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PTO Meeting – October 10th, 2023 6:30 pm

Dress Down passes given to families who attend the meeting. Volunteer hours earned for attending. Attendees recorded in the book under family name. Childcare was not available at this meeting. Volunteer hours available for registered volunteer agreeing to manage childcare.

Welcome – Julia Place Co-President-

Meeting called to order by Julia Place. Tonight's focus is Science Fair.

Minutes - Tanesha Wilson and Trish Symister. Minutes are will be kept in the office, uploaded to webpage, and a copy sent home with the next newsletter.

FOCUS – Science Fair – Mrs. Turner gave a short presentation. Looking for judges. Judges do not have to be a registered volunteer because they will be accompanied by staff throughout the fair. Science fair will be on January 18th, 2024

- This year Fourth to Six graders will be competing with each other.
- If you are using sand or soil, must use gloves and safety goggles
- Can't use anything that will mold
- Requirement can be found on www.brevardschools.org. There is a teacher and student manual that can
- We do Science, students get to show scientific inquiry on their projects
- Grade 3 will get the opportunity to watch and see the presentations.
- It is now called the Science and Engineering Fair.
- Engineering can't just be a presentation. Child has to show prototypes with trials before presenting the final product. Trials can be documented in the log book.
- The aim is for students to engage and show understanding of the scientific enquiry process.
- All projects should be at school after final reviews by Tuesday
- Must use Math, Computer, Research and Writing skills.
- There are three divisions- Science (Measurable, Replicable), Engineering- must make a product and say how strong it is and Math and Computer Science, build machines, coding. Requesting someone with coding experience. Parents are encouraged to have students start working on gathering information now.
- It is essential to start planning the project and make it small manageable projects from now instead of waiting until the Christmas Holiday
- There are three forms that must be completed- Project Approval, Ethics Agreement and Risk Assessment and Designated Supervisor Form
- There is an option to have a Team Projects- each student must be full participants and students must have two different log books
- Siblings are not always encouraged as a Team



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- Teams projects are permitted and encouraged
- Students role include working responsibly
- Parent's role is to encourage, answer questions, supervise safety and attend the fair.
- Parents of 2nd and 3rd grade students are encouraged to attend to get ideas
- We need judges. Parents are encouraged to let us know if they have anyone who would be willing to participate.
- Stellar 6th grade students can participate in the Secondary Science and Engineering
- Set Up is on March 13th and the judging is on March 14th for the District Fair
- The Art Fair will also happen on the same day
- Parents are encouraged to find out more information on the website.
- Have fun and Science On!

Treasurers Report – Diana Hernandez and Cristina Wright (balance \$11,259.89)- Diana sent her regards Cristina spoke. Got a credit for \$10 and there no outstanding balances and payments.

Vice President's report - Jessica Applewhite and Alicia Savela

- **Morning Mile** continues on Tuesday and Thursday morning 8:00 to 8:30 registered volunteers can Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44ABAD23A1FCC25-educational>. Still going well, it takes 75 laps to get a charm. Working on getting some music also. Parents are asked not to drop off their students before 8:00 as students will not have adult supervision
- **October 26th, Timeline** 6pm-8pm Calvary Baptist Church 2980 N Wickham Rd grades K-6. Timeline is quickly approaching and parents can start getting their costumes ready. Parents are being asked to stay to the end of the presentations.
- **October 16th in-service for teachers.** Lunch provided by room 8 grades 1 and 2. There are still items that are needed for donations. Slots for desserts, sides and drinks are still needed. This is going to be professional development day and food needs to be dropped off by 10:30AM.
- **Clubs:** (Request for Lego builders) Parents asked to have proposal for next PTO if interested in cheering a club. If cheering must be a registered volunteer. cost per child, dates, grades offered, then send to Mrs. Turner for approval. We are still looking for parents to volunteer to give students the opportunity to participate in various clubs.
- **Box Tops** – collected \$71.00 to date, we have current offers for Pillsbury, Annies and other promotions. You can share your referral code to get double points.



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- **Bench project-** PTO is looking for the bench for purchase. Flowers will not be near the bench since they would require upkeep. If it gets above \$500, we can seek assistance approval.
- **Manatee of the Month sponsored by PTO-** A new initiative to have student recognized for their values. The concern was that it would become a popularity contest. We will continue to brainstorm as to how the selection process will take place.
- **Charities and Sharing** - As the holiday season approaches, so is our season of giving. EHCS and Country Day will host a Coin Drive in November and Food Drive in December. Coin Drive collection dates are November 1st to November 14th and Food drive collection dates are December 4th to December 14th.

Communication tool - Marcella Carbajo - discussion continues on product. Marcella is still creating the regulations. We have been using the Momo Board successfully. We need a way to get the QR code for those who do not attend PTO Meetings.

Principal's report - Cheryl Turner

- Picture retakes Oct 13th, yearbook sales open (\$25 presale, \$30 at Spring Break). The
- SITE visit from BPS October 17th
- October 23d IRL field trip- Indian River Lagoon
- RED RIBBON WEEK – Oct 23 to 27 – Decorate with red, contest and prizes
- New teacher in grade 4 (Ms. Bellis) and Admin Asst in CDAY (Miss Kelsi)
- Art to Remember finishing soon. Students have been working on it and it will be sent home soon.

Teacher's Report:

- **Kindergarten:** Doing rhyming, first sounds, segmenting, blending letter formation, writing labels for pictures, sight words. Teaching kids about Community helpers.
- **Grades 1&2:** Class working on regrouping and adding strategies in math. In science class is learning about sounds/vibrations and different forms of energy. Also working on timelines, biographies (past and present).
- **Grade 3:** Working on additional, subtraction, regrouping, electromagnetic waves, forces, culture (USA, Canada, and Mexico).
- **Grade 4:** Planning for field trip to Indian River Lagoon. Also doing research for time lines.
- **Grade 5&6:** ELA-BBA Reading Assessment and Text Structures. Class getting ready for science fair projects.
 - 5th Grade adding, subtracting, multiplying, and decimals
 - 6th Grade adding, subtracting and working on negative numbers.



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Concerns and Comments: There were no concerns and comments.

Next Meeting will be November 14th, 2023 (Tuesday) 6:30 pm MONTESSORI demonstration night.