.
- Got Sneakers is on-going - Recycle them with us and help our environment! To date we've received \$32! Every penny helps and keeps them out of landfills!
- We will NOT be having a DECEMBER PTA MEETING
- Upcoming Events:
 - This is World Diabetes Awareness Week – Please wear blue on Friday to show your support.
 - Thanksgiving Pie/ Bread Fundraiser- Pick-up Tuesday 11/22 - Please volunteer to help with delivery and/or pick-up
 - No School - Thursday 11/24 & 11/25 for Thanksgiving

- Early Dismissal on - 11/23 - 15 minutes early - 3:20pm
 - 1/2 Day on Thursday 12/1 - Parent / Teacher Conference
 - No School on Friday 12/2 - Parent / Teacher Conference
 - Dine-O-Round - December 13th - CaboFresh
 - Holiday Night- Parents' Night Off- December 16th 6-8pm - No walk-ins. All MUST register on Memberhub.
 - December to Remember will start on 12/8 - A calendar will follow
 - January flyers will go home - We will have Valentine's Day Cookie Decorating Kits available
 - Blood Drive will be January 23rd
- Arts & Ed
 - New Year's Eve Ball 1/6 – Frankel Sisters will perform for the entire school
 - February 10th- StarLab (1st Grade)
 - March 13th- Yoga Week (entire school)
 - April 17th & 18th- Food Webs (4th Grade)
- PTA Website- tons of information/ flyers and forms
 - Remind App: text @SELPTA to 81010
 - Next BOE meeting will be Tuesday 11/22- 7pm
 - Next PTA Meeting will be JANUARY 17th- 7pm