

Otisville Elementary October PTO Meeting

October 14, 2009

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| Josephine Whitehurst | Chairperson |
| Staci Doty & Kelly Fedrezzi | Co-Chairpersons |
| Jennifer Logedo | Treasurer |
| Sally Ann Clayton | Secretary |

Josephine Whitehurst welcomes faculty, staff, and parents.

Assistant Principal's Report: Vincent Biele

Open House for grades K – 5 went very well. We had a great turnout from parents, who were very receptive to the teachers.

Fire Safety occurred week of October 12th. Volunteer Fire Departments from Howells, Otisville and Greenville gave all the students a great learning experience about fire safety.

Upcoming Events:

10/21 –Juvenile Diabetes Walk, Half Day of School, dismissal at 12:20.

10/26 –Theatre Works, The Lion, Witch & Wardrobe, will be shown to
Grades 3-5.

10/27 –Red Ribbon Week. The high school students will be talking to our students about keeping their bodies healthy and making good choices.

10/30 -Halloween Parade Grades K – 2. Fall Festival Grades 3 – 5.

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer Logedo:

\$2400 has been allocated for school planners but the planners only cost \$647. We have \$1800 profit. Motion made, second, and approved.

Approved Minutes/Correspondences: Sally Ann Clayton

Sal reviewed the minutes from the September meeting. No questions were asked. Motion made, second, and approved.

Old and On-Going Business:

Yearbook: The cover has been ordered. Marissa Lynch has enough volunteers to take pictures of all the upcoming events. More information to follow in January.

School Pictures: Pictures were taken October 1st and will be distributed before retakes occur (November 16).

Game Night: Game night was held in September. Approximately twenty to thirty people came for this Bingo based game. Each winning family received a board game. The other prizes given out were school supplies.

New & Up-Coming Business:

Identikit: Lifetouch will be at the school on November 5th to photograph students (siblings can be photographed too). These photographed cards are basically your child's ID card; they include height, weight and finger prints. Packets will be sent home with more information.

Fall Fundraisers: The school profited approximately \$2,535 from Little Caesar's Pizza. All pizza was distributed with very few problems. Parents will be able to pick up their cookie dough orders some time in November.

Book Swap: October 15th & October 16th. All the students just love the book swap. We will have more book swaps throughout the year.

Young Gentlemen/Special Lady Roller Skating: This takes place on Saturday, October 24 in Matamoras. A professional picture will be taken and given to the boys the following week.

Zumba: This event occurs Friday, October 23 from 6pm – 7:30 pm. Two certified instructors from Middletown will give three, fifteen minute sessions. Water will be available to all. Volunteers (both parents and teachers) are needed. The cost for parents and teachers is \$1. Students are free.

Holiday Workshop: This will occur the week of December 7th. Discussions were held to decide the best way for students to give nice inexpensive gifts to their loved ones. In the past, volunteers have hand made many items for the students. A big thanks to Beth Capria, who in the past, ran the holiday workshops.

This year, in addition to hand made items, we will use an outside company who will send readymade crafts ranging in price from 45 cents to \$5. The school only pays for what is sold. Volunteers will not have to create the items but they will need to count them. We need plenty of volunteers. Thank you to Janet Sutherland for running this year's workshop. More information to come at next meeting.

Fall Festival: The Fall Festival will take place on Friday, October 30th for grades 3-5. There will be dancing, hula hoops, chalk, etc. The students will have a great time. Pierson's Farm will be giving each student a pumpkin. Let's hope for good weather. \$350 will be allocated for this Festival. Motion made, second, approved.

Teachers' Requests and Suggestions:

Laurie Devenuto and Linda LeMieux, third grade teachers, are in charge of student council. They have requested money to use for the bus driver appreciation breakfast. The bus drivers work hard and they deserve to be recognized. Student Council will create one poster for each bus driver. This event occurs on Tuesday, October 20th. The PTO will allocate \$150 for this breakfast. Motion made, second, approved.

Please come to our next meeting on November 12th (a Thursday).