

Link PTA Meeting Minutes November 21, 2023

Principal Update:

Student Council:

- Mrs. Clancey and the Student Council will be collecting food for their food drive in December and students can also bring in warm items for the mitten tree which goes to people right in our own community.

Report Cards:

- The trimester ends on December 1st and Reports cards will be posted to the portal on December 8th.

Music Update:

- Mrs. Kimmel's winter concert information has been sent home.

Class Sizes:

- Class sizes were lowered due to Covid-19. The Board of Education has since voted to bring class sizes back up to pre-covid-19 days. Grades K, 1 and 2 can now have up to 25 children in each classroom and grades 3, 4 and 5 can have up to 27 children per class. In 1st grade, new students were registered before October 15th therefore, the classes can split and will split into 3 classes. If new students register after October 15th, classes will not split. Link is currently interviewing for a new 1st grade teacher and hoping to have them start after Thanksgiving.

Presidents Report:

- NYS PTA Convention in Albany:
 - PTA wants the parents to be aware of the services available for students with Anxiety, depression, social media concerns, and other social and emotional needs. There are resources available to help parents and students navigate all of this.
- Thankful:
 - The PTA provided a delicious coffee bar for the teachers prior to Thanksgiving. The PTA also provided crafts and bracelets for all of the students.
- Holiday Boutique: coming up! Flyers and envelopes have been sent home. The PTA is looking for more volunteers. Please reach out to the Link PTA if you could help!
- PARP: Pick a Reading Partner
 - PARP kick-off is February 2nd. PARP runs for two weeks then we have the PARP finale. The PTA is looking for PARP chair person to help run this amazing program! Please reach out if you can help!
- Beautification Project: Link will be borrowing stencils from another school and will have parent volunteers paint fun activities onto our blacktop for the children to enjoy!

Fundraising Update:

- Color Me Mine: February 14th: more details to follow.
- January there will be more restaurant fundraisers
- Treasurer:
 - The budget has been approved.
 - The PTA purchased new picnic tables for all to enjoy, a new sign for the front of the building, an updated marquee sign and paint for the blacktop stencils courtesy of the fundraising from The Wizards basketball game last year!
- Membership:
 - There will be a \$50 raffle for all teachers and staff who are current PTA members.
- Programming:
 - The PTA is looking for a chairperson for International Night and PARP! Please Help!
- Cultural Arts:
 - K-5 had a fun Science assembly in November and the children had a great time!
 - December 13th there will be a holiday themed assembly covering all holidays!
 - The PTA has lined up a lot of great assemblies for the remainder of the year!

5th Grade Update:

- Tricky Tray:
 - There will be a silent auction at Tricky Tray. The 5th graders will work closely with our very own art teacher on creating a class collaboration art portrait. These portraits will be auctioned off at Tricky Tray.
 - Permanent jewelry will be available to Tricky Tray!
 - Digital catalogs will be available soon!
- The 5th graders had a wonderful Link-A-Roni night! All of the guests had a delicious dinner and dessert and super-fun entertainment with lots of prizes!