

JANUARY 11, 2011

General PTO Announcements – Rose Hornung

- Welcome & Introductions
- Explanation of 50/50 Raffle - to help off-set childcare expense for PTO Meetings(Supervised childcare for children (4 years Old and up)
- Attend PTO Meeting and receive one hour towards volunteer credit
- A free dress pass is given to a child whose parents attend the PTO meeting.
- PTO meetings are the second Tuesday-Every month. Except December.
- Parents informed that Meeting Minutes are available in front office and posted on Website.

General School Announcements – Mrs. Tapp

- Mrs. Tapp shared her concerns about student attendance. She informed parents that students learn five Sunshine State standard things every day. She stated that even though the students can make up their work by having the work sent home when the student is absent, it is not the same as participating in the class discussions. Parents should strive for their children to attend unless they are sick and try to eliminate unnecessary absents and schedule appointments for after school.
- No school on Monday, Jan 17th to observe MLK day
- Mrs. Tapp expressed her gratitude for the parents who have been volunteering their time for Car Loop in the morning.
- Friday, Jan 21st, is the school's science fair. 3rd – 6th graders will have their projects displayed in the multi-purpose room. All are welcome to peruse. Winners of the Science Fair will go to the Melbourne Auditorium in March.
- FCAT orientation is scheduled for Feb. 22nd at 9:00am. This will teach parents how to prepare their children for the FCAT. Mrs. Tapp expressed the importance of perfect attendance especially during FCAT.
- Student enrollment: Mrs. Tapp mentioned that School Registration forms for Fall 2011 School year will be sent home in February. There will be an Open House in February for new students.

Treasure Report – Teri Benedix-Stone

- Balance as of December 2010:
 - \$6,759.73

School Clubs

- Stacking Club – Club Leader: Mrs. Crider
 - This club is currently meeting on 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month
- Lego Robotics – Club Leader: Mr. Fidler
 - This is a competitive club for older children that meets on Thursday 3-4:30.
- Nature Club – Club Leader: Mrs. Grace
 - This club is suitable for all ages and is currently meeting on 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month

**IMPORTANT: Any parent that is in charge of running a club must be fingerprinted. The cost is about \$58.00 and it takes about six weeks to have this process handled.*

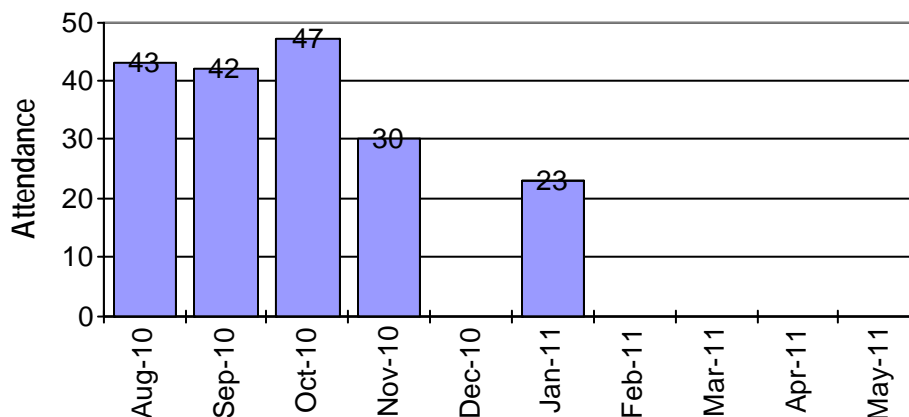
Fund Raisers

- Box Tops – The Box Top contest ends on January 29. When parents send in Box Tops, not only does it help their child's class work towards winning the contest and receiving a class celebration, it really helps the school. The school received a check from BOX TOPs valued at \$446.20. Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Crocker for all your hard work and dedication to help our school!
- School T-Shirts for sale in the office for \$10.
- Raffle for Playground - Nancy Riley & Leslie Guerry are our raffle coordinators. They both have done an extraordinary job in gathering contacts and knowledge to make this raffle a success. Nancy informed parents of the status of the fundraiser activities. For additional planning time, the raffle will happen in May at the Spring Fling. PTO has decided to obtain as many vendor contributions as possible and print all of the vendors on the tickets to raise monies. This should be very successful. Details are to come.

PTO Discussions

- Established the "Gracious Gifts" program for the teachers and administration to allow parents to know teacher's needs of the classroom. These lists are available and will be updated quarterly.
- The Ice Cream Social is scheduled for March 25th, right before Spring Break. This event will be held in the E.H. playground.
- Indian River Lagoon Field Trip in March. Brevard Public School Buses are not available for this trip, therefore, we will have to consider other means of transportation. (Travel Lynx is \$550) Need three weeks in advance for reservation. Ms. Moles to provide additional information.
- Spring Fling is just around the corner, so it's time to start planning. The event is held at Rhodes Park in West Melbourne. Rose Hornung will be sending home a Volunteer Registration form soon. This event requires as much parent participation as possible to be successful. The event is scheduled for Saturday, May 7th
- The school's playground is gaining parent's interest and concerns. With many unanswered questions, the PTO suggested starting up a playground committee and Kathie Vara has graciously volunteered to be the lead. If you are interested in participating in this committee, please contact a PTO officer.
- Mr. Fidler and his Lego Robotics Club members demonstrated the Lego robot in simulating medical scenarios. Using commands from a computer, the robot maneuvered around obstacles and obtains objects. Thank you to Mr. Fidler and his club for the great Robotics presentation!

PTO Attendance Report



Next PTO Meeting – February 8, 2011