

Smithtown Elementary PTA Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Agenda

- Pledge
- Welcome- Desiree Zgoda

- Treasurer's Report – Carolyn Prego
 - \$12,228 in account
 - Fundraising did well with plant sale, Ralphs, and Cabo Fresh

- Principal's Report- Dr. Kakalos
 - Meet the Teacher Night was a big success
 - Grade 5 Bagel Breakfast and t-shirt design occurred 10/16
 - Safety drills are ongoing (8 evacuation drills must occur by 12/31)
 - SITE based team discussing walker dismissal
 - New walker/parent pick up will be out by the big playground doors beginning 10/25/23
 - Fire Safety assembly for K&1 coming up
 - NWEA is ongoing
 - PLTW is very fun to watch
 - Teachers will be getting training on Formative and KAMI
 - Am clubs have begun for grades 3-5
 - Tomorrow, 10/16 is Unity Day..wear orange for unity and to spread kindness
 - Trunk or Treat is Friday, 10/20 6-8
 - Scarecrows are looking great outside of school
 - Red Ribbon Wear begins 10/23-bring awareness to making good choices in life
 - Ragamuffin Parade on Halloween 10/31 at 10 am
 - Route will go all the way around the building so parents can spread out and cheer along the entire route
 - Book Fair is 11/1 and 11/2

- Teachers Rep Report-Cusati, Giangrasso, Scomillo
 - **Kindergarten**
 - Students are learning about fire safety in preparation for our assembly on 10/23.
 - They are learning the life cycle of apples and pumpkins and are eager to carve a pumpkin on Halloween.
 - They are continuing to learn letter sounds and correct lowercase letter and number formation.
 - They are learning to count numbers to 10 in a set, circular pattern and scattered arrangement.

- Kindergarteners are learning how to log onto their Chromebooks and use the District ST Math program with JiJi the Penguin.
 - **1st Grade**
 - First graders are working hard learning addition strategies to add
 - Students are also practicing reading strategies when decoding new words.
 - We are exploring light and sound with a PLTW lesson where children will learn how sound travels by making cup phones.
 - **2nd Grade**
 - Math: we are focusing on hundreds, tens and ones to 1000. Writing numbers in unit form, written form and expanded form
 - ELA: beginning to gather information from non fiction texts to write a paragraph about bats and the fall season
 - Science: PLTW- continue with States of matter and how things change by heating and cooling them.
 - **3rd Grade**
 - In 3rd grade they wrapped up our first class read aloud, *The Storm*.
 - They learned about the main idea and are now applying it to different non-fiction texts that they are reading. Students wrote about the main idea about themselves!
 - In math they are continuing to work on multiplication and division using tape diagrams. They are also starting to focus more on specific times table groups.
 - In Social Studies, they finished up our continents, oceans and address units! They are now starting to learn about different landforms all around the world.
 - Students enjoyed building their inclined planes, pulleys and levers in PLTW
 - **4th Grade**
 - Fourth grade continues to stay busy in the month of October.
 - Our classes have finished reading *The Secret Garden* and will be beginning our new novel *Eagle Song* this week!
 - In PLTW, students continue their learning about the Earth. Students were able to conduct hands-on experiments to discover more about plate tectonics and the effects on our land.
 - In social studies, the grade level launches their study of Native Americans this week focusing primarily on the Algonquian and Iroquois tribes.
 - They are excited to be completing our place value unit for addition and subtraction in math and look forward to our next module of study, place value concepts for multiplication and division.
 - **5th Grade**
 - Tuck Everlasting: Novel Study and writing based on literature
 - Students are working on maintaining an organized desk, in preparation for next year's locker.

- Wrapping up Place Value Concepts for Multiplication and Division of Whole Numbers. Up Next: Addition and Subtraction with Fractions
 - Wrapping up Geography in the Western Hemisphere and Matter in Project Lead the Way
 - Thank you to the 5th Grade Committee for their bagel breakfast here in 5th grade!
- **RISE**
 - They are working on a variety of fall topics
 - They are enjoying the sensory room
 - Trunk or Treat will be open to RISE families beginning at 5:30
- **SPECIAL AREAS**
 - ENL: Classes and services are in full swing and we are continuing to strengthen our students' skills in all areas of English. Many groups are studying fall and all of the changes this new season brings.
 - Art: Artists have been working consistently on building routines and strengthening art room procedures. Artists have been working diligently in the art room practicing the Elements of Art and Principles of Design.
 - Library: The fifth grade club, *Tell Me Something Good* has begun! Kindergarten, 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders are all exploring books and topics related to fall and Halloween. Second grade is studying author Dan Gutman to get ready for his visit next week, and first grade is starting folktales and fairy tales.
 - PE: Students are wrapping up their unit on football. 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders are enjoying their Sports/Running Club before school being active.
 - Music: They are wrapping up the first units of the year. They focused on rhythm, meter, and steady beat. 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade classes did a little bit of writing their own music which was performed in class by the teacher and by peers. They are starting a unit on pitch and musical alphabet
 - PLTW-Scientists are using the Scientific Inquiry Process to learn more about the world around them.

President's Report

- **Membership Raffle- up to 200 members**
 - **2 Committee Chairs Needed-Winter Holiday Plant Sale**
 - **Fundraisers:**
 - Sept. 28 Ralph's- \$247.51
 - Oct 12th Cabo Fresh-\$450
 - Coming Up-Nov 14th next Family Connect Night-Carmelina's Pizza

- Reminder to sign up for the PTA and pay your PTA membership
- **Meet the Teacher on 10/3 from 6-9 was a big success**
- **Next Event: Trunk or Treat**
 - This Friday, 10/20 RAIN OR SHINE 6PM - 8PM
 - Will start at 5:30 for RISE students only
 - 250 Tickets sold
 - 26 trunks signed up! Still time to Sign up!
 - Tickets only available for purchase at door now for \$15 cash or venmo
 - We will have ice cream, food truck, DJ, photo station, Guess the Weight of the Pumpkin, 50/50 Raffle, Car Winner

Still to come:

- **Next PTA meeting**-Nov. 14th 6PM
- **Thanksgiving Pie Sale**-Flyer will go out by the end of week/early next week. Due Nov 8th for Pick up 11/20 Chair: Nicole Williams
- **Book Fair 11/2 & 11/3-E-Wallet**
- **Picture Retake-11/9**

Committee Reports:

- **Council Delegate**- Melanie Quagliata
- **Green Team**- Sharon Gribbin
 - Smithtown West is having a beach clean up Saturday, 10/21 at 10-12
- **Arts in Education**- Diana Barnes/ Nikki Ziolkowski
 - Fire Safety for 1st and 2nd grade
 - Dan Gutman-virtual visit for 2nd graders
- **Beautification**-Jennifer Beinlich
- **Blood Drive**-Sharon Gribbin—NOW Kim Hanna
- **Book Fair**-Brandi Serper/Jen Morelli
- **Class Pictures**-Lori Drago
- **Clothing Drive**-Jackie Pardini
- **Dine-O-Round**-Brenna Vassilas
- **Fundraising**-Sue Bosinius
- **Fifth Grade Committee**-Brandi Serper/Jen Morelli

- **Giving & Sharing**-Brandi Serper/Jen Morelli
- **Health & Wellness**-Angela Monahan
- **Membership**-Sue Bosinius
- **PARP**-Kim Pernice
- **Donuts with grownups**-Eric Dimmier/Lisa Todaro
- **Plant Sales**-Sue Bosinius/Kim Hanna
- **Publishing**-Erica Dimmier/Lisa Todaro
- **Raffle Baskets**-Lauren Kolbeck
- **RIF**-Laura Alcaron
- **School Supplies**- Kim Hanna
- **SEPTA**- Meredith McMillen
- **SITE**-Jen Selitto/Robin Matejka
- **Spirit wear**- Robin/Sue NEW shirts avail to order- no shipping free, made to order

Online order 11/6-12/8

- **Sports Night**-3/1 Robin Matejka
- **Staff Appreciation**-Lauren Kolbeck/Kristina Cavalcante
- **Thanksgiving Pies**-Nicole Williams/Kim Hanna
- **Trunk or Treat**-Sue Bosinius
- **Website**-Robin Matejka
- **Yearbook**-Jen Morelli/Kelly Majuk

PTA Website-tons of information/flyers/forms

Remind App: text @SELPTA to 81010

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