President's Report 1/17/2024

- Book Fair was AMAZING – THANK YOU, STACEY MENEGATTI!!! Stacey did an incredible job with volunteer coordination and coverage from set-up to clean-up, navigating emergency school closures and illnesses. Everything culminated in an awesome Book Fair Dance where families were packed shoulder to shoulder the entire time the library was open. We were able to use Scholastic Dollars earned to purchase books from each teacher's list who completed one.
- Speaking of the Book Fair Dance, THANK YOU as well to Amber Elliott, who coordinated and orchestrated the non-book fair portion of the evening. We sold out of pizza, students and siblings had a great time crafting (thanks, Golnaz as well!), and the gym was a lightning storm of dance party activity with DJ Funky Fairie Fanya at the helm – thank you to everyone who pitched in for an awesome evening.
- Next up- Lego Night on Monday, 1/29/24 from 630-8p!

- Before break, Amber also hosted an awesome Family Yoga Night that was a great activity for all ages and even Mr. Fare and Mr. George put on their "Ohm" faces and practiced with us.

- More from Mrs. Martin here, but our Race for Education '23 funds raised are about to set in motion the One School, One Book program, targeting a February kick off.

- Spring Fling is coming on May 4th! Casey Massicott is looking for an overall co-chair for the event, as well as some sub chairs – many hands make light work. We'll be hosting a virtual chat on Wednesday, February 7th to run through the many different activities at SF so that interested volunteers can determine where they'd most be excited to participate.

Community Updates:

DVMG have restarted with plans to build a "Commercial Retail" Funeral Home on the property of the Dulaney Memorial Gardens. Their intent is to build a "commercial retail" funeral home with 111 parking spaces behind the pet cemetery, hosting up to 5 events a day, and would require entrance/exit reconfiguration.

The owners need to obtain a special zoning variance from the county for the parking spaces and the environmental issues concerning the runoff to the stream that feeds in the Springlake Community Pond. As of this time they have not applied for the variance.

The Springlake Board of Directors and a group of Coachford Residents believe that the addition of a large commercial funeral home along East Padonia Rd. will negatively impact those residential communities. With the addition of a large retail funeral home facility, they are voicing concerns regarding increased traffic congestion along East Padonia Road and throughout the community, and negative environmental impacts from the paving over of green space and installation of parking lot lights, regardless of any remediation DVMG is required to complete.

If you share similar concerns, the Springlake BOD is encouraging impacted parties to start writing our government representatives to express your opposition to DVMG's expansion – we have attached a template email they have authored, as well as representative contact information, in the links on the meeting website. The Springlake community will be holding a future open meeting to further discuss the proposed project and we will share meeting location and time as soon as we receive confirmation.

Ongoing Business:

- Please remember to utilize the 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 .

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