

Otisville Elementary March PTO Meeting

March 10, 2010

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Principal's Report: Alice Reh

March will be a very busy month with different activities and events such as:

The Great Read A Loud Program: Volunteers, which included faculty, staff, a post office worker and some members of the Mt. Hope Police Department, came and read to the students this week. The students really enjoyed being read to.

PTO Book Fair: Students from each grade were able to purchase books at the book fair. Family night was this evening from 3:30 pm until 7pm. The students really love buying books.

Mad Science Program: This is a local program called Up, Up and Away. This event took place last week. Students really loved viewing all the different interesting science projects.

We would really like to thank our **PTO** for giving us these extra programs and events.

Incoming Kindergarten Story Hour: This Friday at 9:30 in the library.

Kindergarten Registration will be held April 11th, 12th and 13th.

The Musical "Twinderella": Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade Drama students have been working very hard and they will star in the musical "Twinderella" which premieres March 23rd and March 24th. There will be a show at 2:30 pm and 7pm both days. All are welcome.

Spring Recess: runs from Monday, March 29th through Monday, April 5th. Classes resume on Tuesday, April 6th. After spring recess, it will be report card time.

Arbor Day: Tree seedlings will be given out to all the students in honor of Arbor day. We need about \$276 for 1000 trees. Motion made, second, and approved.

At the end of April, we will be giving the New York State ELA tests.

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer Logedo:

All checks were deposited from the Father Daughter Dance and the Snow Tubing event. The PTO made approximately \$1000 on the dance and approximately \$350 on snow tubing.

We also made about \$1200 dollars profit selling NED yo-yos. Mr. Biele will receive a voucher to purchase items for the school to benefit the students.

Motion made, second, and approved.

Approved Minutes/Correspondences: Sally Ann Clayton

Minutes were reviewed from the February 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. That is the most money we have ever made. We will now start calculating for next year. Keep the box tops coming!

Ink Cartidge Recycling/Target Charge Card/Campbell's Soup Labels, (Valerie): Nothing new to report. Please see last month's minutes for the most current information.

Yearbook: All yearbook orders are due by March 22nd. Yearbooks, which will be in hard cover and in color, will cost \$20. The PDAs, personal displays of affection, will cost \$5 each. A big "thank you" to Marisa Lynch who has worked so hard this year (and the last few years) developing the yearbook. She has spent many days and hours formatting this yearbook. Another thank you goes out to Beth Capria for handling the PDAs.

New & Upcoming Events:

Mad Science: This program was held March 4th and 5th. The students loved watching the different science experiments.

Book Fair: The book fair will take place March 9th, 10th and 11th. Family night was tonight from 3:30 pm until 7pm. We have such a great quality of books this year. The students will really enjoy reading. A big thank you to Fran Heppes for setting up and running the book fair. We need to allocate approximately \$300. Motion made, second, and approved.

Incoming Kindergarten Night: New Kindergarten parents came together last night to listen to important information about Kindergarten. What a great parent turnout.

Incoming Kindergarten Morning: The incoming Kindergarten students will enjoy a story hour and participate in music. Refreshments will be served.

Tricky Tray: Will happen March 19th at 7pm. Doors will open at 6pm and calling will start at 7pm. There will be a lot of great theme baskets and some nice prizes such as: a voucher for lazer tag, WII DSI, bikes, tickets to the Land of Make Believe and tickets to the Westchester Dinner Theatre. A big thank you to Josephine Whitehurst and Staci Doty for all their hard work setting up this event. We need to allocate approximately \$1500 for water, food, and wrapping paper. Motion made, second, and approved.

Science Fair: The Science Fair will be held on Friday, April 9th. Students from all grades can participate. We have had a great turnout in the past with some really amazing projects.

Young Gentleman/Special Lady: This event will take place at Jumpin Jakes in Middletown on Sunday, April 11th from 4pm until 6pm. This event is for boys in grades K – 2 and their special “Adult” lady. There are slides and bouncy blow ups; pizza and soda will be served.

Kindergarten Screening: Will be held Monday through Wednesday, April 12th – 14th. If any parent can help during these days, please let the main office know. Bottles of water and refreshments will be served.

Young Gentleman/Special Lady: This event will take place in May at the Castle in Chester. This is for boys in grades 3 – 5 and their special “Adult” lady. More information will follow.

Zumba: This will occur on Friday, April 16th at 7pm. Two certified instructors will teach the class. The cost will be one dollar. We need about \$150 to pay for the instructors. Motion made, second, and approved.

Adult Mixer: This is set for April 17th at the Otisville Firehouse from 7pm until 11pm. We would like to have a DJ. The cost will be \$15 per person. We are asking each person to donate an appetizer, a main dish, or dessert. We need about \$500 for a DJ and about \$225 for a soda rental. Motion made, second, and approved.

Busy Bees' Preschool will watch our children for the night; the cost is \$20 for the first child and \$15 for the second child. They will provide a snack. Drop off will be 6:45 pm and pick up will be about 10:45 pm.

Plant Sale: We will be having a plant sale around Mother's Day; flyers will be going home sometime in April. Parents can purchase hanging baskets. All students will be given a plant to bring home to mom. Approximately \$900 will be needed to cover the cost. Motion made, second, and approved.

A School Garden by Matt Kansy: We met with Matt Kansy at the last PTO meeting. Again, to reiterate, Matt Kansy is a nutritionist who is interested in creating a "School Garden" outside on school grounds. His wife, Maria Kansy, is our school nurse. Both Matt and Maria (their children attend Otisville) would like to see our school community come together and get involved in planting a garden, watching fruits and vegetables grow, harvesting and enjoying them. The whole premise behind creating a school garden is to increase nutritional knowledge for our students.

We want to get all students involved in some way. Each planting activity should be age appropriate. Students have begun collecting empty milk cartoons and many have started to plant seedlings.

Mrs. Reh will start with a small core group of staff/parents to discuss the next step in developing this garden. More information will follow.

Thank you for coming. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 21st.