

PTA Notes for May 6, 2015

Teacher Breakfast was a success and the teachers/staff really appreciate it!

Next Tuesday we are having a fundraiser dinner at Illegal Pete's. PTA will also provide lunch for the staff as teacher appreciation. The fundraiser is from 4:00-10:00 and we need to make sure that we tell them that we are part of Columbine.

Reports:

Kinder Preview: We had a lot of families here. There were a lot of neighborhood families. We have 6 open enrolled families. Right now we are projected for 75 kids, but we need 20 in each class to keep the teachers. We are looking at 20 in each kinder class.

Budget:

Raffle- we don't have a finalized number and with the second deposit, we are up to about \$12000. We might not make the \$15,00 goal, but it's a great start.

Climbing Wall- We have about \$1700 for the climbing wall and we have a family that will match what we need. If we have extra, that may help cover maintenance fees. That price includes the estimate for construction fees.

Fourth Grade- They got a grant for mini-iPads, but it didn't include covers. Francine was able to raise about \$300-\$400 dollars from fourth grade families for covers and chargers.

Author Visit- We had a great author visit and thanks to some families, we were able to pay for that. \$500 was the discounted costs, and we raised \$430. PTA will have money to cover the rest in unappropriated funding.

We may need to have an author night with our Columbine family authors.

Upcoming Events:

Illegal Pete's- Tuesday the 12th we will need help napkins, forks, plates, etc. We need some help with set-up and we may need a waiter. 11:00-1:00

Guillermo is being recognized for by the Board for being the Colorado Association for Bilingual Education's Outstanding Principal of the Year on the 12th. 4:30-6:00 at the Ed Center... in the Aspen Room.

Fiesta- Raffle Winners will be announced. Will be on the 15th. We don't have a committee yet that is organizing this event. The fourth grade is going to represent their Spanish as a World Language play during the Fiesta. Fourth Grade is going to be doing their Guac Off. There will be a plant sale in the building.

Magali is looking at arranging for some musicians to come as her grand hurrah. Fifth grade band may perform as well.

FRS Classes- Is there any way we can have the class schedule for FRS classes earlier to help families arrange childcare? The budget is going to be severely different year. We would love to be able to make arrangements early.

Family in school that is in desperate needs. Kids have medical issues, kids are living with grandparents, grandparent has cancer and they are homeless. We are going to try to figure out a way to help them. FRS can't start GoFund Me and PTA can't start it, but we want to help. We would love to start some kind of Family Friends Fund...Can we do a foundation? Check with Sanchez and First Pres. We will investigate how to help.

Mile Marathon- We have all these new sponsors. We've been delivering letters around the neighborhood about the parking. We need to do it again. Boulder Running Company will donate something to us. They are working on a donation. Skcratch Labs is donating. Eldora Spring Water, Whole Foods, and Moe's Bagels. There is a sign up. We still need a coffee donation. Kallgren Dermatology is donating the shirts again. They give us about \$4000 for the shirts. We can put the list of donations on the website. We are discussing adding all of the sponsors to the t-shirt. We'd love to recognize all of our sponsors. There will be a challenge wave again. Every child in the school gets a free t-shirt, but we have a few extras. We are discussing trying to get extra shirts and do a preorder.

Talent Show- Is there a way we could take it and put it on the website on a secure way and we need to have agreements from families? We could do a private facebook group.

Lots of discussion about possible fundraising for Mile Marathon.

People can go to the PTA website for all of the things we do (Mile Marathon, Greenhouse, Climbing Wall) to see how they donate. Money goes to assemblies, school classroom grants, books, author visits, possibly a fund run. Nice looking email with a link so people could click and donate. We need someone to organize that.

Guillermo's Presentation:

We will put out a request for SAC members. We need one member from PTA, Two primarily Spanish speaking parents, two primarily English parents, 2 teachers.

Thank you for everything you have done for us all over the year. We so appreciate all that you do! Volunteering in first, the breakfast,

We will have 535 kids next year. Funding is challenging. After staffing, we have one teacher day left over. We have some hotspots, we want to buy more counseling and we want to make sure that second grade is great. Now is a great time to get feedback to me. It will take me a while to get to your e-mail, but I do look at all of them and I think about what your ideas/input.

I feel really great about that you will give me your feedback and that we will do our best to take it to the next step.

We are celebrating Jennifer Schwarz. She's graduating and she is going to be incredibly missed!!!!

Second grade will have an extra .5 for literacy and math.