

Otisville Elementary April PTO Meeting

April 21, 2010

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Staci Doty & Kelly Fedrezzi
Jennifer Logedo
Sally Ann Clayton
Secretary

Chairperson
Co-Chairpersons
Treasurer

Principal's Report: Alice Reh

Kindergarten Screening was held the week of March 12th for incoming Kindergartens. Everything went very smooth. Thank you to the PTO for arranging volunteers to assist with the screening. Another incoming Kindergarten event will be held on May 6th in the morning. These children will participate in a physical education class and an art class.

Earth Day Celebration will be held tomorrow at 2pm across in the soccer field. This celebration will be for the students and will be short; we will include songs and the earth day pledge. Mrs. LeMieux's 3rd grade class is making head bands. All the classes will be involved celebrating earth day in their special way.

The Chorus Concert will be held on May 10 at 2:30 for grades 3 – 5 and at 7pm for parents. It will also be held on May 11th at 2:30 pm for grades K – 2. All are welcome.

The District Budget Vote will take place on May 18th.

The Band Concert will be held on May 24th at 2:30 pm and May 25th at 2:30 pm and 7 pm. All are welcome.

Memorial Day Weekend: We will now have off on Friday, May 28th to start the Memorial Day weekend off.

Last Day of School for students has been confirmed as Thursday, June 24th. This will be a full day of school.

Our second year is almost complete in this building. Time is really flying by. We are working on our school theme for next year.

Assistant Principal's Report: Vincent Biele:

New York State ELA Testing will be held next week for grades 3 – 5. In the past, ELA was given in January. This year it has been moved to April to better prepare the students.

New York State Math Testing will be held the first week of May for grades 3 - 5.

New York State Science Test (hands on version) will be given the end of May for grade 4. The written part will be given June 7th.

Carly's Crusade: I would like to thank the PTO for providing this great event which is geared towards all grade levels. This event will be held on May 18th. Videos, which were developed by John Walsh and his wife, teach the students about "stranger awareness". The older students also learn about internet safety. Carly's Crusade will also be incorporated into all the gym classes teaching self preservation techniques.

Locker Clips: These clips, which are on 4th and 5th grade lockers, have worked very well to keep lockers closed and to provide some security. We will need more of these clips. Money that we have earned from Target will be given to buy more of these clips. Motion made, second, and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer Logedo:

We collected \$765 for the Jumpin Jakes event; \$655 was paid out to Jumpin Jakes.

So far, \$3000 has been deposited for Yearbooks. The cost of yearbooks ordered is \$11,000. This has been paid in full.

We still have \$2000 which is part of the old playground fund; this account will be closed and the money will be deposited into our main account.

\$500 was given to the Drama Club to help with the production of "Twinderella". All \$500 was used.

Motion made, second, and approved.

Approved Minutes/Correspondences: Sally Ann Clayton

Minutes were reviewed from the March meeting. No questions were asked.

Motion made, second, and approved.

Old and On-Going Business:

Box Tops for Education, (Cindy): The school has made over \$2500 this year in box tops. All box tops coming in this month until the end of the year will count towards the 2010/2011 school year.

Ink Cartridge Recycling/Target Charge Card/Campbell's Soup Labels, (Valerie):

Cell phones: mailed out box of 20; worth \$8.83. Need \$25 for payout.

Staples: \$240 in rewards coming in at end of April for March. Total of \$900 so far this year (last three years, we averaged \$700 a year). We can always mail cartridges to CC Cash if PTO wants money instead of Staples credit.

Price Chopper – Tools for Schools: 19,736 total points through 2/14/10. We ordered two tubs of sidewalk chalk and recess packs (balls, jump ropes, frisbees, etc.)

Campbells: Had 2,978 points; ordered chalk, basketballs, bases, etc. Applied for 2000 bonus points in labels for America programs (Haiti, SOS, Diabetes Walk, Jump Rope for Heart – 500 each)

Target – Take charge of Education: Have \$152.18 towards next payout. Apparently, this happens just once a year in September.

Yearbook: The Yearbook was officially closed out last Monday. Nothing else could be added to the actual book. Some orders are still coming in; books are scheduled to arrive sometime in June.

New & Upcoming Events:

Science Fair: The science fair, which was held on April 9th, went very well. We had 97 participants; all participants received medals and certificates. There were many great experiments happening that night. We would like to thank Mary Carver for coordinating this event, and we would also like to thank all the volunteers. Next year, we may have the science fair a little earlier in the year so we are able to get pictures in the yearbook.

Jumpin Jakes: This Young Gentleman/Special Lady event for grades K – 2, was held on April 11th. There were about 45 or 50 kids and their special ladies. Both kids and moms/special ladies were jumping. All had a great time.

Kindergarten Screening: This was held April 12th through the 14th for incoming Kindergarten students. Everything went very well. We would like to thank all our volunteers who assisted the children around the room to the different stations.

Adult Mixer: This event, which was set for April 17th, was canceled. There were approximately twelve people who were interested in going. We are out about \$500 since we still had to pay the DJ.

Young Gentleman/Special Lady Grade 3 - 5: This event will occur at the Castle in Chester on Saturday, May 22nd from 10am until 12pm. You pay \$27 (for the both of you) which includes golf and your choice of two other activities such as: laser tag, laser maze, arcade or go carts. You can bring a bag lunch or you can purchase your own food.

Zumba: The kids had a great time “zumbaing”. The cost was one dollar for each person. We made about \$68. Everyone had a lot of fun.

Faculty and Staff Luncheon: The original date was set for Friday, May 14th but it has now been changed to Thursday, May 13th. We will ask Parents to bring in hot/cold food and desserts. We need volunteers to help set up and rotate food throughout the day. We are requesting \$200 for sandwich platters. Motion made, second, and approved.

Moving Up Celebration: This event will take place on Friday, June 11th at the school from 6pm until 8:30 pm. The DJ is booked. There will be dancing, snacks, and prizes will be given out. Prizes will include gift cards to Hollister, Walmart, Toys R Us, etc. We need to allocate approximately \$2000 for this event. Motion made, second, and approved.

Nominations for PTO Chairs for 2010/2011: Josephine Whitehurst’s nomination was accepted for PTO Chair; Staci Doty and Laura Hedberg’s nominations were accepted for Co-Chairs; Jennifer Logedo’s nomination for Treasurer was accepted. We are still looking for a new secretary for the next school year. Anyone interested, please contact the PTO.

The School Garden: The garden (20 x 40 plot) has been dug out behind the school; volunteers have removed many rocks from the dirt this past Saturday morning. Every Tuesday morning at 8:10am, the “core” garden group meets to discuss the next stages. All progress will be posted on the Otisville website. A facebook page will also be started so we can keep information about the garden current. We are now checking into donations of seeds and fencing. We will need a group of people to water, weed and mulch. The shed that was at the old Otisville building will be brought to our building to help store many items. Lowes has donated a \$25 gift card; we are also looking into Home Depot for a donation. We are asking if any families can help with basic tool

donations. The PTO will sponsor the garden for \$1000. Motion made, second, and approved.

Thank you for coming. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 19th.