

LINK PTA  
MEETING MINUTES  
1/23/2024

FFMS: Julie Upton coming to Link to meet with 4th & 5th grade parents to talk about FFMS and answer any questions.

Reminder for outdoor recess: If the temperature feels like it is above 32 degrees, students will go outside. Please dress them accordingly.

Mrs. Allen is back in 5th grade after having her little boy last year. We are very excited to have her back.

Building Updates:

- K registration is happening now and is ongoing
- Great kindness challenge: random acts of kindness for Valentines week
- Computer based simulation: grades 3-5 to test technology for NYS testing. NYS tests will be on the computer. 5th grade Science will be in June, ELA in April and Math in May

Committee updates:

- 5th grade:
  - Students and faculty are very excited about the trip to Philly
  - Tricky tray: Paramount Country Club: \$65 to enter and then ticket packages
  - This year's community service project will be to support The Ronald McDonald House
- Sweetheart Social: March 1st from 7-9pm at Link: If you would like to volunteer please reach out to krista reynolds
- International Night: Solidifying dates to make sure that the gym is available.\*We are looking for volunteers and people to learn how to chair this beautiful night. Sign-ups will be going home soon so students and families can sign up, food, stage and decorations committee. Last year, we had a chorus portion so we will check with Ms. Kimmel to see if we can still do that. The more hands on deck, the better. 5th graders can sign up to MC the event, perform, chorus and/or partake in the fashion show.
- PARP: Boulders stadium & reading challenge partnership: Encourages kids to read outside of the classroom. Boulders will provide reading log papers, prizes for teachers, classes, and schools that participate.

#### Fundraising:

- Color me mine: 2/12-2/16 to paint and a portion of proceeds go to Link PTA.
- NY Yankee Game!! 4/21 @ 1:35 pm - sales stop exactly on April 5th. Email Ashley with questions.
- Coming soon..Philly Pretzels in New City
- Paint & Sip: 5/4 - location TBD

#### Ellen: Cultural Arts:

- Cultural Arts has kicked off January 2024 with a bang!
- Grade K-5 had a presentation by Jared Campbell. He performed his original songs, while taking kids through his songwriting process. The songs carried a message of kindness and caring. The students were also taken on an interactive sing-along journey that included a lot of their favorite video games.
- Next up in February, we have Pathways to Rhythm and Drums returning to Link for an interactive music and dancing assembly.
- February: A Day of Clay...4th Artist in Residence: Potter, Cliff Mendelssohn will spend a day with 4th graders where they will each be making their own clay project!

#### Spiritwear:

- Jackie Pepe is working on a new line and working with a vendor. She is working on another line of girly items with the new paw print. The link will be up and running for online sales only - items can be shipped or distributed in school.

#### PTA council:

- Feb 6th 7:15-8:45 pm: Winter conference coming up via zoom: any pta member can join. TOPIC: How does social media affect your child? A link will be sent via blast.
- Electric buses coming in near future. We own 138 of our own buses. The electric buses would be leased from another company.