

## PTA Meeting Minutes

3/19//2024

Thank you to our teachers for always filling us in with your super informative teacher's reports!

NYS Exams: computer-based testing dates are as follows:

### ELA

#### **3rd grade**

*Wednesday, April 10th*

*Thursday, April 11th*

#### **4th grade**

*Monday, April 15th*

*Tuesday, April 16th*

#### **5th grade**

*Wednesday, April 17th*

*Thursday, April 18th*

### Math

#### **3rd grade**

*Wednesday, May 1st*

*Thursday, May 2nd*

#### **4th grade**

*Monday, May 6th*

*Tuesday, May 7th*

#### **5th grade**

*Wednesday, May 8th*

*Thursday, May 9th*

### Science

#### **5th grade**

*Tuesday, May 14th*

**DARE** is off to a great start with Officer Mullins.

**In Art**, students have been drawing and painting! All of our amazing Link artists are eager to share what they have been making with their family so keep an eye out for things to come.

**March is music month in our school!** All of the kindergarten and first grade parents received an email inviting them to come in and experience music class with your students. We also have international night coming up on April 11th and the second graders will participate this year by signing in a chorus. So far we have about 36 students who are signed up to participate so we've been practicing!

**Music:** May 14th sprint concert all 4th and 5th graders

**The Drama Production**, The Wizard of Oz is next week.

**Tricky Tray** TONIGHT, Friday, March 22nd.

Mrs. Bish is very thankful to the PTA for all of the different programs that they have been providing to the school this year. One assembly that was a huge success was the Day in Clay with the Clay Potter. This was a 4th grade assembly and the Clay Potter spent extended blocks with the kids and he was very knowledgeable. The kids created clay pots and got to paint them and take them home. Mrs. Bish would like this to be something that we could expand upon.

**New for incoming Kindergarten:** Brigance screening tool will be used for all incoming kindergarten students.

**Reading:** PARP was done in February. PARP participation was okay. The PTA received positive feedback. Now we are in the middle of the Boulders challenge. We know that the more they read, the more stamina and vocabulary they build. Mrs. Garvey's class has the highest participation and the most minutes logged. There are two students that are almost tied for the 1st place prize. \*\* Please make sure you write your child's first and last name clearly so we have to correct spelling for the certificates.

**The District is looking at attendance:** they are reviewing numbers of absences and tardies. The school has been sending out reminder letters on how many absences and tardies students have. A tardy is marked by 8:10 am.

**Solar Eclipse** - April 8, 2024, between 2:00 pm and 3:30 pm, New York will be experiencing a total solar eclipse. To ensure the safety of students and staff, we will be distributing eclipse glasses to wear during dismissal on that day. We're not doing an early dismissal. We will have a safe dismissal. If parents want to pick up their child early, they can. The eclipse will happen at dismissal time. Parents are urged to practice safe practices after school hours as well.

**International Night:** April 11th-We have 11 performances. Each grade had a project to complete and all of the projects will be displayed in classrooms so families can do a gallery walk to see the projects.

**\*\*We are asking that all parents and families please keep your child/children with you so as to ensure safety for all children and to not interrupt the hard-working performers.**

**Spiritwear:** The online store did well and everything is made to order. Items will be here in 3-4 weeks. We would like to get more girl items. As for now, we wanted to get some type of items out.

**Bookfair:** 4/30, 5/1 and 5/2

**Plant Sale:** 5/10

**PTA will have open positions. The open positions are as follows:**

Cultural arts  
Treasurer  
President  
Fundraising

Members of the Nomination Committee are: Alyssa Levy, Ellen Morrison and Anthonetta Jaxel.

**\*\*The PTA is looking for one more non-PTA Board member to join the committee.**

**All things 5th grade:**

5th grade community service project: Ronald McDonald House charity was a huge success! The 5th grade trip was approved and paid for. Coach busses will be provided for transportation. Link is exceeding the district chaperone ratio for added safety. There will be 8 staff members, Mrs. Bish, a nurse, and some parents who are going because of medical concerns. There will be two males going: Mr. Terry and a male parent who can escort boys to the restrooms.

**Fundraising:**

Yankee fundraiser: game. Stopping sales April 8th  
Adult Paint and sip at Gio's  
Restaurants: more fundraisers to come

**Cultural arts:**

Jaren campbell  
Rhythm and drums came and children participated  
Cliff Mendelsen: process of making clay pots and painting them. 4th grade. Each child took a home  
Virtual dogsled assembly  
David Adler who is the author of Cam Jansen is coming up next

**PTA Council Update:**

Had extensive conversations about the budget and there will be a meeting to follow. The District invested about 3.6 million dollars into new and updated safety cameras and systems for our schools. They are looking into getting new PA systems.

**Falcons Foundations:** New program coming for students, such as teaching them how to balance checkbooks, etc. Parents are concerned that students with IEP's are not offered the Festa Foundations course and will miss out on these wonderful opportunities. High School students can look forward to having more business class offerings. There will be more STEM programs as well.

**Scholarships: The PTA voted tonight in favor of supporting the Scholarship program funds for PTA council.**

Questions were asked about replacing the soccer nets and basketball nets at the school. The PTA is going to reach out to facilities.