

PTO notes for May 2016

Mena's report

Marianne Cameron was present to report on Field Day, which will be on June 20 (rain date Wednesday, June 22).

She will be the point person and will use her equipment. She'll need money for balloons, colored chalk, water, and freeze pops for the whole school. Elaine will look into purchasing water bottles for all students for Field Day.

She will also need volunteers on the day. Parents are also welcome to come and cheer. If you have any tents for shade, please let her or Elaine know. This year supportive cheering and clapping will be the main focus of the games.

During the days leading up to Field Day, there will be events around summer reading. Each student will receive a book to be read for the fall.

Kim Golden along with the guidance counselors from Hosmer and Lowell schools, and nationally known therapist Lynn Lyons will be speaking at an evening event focused on anxiety in children. It is scheduled for Tuesday, May 31 at Hosmer. Details will follow in a flyer.

5th grade Graduation is June 23. The last day of school has been set for June 24 (noon dismissal and no lunch served).

A letter went out about class sizes. There will be three 2nd grades, 3 5th grades and Mena is watching the upcoming 3rd grades as they are currently at 25 students per class. A letter with teaching assignments and further details will go out by June 1. During the last week of school there will be a move up day for students to meet their new teachers and classmates.

Budget report

Not much has changed from last month. The current balance is about \$7,000.00. Upcoming expenses include 3 field trips, the deposit for Project Adventure and two scholarships to be awarded to two former Cunniff students graduating from high school.

New Business

Saturday, May 7 is a Cunniff volunteer day. Please stop by and lend a hand.

Elaine applied for and received a lacrosse grant for new indoor equipment (plastic sticks and balls) that has arrived and is being used for PE classes.

There is another fundraising dinner out at Margarita's on Moody Street in Waltham on June 22.

Dancing with the Stars is this Friday, May 6. Tickets are available through the Watertown Education Foundation.

Old Business

Raffle tickets update: so far we have earned about \$500.00. The drawing is this Friday, May 6 at 2:15.

T-shirts: 5 youth size left and lots of adult sizes. We will revisit the shirts next month when Kristin is present.

Teacher Appreciation gift: Picnic table and lunch on Friday for all teachers

Garden update: there were 3 phases to the Lowe's grant: 1). vegetable garden, 2). outdoor education space and 3). play equipment in the courtyard. The first two phases were completed last year, and the third phase is well underway. There is now a new shed in the courtyard filled with garden tools. There is also more equipment and there are plans for a sand box, balance beams and a pirate ship in the courtyard by the kindergarten classrooms. There is only about \$500.00 left, though the committee is hopeful that Lowe's will donate a bit more to complete the project. A bench is also on the wish list.

Because the grant is now gone, there needs to be a plan to upkeep the garden. This will be the subject of a future meeting.

5th grade update

Car wash is Saturday, May 14. Please bring your cars!

Next meeting is Tuesday, June 7