

PTO Meeting – 10/11/2018

October Events & Reminders:

- 5 Below fundraiser – school gets 10% back –remember you have to take the flyer to the store and show it, to get the discount.
- Bottle cap drive for bench will run through 10/31. Our bin is about a 1/3 full; make sure you are putting the right things in there (no plastic water bottles). If you have a large number of caps, contact Karen Hamon to arrange bringing the caps to her house directly. Ensure anything that goes in the bin has a Recycle number of: 2,4, or 5.
- Box tops are being collected by teachers and in the office. The first round of Box tops will go in at the end of October.
- Book Fair, VIP are scheduled for the week of 10/15. A reminder went out on the Remind App last week. The schedule is somewhat different this year to accommodate all the kids and VIPs attending the Book Fair. Make sure your VIP shows up at the right time.
 - PreK & Kindergarten – 9:10am – 10:20am
 - 1st and 2nd Grade – 10:20am – 11:30am
 - 3rd, 4th, 5th Grade – 2:20pm – 3:30pm

Principal Update (provided by Shannon Flanders)

- SMART Boards have been ordered for the upper grades and Mrs. Pisciotta' s technology board to upgrade.
- 4th and 5th grade teachers completed PD – Document Based Question Training
- Ms. Cope and Flanders are doing a PD 2 weeks from now, learning about maker space and hands on learning opportunities
- Any follow-up questions please direct to Mr. Thomas

Volunteer Update

- Trunk or Treat – Oct. 26th. Still need volunteers for variety of activities for Trunk or Treat:
 - Need help with breakdown
 - Donated Candy - bring the candy day of
 - Need help with crafts that night and
 - Cider donations.
- Set up for Book Fair – begins on Friday, Oct. 12.
 - There are currently 9 openings left to help with book fair, sign up with Ryan Haines
 - Remember!!! You can get \$10 credit for spending at the Book Fair if you help at the event!!
- Food for teachers next Thurs/Friday for Conferences:
 - Thursday Night: Taco Bar on Thurs and

- Friday evening: Soup/Chili Bar
- If you still want to join, bring food in a crock pot before 4pm and put crockpots in the teacher's lounge.
- Mallinckrodt School Beautification Day – Saturday Oct. 20th from 8am to 12pm. Groups will be putting out new mulch around the garden, steam cleaning rugs in the classrooms, general cleaning around the school.
 - We still need 3 additional vacuums to use for the morning, bring you and your vacuum and connect with some great Mallinckrodt families while cleaning up the school!
 - Feel free to bring your own lawn or cleaning equipment to use – BE SURE TO LABEL IT!
- Sign Coverage – Natalie Gensits, has a few volunteers helping her with the signage in front of the school, however, the more the merrier. If you want to help email volunteer@magi-pto.org.
- Don't forget to fill out your Volunteer Renewal Forms. You can fill out online or fill out the hard copy that you can print from the SLPS website. Bring completed forms to the Office and Ms. Jackson will send downtown.
- School Tours: Next Wed. 17th – Mr. Thomas will be doing the school tour, if you are interested in giving tours, this will be a good opportunity to shadow him to see how the tours go.
 - Michelle P-H went to Science Center to talk to perspective families – talked to quite a few families, a lot of interest in our school1!!

Fund Drive Update

Fund Drive kicked off on 10/1 – progress is great so far. 10 days in – we are over \$5000 already – 1/5 of the way there, one-week in. Last year, at this same time, we were at \$3600. This year we are using a new automated database to track our fundraising efforts. When someone donates, we will enter into this database and an email will be automatically generated, providing the amount donated, the person who donated and provide the tax information. Donors will also receive a thank you, from Mallinckrodt students. Auto-generated emails were tested today, and they are looking good. However, if you donate and receive an email that doesn't seem right, reach out to Wendy Hamstra.



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Fund Requests:

Ben Stitzel: Instrument Acquisition (\$3000) – approved

Mallinckrodt would like to start the first elementary band in the district. Last year, we were able to borrow instruments from McKinley's band director. However, those borrowed instruments went back to McKinley with the outgoing 5th graders and Mallinckrodt is back to needing equipment in order to start the band. Request is for \$3000 to procure the instruments that would be property of Mallinckrodt, these instruments would become part of a one year maintenance program. The money would go to purchase: clarinets, trumpets, flutes, procession kits, and a saxophone. We already have \$1,800 from the music room expansion money remaining that we will use for this request as well. Therefore, we only need an additional \$1,285 for this request.

Additional Points:

- What is the cost to fund annually to do repairs? Since this deal only accounts for 1 year.
 - Budget will need to be set aside for repairs, unable to say how much will be needed, it will depend on the actual repairs needed.
- There will be a form that families need to fill out saying they will be responsible for any damage to instruments.
- As the band grows, we may have a need to add additional instruments in the future – based on which instruments are needed in subsequent years.
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Shannon Flanders: Kindergarten Smart Boards (6k technology fund, +1000) - approved

Kindergarten is requesting to use the \$6,000 in the technology budget, plus an additional \$1000 to purchase 2 new SMART Boards for the Kindergarten classrooms. The request includes:

- 2 new smart boards for both K classrooms
- Current boards are outdated, cumbersome, difficult to use and not available for kids to interact with
- The boards that Mr. Thomas has found are \$3,495/board and come with a service plan and installation. These are also the same boards that Mr. Thomas has purchased for the upper grades.
- These boards will be updated for free for the next four years.

Additional Points:

- There are not any planned technology costs for the remainder of the year that the \$6,000 would need to go to.
 - There are some smaller repairs needed, such as iPads that need chargers and repairs, these are still under warranty and will be covered.

Stephanie Cope - Veteran's Day Event (\$500) - approved

- Veterans Day Assembly Fri Nov. 9th – all are welcome including Veterans
- Holding a light breakfast for families and veterans – coffee, muffins, pastries (9:15am – 9:45am)
- Assembly starts at 10am

- Amount is based on first day of school coffee/pastries event
 - We have discussed Panera, The Livingroom as options
 - Flyers will be coming home next week – let teacher know if you are having a Veteran attend.

Mr. Thomas – Green Out Bowling Event – Shrewsbury Lanes – Dec. 9th 2-4pm (\$1000) - approved

- Includes Shoes and Games during 2-hour period
- This event will be a bring your own food
- We will be asked to purchase drinks at the bowling alley

Topics for Upcoming Meetings:

- PTO is going to try to have someone from First Student attend upcoming PTO meeting to talk to parent body about the bus situation this year