

PTO Whole Community Meeting

Wednesday, November 5th

Join Zoom Meeting

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Agenda

1. MPS Technology expert - helping parents with kid cyber security pro tips
2. PTO upcoming events
 - a. Movie Night, **12/12** at 5:30. *Toy Story*
 - b. Missituk Craft Fair Fundraiser, **11/22** at Medford Arts Collaborative
 - c. Holiday Giving Drive for grocery store gift cards <https://givebutter.com/0BYGPd> - (If you are in need of grocery card gift cards reach out to Ms. Lepore - alepore@medford.k12.ma.us.) also collecting donations now for grocery store gift cards now
3. Treasurer update
4. Principal's Corner
5. NEXT MEETING: **General Meeting, Jan. 13, 7 - 8 pm**

Notes:

- Alison Guilimette spoke on technology safety
 - The district is talking about how to make sure messaging happens within all schools around cyber security
 - About once a month in all grade levels does a cyber safety rather than one unit in the spring
 - Some resources
 - Uses Common Sense Media for a lot of resources
 - Has the ultimate guide for parents to help children with navigating the internet and how to keep them safe
 - B Internet Awesome
 - TheGamerEducator on Instagram
 - In the latest newsletter there is a link to a letter that provides link to resources
 - A member of the MPS tech team shared a video about parents who posted pictures of children and then gets used for AI images
 - Need to have a continuous conversation and share resources and things learn
 - On Guilimette's Clever page there are links to games that she's vetted
 - Ms. Guilimette - will put together a list of websites for games

- Events
 - 11/22 Makers Market at the Arts Collaborative
 - 12/12 - movie night with the first Toy Story
- Original works orders are due back by Friday November 7th
- Pie and cookie fundraiser due 11/17 and online orders until the 24th and picked up by December 17th
 - If you set up an online store can purchase through that link - will give you a selling link
 - Mrs. Sherman-Hudson will set up a link for people who want to purchase and not sell
- Starting to plan winter clubs - if have ideas or want to volunteer to lead or assist, send an email to missitukclubs@gmail.com
- When SNAP benefits weren't going to be distributed Kara Falise spearheaded raising funds right away to distribute grocery store gift cards
 - If you or anyone you know needs support reach out to guidance
- Treasurer update
 - Teacher reimbursement program. Have 12 responses so far. Had 34 last year.
 - Fundraising Events so far:
 - Ice Cream Social raised \$3,230; spent \$582 for a net of \$2,648 (target was \$1,850 net)
 - RunMedford raised \$4,336 with no expenses (target was \$2,000)
- January meeting planning on in-person
 - Looking to see if local summer camps want to up a table to share about their camp
- Principal's corner
 - Hired a new therapeutic teacher - Tim Walsh, starting next week
 - New behavior specialist - Jenna Nerwinger
 - Playground - Last week installed a new slide and putting in a new blue ground area at the bottom of the slide
 - Still can't use while finish up the project
 - Starting new clubs
 - Student council - for 5th graders (and a couple of 4th graders), facilitated by Ms. Frank
 - Rainbow Club - Mr. Hemdal and Mr. White
 - Math
 - Figuring out when to schedule so that will be accessible to all- hoping for during the school day (lunch?)
 - On rainy days no longer allowed to use computers - will have a cart of games to wheel to each floor and when gym is available
 - Pre covid MCAS levels
 - Parent conferences 12/10
 - Kindergarten does not have December conferences will be February 4th instead

- Donuts and grown ups 12/10- morning option and 5:00pm option
- Have heard that the transition to 6th grade has been hard
 - Students have mentioned more quizzes in 6th grade - thinking of introducing this more later in 5th grade
 - Thinking of possibility of 5th graders visiting the 6th grade before the end of the year
- Have tried to put paras on buses as monitors
- Problem of bathroom messiness in 2nd floor bathrooms used by K students - got step stools for the boys bathroom
- Will have a concert after the holidays - January 23rd
 - Tara will create a save the date