PTO Meeting
Tuesday, March 10, 6:30pm

Thank you for your interest in Goodyear Elementary's PTO! For skimming purposes, **important dates are in a bold font**, and volunteer opportunities* are in a red font.

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School Council

Reviewed Budget

- It'll be a tight budget. Ms Patrissi put in requests for additional positions, including:
    - Math Interventionist, Co-Taught GAIN Pilot, Co-Taught 1st Grade Special Education Teacher, Co-Taught K & potential full day paraprofessional, School Adjustment Counselor, Building Substitute (would be someone here everyday)
- Ms Patrissi doesn't know yet what was and wasn't approved

ILT - Data Driven Interventions

- MCAS Support Classes are taking place before school, providing extra time for students to work with teachers. This includes both Boosters and Masters, meeting the needs of both struggling and high-performing students and includes ELA, Math, and STE
- MCAS Positivity
    - Rather than focusing on just test scores, trying to focus more on explaining why high-stakes and standardized testing matter, and how this is important for kids to practice for other high-stakes testing situations in life (i.e. SAT/ACT, driver's test)
    - They're trying to increase positivity with:
        - Caregiver letter
        - Testing setting conditions: Mindful moment and movement
        - Staff Video: This is coming out soon
        - Student Video: This will come out next week.
        - Lion Club Writing Lesson

        - PTO Sign and Breakfast: We will provide a sign for out in front of the school encouraging kids on MCAS days, as well as pay for some breakfast items.
    - Lions Level Up Their Language: This is a whole school initiative. The language ILT team went through past MCAS tests and pulled important vocabulary. They're putting the words all over the school so kids are now exposed to it even starting in kindergarten. More information can be found here Lions Level Up Their Language

Principal's Report

Past Events

- PTO Spirit Week
- Character Trait Assembly
- Book Fair: It was very well-received, and it was appreciated that we had so many opportunities to give kids free books.
- Boston Bullies Enrichment: This anti-bullying program for grades 3-5 was organized by Kelly Calkins. It's a four part series and so we'll probably do it again next year.
- Reunification Drill: This was the first time this was done in Woburn. We had 20 volunteers, and other principals and administrators were there observing.
    - The school has a "Crisis Box" that now has the church key.
    - The experience was positive and helped us all feel safer, and students seemed to actually have a good time!
    - Teachers were well-prepared and had conversations with students beforehand. They included activities (i.e. word searches, manipulatives) in their bags of supplies. Staff members were able to read books and do lessons with students throughout parts of the drill.

Future Events

- Drama Club Play:
    - **Performance for families will take place in the evening on Thursday, April 9 at the high school auditorium.**
    - The drama club will put on an additional performance during the school day on **Friday, April 10 at 10:00am**. Ms Patrissi would love for the whole school to attend.
    - Ms Patrissi has secured a donation of one bus to shuttle kids over.
    - The PTO voted to fund a second bus.
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- Bagpiper
- Ivy the Determined Dog Enrichment
- Goodyear Goodies
- Raffle Walk - 1st & 4th
- Safe Routes to School Assembly: We might have an assembly about bike safety.
- 3/27 Report Cards

- Parent Reunification Team: During the reunification debrief, it was suggested that the school should have a Parent Reunification Team. Ms Patrissi is considering inviting PTO-involved families to join this team. She will let us know when there is more information.

5th Grade

- Papa Gino's Fundraiser brought in $111.92, thank you to all who participated!
- Families of fifth graders, please send in baby photos and 1st day of school photos for the yearbook.
- **5th Field Trip to Canobie Lake Park is being planned for Monday, June 15**. It still needs to be approved by Mr. Crowley and the School Committee. Student tickets will be free, parent chaperone tickets will be $29. A permission slip is being prepared.
- **Tuesday, June 16, 9:00am: 5th Grade Graduation**. We discussed moving it later since snow days have extended the last day of school, but decided to keep it where it is.

Enrichments

- **Monday, March 16, 1:30pm: Ivy the Very Determined Dog author visit.**
    - The author provided order forms to purchase signed copies of the book. If you're purchasing a book, the form and money are due on Thursday, March 12.
- **Monday, April 13, 8:45am (K-2) and 10:00am (3-5): Mad Science**, Up Up and Away program
    - Jasmine is available to get the performers started and help transition between shows, but she needs to leave early. Adele McCabe has volunteered to come in at 10:30am to help wrap up the program and supervise the performer packing up.
- **Monday, May 18, 8:45am (K-2) and 9:55am (3-5): Rainforest Reptiles**
- For next year we are looking into booking the TIGER anti-bullying program through Plymouth State University and Wingmasters, an educational program about local raptors that brings live wild birds.

Turkey Trot Reward Program!

- We are looking into booking an extra special enrichment to celebrate the great success at this year's Turkey Trot.
- This might take place on Monday, June 1.
- We are considering a bounce house or ninja course in the gym. Each grade would get a timeslot.

Past Business

Spirit Week was March 2-6

- This was part of Read Across America Week.
- We got really great feedback on the themes. They were fun and broad enough that participation was easy.

Book Fair

- Thank you so much to everyone who volunteered and all staff members who helped make the sale possible!
- Hugely successful! Total of a little over $10K in sales!
- We earned almost $4K in Scholastic Dollars! We already spent almost $2500 on books for kids, teachers, and staff.
- We will spend the rest on books for any classroom or specialist who didn't get a chance to make a wish list, and on books for the school library.
- We discussed possible ways to adapt the book fair for next year, with these goals:
    - Continue to simplify procedures and make the experience more streamlined for students and teachers
    - Reduce student disappointment if the exact book they want is sold out
    - Reduce the total amount of volunteer time so that volunteers can be more concentrated rather than so spread out.

Upcoming Business

Change Is Simple Book Grant

- Jasmine is spearheading this for us! Thank you!
- Sarah Bergman-McCool, president of another Woburn PTO, has secured a grant through the EPA to work with Change Is Simple.
- This will bring the Change Is Simple enrichment into the school.
- This will also purchase $1315 worth of books for each school library to create a climate library, in collaboration with the school librarians.
- Once books have arrived, we will be asking for volunteers to help process books, which might include putting on dust covers and placing cataloging and circulation stickers on the books.

In-School Raffle

- The next **In-School Raffle will be Friday, March 20.**
- Grades 1 and 4 will host, meaning those grades will be asked to donate raffle items and families from those grades will be asked to volunteer that day.
- Ashley will take care of getting information out to hosting grades this week and will get flyers out to the whole school next week.

Drama Club Play

- The drama club is selling ads in their playbill to help fund the production. A full page ad costs $90.
- The PTO voted to pay to take out a full page ad to help support the play.
- Rachelle will reach out to Mr Gore about it.

Teacher Appreciation Week

- **Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4-8**. This year's theme is Wicked and the Wizard of Oz.

- We discussed possibly rescheduling Teacher Appreciation Week to avoid MCAS testing days, but we did not find a good week to move it to.
- Amie and Denise will spearhead planning events and decorations, but we will need lots of help with donations and volunteering time during the week of May 4-8.
- Local Business Donations
    - It would be amazingly helpful if local businesses could donate things like gift cards, food, or items that we can give to teachers/staff or use as raffle items.
    - At this point, we'd like everyone to begin asking local businesses to make donations.
    - Denise created flyers that can be handed out. You can download and print a full-page size here, or a copy that prints two per page here.
    - If you ask a business for a donation, please fill out a brief entry in the below spreadsheet. That way the same businesses won't get asked over and over. https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1_BHCJ_VzwDkUJAsNsiC9IonnZo31tDmoUO8f4WS5c4s/edit?usp=sharing

Pizza Kit Fundraiser

- Last year, we ran a fundraiser where families bought kits from Tremezzo to make pizzas at home. We discussed possibly doing this fundraiser again.
- Meg D will look into this as a possibility for the week before April vacation.

End of the Year Party

- This year's **End of the Year Party will be on Friday, June 12 in the evening**. Exact times to be determined.
- DJ Dan is booked to play music.
- We discussed ideas for other activities to have at the party. Ideas included:
    - Bounce house (without the grassy area, where could we put this?)
    - Ninja course
    - Rock Climbing
    - Animal performers
    - Food trucks, an ice cream truck, pizza, or encourage families to bring a picnic and blanket
    - Yard games and carnival games
    - Dunk tank
    - Balloon artist
    - Temporary tattoos
    - Arts and crafts that we run ourselves (i.e. spin art, sand art)
    - Photo booth
    - Scavenger hunt (like the Woburn Library runs during vacation weeks)

Field Trips

- The PTO funds two buses for each grade, or teachers can use that money to bring in an enrichment program. Teachers plan these activities.
- Most grades have already scheduled their field trips or activities.

- We discussed that the 2nd grade enrichment may have a scheduling conflict with our May 18 Rainforest Reptiles enrichment. The schedule should work out, though, as the reptile program will be finished before the 2nd grade enrichment will begin.

Teacher Highlights

Public Library Visits

- Ms Patrick brought up an interest in working with the Woburn Public Library to get more kids library cards.
- The WPL has provided outreach in the past to highlight their Summer Reading Program. Denise will reach out to Sam, the head of their Children's Department, to see if this is something they'd be interested in doing this year.

Next Meeting

- Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, April 7**.

Future PTO Meeting Dates

- Tuesday, April 7, 6:30pm
- Tuesday, May 5, 6:30pm
- Tuesday, June 2, 6:30pm

***All Volunteers must fill out a CORI background check with the school. To submit this form you must come in to the school in-person during school hours and bring a photo ID.**