

Mena's report

Mena's guest: Helda Shirinian: ELL teacher at Cunniff who is hoping to have an International Night; she solicited ideas from the faculty who had many great ideas; we are the only elementary school that does not have one. In other schools, PTO organizes this event. Any help is appreciated. Ideas include giving each student a passport which would be stamped after visiting each country, authentic cuisine. Please email Helda directly if you are interested in helping to organize. It is currently scheduled for the spring.

School photos are Friday, October 14.

In the process of scheduling 2 drills: an evacuation drill and a drill to a secondary site; and an enhanced lockdown. Details will be sent out next week.

On October 19 the 5th graders will be part of a Nonviolent training called the Kingian Non Violence Resolution Training. They will be empowered to deal with issues that can cause conflict and learn how to successfully resolve them. Trainers will be middle school students and the Watertown Police department. Each 5th grade will have 2 hours of training.

Field trips have begun

Grade 1 went apple picking today (October 4)

Grade 3 will go to Plimoth Plantation on October 31.

Please return the contact information sheet that was given at the Open House. It is essential for communication.

Cafeteria check in: During lunch, monitors are trying to empower kids to sit with someone that they enjoy talking with, but they should also remember to eat!

Each grade will be sharing a STEAM project with the entire school.

Detail about weather bug will be forthcoming.

Spanish has begun. Kindergarten students have class each day.

Old business

The kickball game was cancelled due to low enrollment. It will be rescheduled in the spring

Color run: low enrollment (it was a rainy day, sadly), but there were many volunteers and fun had by all who were there.

Meadow Farms orders were due today. You can still order on line, but Cunniff will not

get credit.

Halloween party: we have lots of volunteers (thank you!) and a janitor has been reserved. Hopefully pizza will be donated (Rebecca will look into this) and juice boxes are downstairs to be used. Hopefully there will be a face painter, and we also have 15 high school volunteers. Maria is coming up with new game ideas. If you would like to run a game, please contact Lee. Suggested admission will be a canned good to be donated to the Watertown Food Pantry. The Cake Walk and the Haunted House will each cost one dollar.

We still need 3rd grade reps. If you are interested, please contact Lauren.

Treasurer's report

Current balance is \$771.91. Please consider making a donation. Notices went out today. Or, consider giving on line. Visit the Cunniff PTO site.

New Business

The Annual fund drive went out today.

Watertown Savings Bank Customer Choice Award voting is open. Cunniff is currently in third place. Please vote for our school if you have an account with them. Voting is on the website. Log on to vote!

Watertown Cultural Council Grant: Elaina will apply again this year to have an author in residence come to Cunniff. We are hopeful that Emilie Boone will return.

All grades will also have a Harvard baseball player volunteering on Friday mornings.

There is a School Committee meeting tomorrow October 5 in WHS lecture room at 7 PM.

5th grade update

Dunk tank made \$918! Grade 5 would like to have a raffle at the Halloween party. Details to follow.

Project adventure date is June 5. Sargent Camp is tentatively scheduled for May 31-June 2.

Bake sale on Election Day. If you are interested in baking, contact Patty Grady.

Next PTO meeting is Tuesday, November 1.

In attendance:

Donna Driscoll
Julie Weeden

Lauren Stefano
Mena Ciarlone

Tina Brisson
Helda Shirinian

Carm Bruncati
Lindi DeLori
Lee Haley
Britt Days
Amy Grady
Margo Guernsey

Carolyn Pipitone
Nancy Dicker
Rebecca Cinci
Rosa Diamond
Erin Macomber
Jim Cairns

Jamie Paul
Lisa Hayward
Margaret Sherman
Michelene St. Amand
Pete Caron