President's Report 9/20/2023

- Another amazing start to the school year!
    - Back to School Night: Huge success! The PTA was able to treat almost 200 PSE students to Kona Ice.
    - Yahoo BooHoo Breakfast: We hosted our annual breakfast for parents and guardians of K/PreK students' first "real" day of school. Please make a particular effort to welcome these friends as many are new to PSE.

- Membership: Thank you to everyone who has joined the PTA so far. Your membership funds go directly to programs benefiting our Bluebirds and PSE staff. Already, the PTA has been able to treat the teachers to breakfast on their first day back, provide teacher appreciation gift cards to Uber Bagels, and fund some special student incentive rewards that will be revealed on House Day.
    - We are actively looking for a Membership Chair (right now I'm filling in, so I'm woefully behind) - if you're looking to get involved in off-hours or on your own time, it's a great behind the scenes impact role.
    - Friday, October 13th could be your LUCKY day! Everyone who has joined the PTA by or on October 13th will be entered into a raffle to win one of two sets of two free passes to Magooby's Joke House!

- If you're not already following us on social media channels, please do! If the amazing content and inside scoop our posts provide aren't enough of a draw by themselves, we're doing a GIVEAWAY for our followers! In our Pic or Tweet giveaway through 10/28, we'll be picking five followers to win one of five free Sweet Frog frozen yogurt vouchers.
    - One entry per social channel follow
    - Get an extra entry for commenting on any of our giveaway posts, including tagging a PSE parent/caregiver who isn't yet following on that channel.

- New PSE Community Outreach account with Kid to Kid Timonium: Families and caretakers are welcomed to contribute to our "community closet account". Upon buy-out check in, punch in the main number for PSE (443) 809-7648 and the account for Pot Spring Elementary Community Outreach will auto-populate in the buy system. Then select that you'd like to receive their "payout" in store credit. When the buyout is complete, it will generate an auto email to Ms. Hall to advise regarding credit added. The credit will be gifted forward in the form of Kid to Kid gift cards distributed to PSE families in need of clothing/footwear assistance for children.
    - If you've never shopped at Kid to Kid, we can give you a referral certificate through which you can receive an additional $5 in credit towards your purchase, and our community account will receive a $5 credit as well. Please ask in the front office.

- Arrival and dismissal: Please, please, please help us keep our children safe! During pick up and drop off there is NO PARKING on Springlake Drive on the school side and on Downshire Court on

the residential side. If you're interested in joining our sporadic volunteer traffic crew, please let me know!

- Vacant positions: We have several: Membership Coordinator, Community Outreach/Book Nook Coordinator, Landscaping, Staff Support. If you are interested in any of these positions, please email Jen Patterson at vpvolunteerspsepta@gmail.com. Looking ahead, we will be in need of volunteers to take over from our current Board members. President, VP Volunteers and VP Communication will be up for election in the spring, and it would be easier for the incoming Board members if they can start following along now. Curious? Email me at presidentpsepta@gmail.com .

- Fall Fest / Trunk or Treat is Saturday, 10/28 from 1p-4p in the PSE Parking Lot

- Race for Education: Our RFE Chairs, Allison Egger and Claire Pierson, will share the details soon, but please save the date for November 1st, 2023.

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