

February 7, 2017

Mena's update is postponed due to illness

Guest teachers

Grade 1 teacher, Ms DeFabrittis, is here to talk about tier time. This is happening in each grade level for a half hour once a week. Teachers and specialists meet with small groups of students on skills. Each child has a folder for work. Cristina works with those who need a challenge. Groups (usually not larger than 6) are based on ability and work on a specific skill each week. After 6 weeks teachers look at scores and then regroup students if necessary.

Ms Cameron also attended this month's meeting. She runs a free Cross fit class for 4th and 5th graders after school with a volunteer from her gym, City Line Cross Fit. Because this is a volunteer program, Ms Cameron would like for us to donate money towards a gift certificate for the instructor. Milton will ask The Talk, a restaurant on Main Street in Watertown to offer a donation for a gift card. Ms Cameron will also be coordinating Field Day again this year.

Fun run: Lindi is wondering if we could engage the school in a run that would be tracked on line (for a small fee). She has seen this work with great result in Belmont. It would happen during the day and all students would be able to participate whether or not they fundraise. Should we incorporate this with Field Day? Can we organize this for this spring? Or should we kick off next fall with a Health and Wellness day? How much time do the kids need to fundraise? Lindi will meet with Mena and Marianne Cameron to see if it is feasible for this year and report back at the March meeting.

Treasurer's report: (Tina Brisson) Our goal is \$20,000.00. We are currently around \$14,000.00. Membership is just a bit higher from last year at this time. We received just over \$800 from Coffee Pond Pictures.

Spelling Bee went very well. Our total was about \$2300. A huge thank you to Jackie for her time and effort organizing the event. We should try to publicize more in the future to increase involvement. If you have questions or ideas, please contact Lauren or Jackie. One suggestion was to have older grades (4th and 5th) talk to the younger grades about what it means to participate.

Ed Foundation Grant (Lauren) We received a \$1500 grant from the Ed Foundation to fund author, Emily Boone, to return to two lower grades to be determined by Mena.

Movie Night is Friday, February 10 from 6-8 PM. Pizza was donated from Dominos, drinks and popcorn was also donated. There will also be a candy table run by 5th grade, the proceeds of which will be split between PTO and 5th grade.

Box Tops Update-- First grade won the competition. Their ice cream party was this week. The competition by grades will continue this spring as will ice cream and popsicle

party for the winning grade. It continues to be a big hit.

LifeTouch spring pictures-- Carm spoke with Tom Bailey from LifeTouch about family or sibling pictures. This is usually scheduled by 20-minute blocks and the PTO charges a sitting fee to each family as a fundraiser. All pictures are then posted on line for purchase (proceeds would go to LifeTouch). Carm will follow up with the library and Patty will check on the police station's community room to see if we could use either space to save on custodial fees. Carm will also ask LifeTouch if pictures would be ready by Mother's Day if we hold the event in April.

Raffle fundraiser— Donna will copy flyers for the fire-themed raffle next week and they will be available for purchase at Movie Night. Tickets should be purchased by Thursday, March 2 and the drawing will be at school on Friday, March 3.

Square 1 Art –Thanks to Carolyn, Ms. Lucas has signed up to create art in each class for this fundraiser. Art will be mailed in May and delivered to school by June 13. Cunniff will earn 33% of the total order.

5th grade update: Thursday, February 9 is the Chateau Restaurant fundraiser. Dine in or eat out and proceeds will go to Cunniff fifth grade. There are also plans for a Pot of Gold fundraiser this spring. Details will follow. Sargents camp for all three schools is May 31. Currently 18 Cunniff students are registered. This is not a school-sanctioned event, but is organized by parents. There will be a separate fundraiser organized by the attendees.

Next meeting is Tuesday March 7