



PTO UPDATE

Meeting: Wednesday, September 16, 2015



Catering donated by Texas Roadhouse

- ~ salads and sandwiches were donated; presentation by Bryanna Stark regarding the partnerships Texas Road House is willing to partake with Coolidge.
- ~ Fundraising – 20% of food and alcohol sales / raffle tables can be set up. Open to all; also gift card sales for students as a fundraiser is an option. Booking bonus if decided in the next few days; can provide teachers for Teacher's Appreciation Day.
- **Introductions** - about 27 parents were in attendance. Many, many new faces especially from the younger grades
- **About the PTO** – Rachel Reeve gave an overview of the role of the PTO and how they support the students and staff... field trips, McGowan Grants, technology funding, enrichment programs, field day, fundraising,
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - ~ Allocation Requests – Mulch for the front of the school - \$100 was approved ; \$25 for Coin raffle prize has been allocated; \$400 has been approved to purchase new plush cardinals once voted upon
 - ~ Budget Approval - Raz Kids has increased as well as the taxes for raffles.
 - ~ Treasurer's report was approved
- **Principal's Report**
 - ~ Amy gave an overview regarding new staff changes in the front office with the addition of Cathy
 - ~ Long term sub for Mrs. Cantin will take place tomorrow
 - ~ A parent has donated a 3-D printer and she discussed the "Make it Space" possibility in the media center
 - ~ A Logo First team is in the works for Coolidge
 - ~ Teacher's are assessing students; She shared that the student who participated in the summer reading Title One stayed at grade level or increased
 - ~ Fact fluency is a concern regarding summer regression – more to come on how parents can support students; a presentation will be made about the data at the next PTO meeting
 - ~ A binder for younger grades was shared as a means to help improve communication for student / parents. It will be piloted in grade K, 1 & 2
 - ~ School council survey – only 22 families participated.... Another survey will be launched at / after curriculum night
 - ~ A parent asked about PARCC.... Amy shared that they will be released in November. We are all awaiting the news..... an expected dip in performance may be part of the released news.
 - ~ A parent asked what is SCHOOLOGY – Amy gave an overview. She shared

Teacher's Report

- ~ Plymouth Plantation – Wednesday Nov. 18th
- ~ Museum of Science – 4th grade – booked for Friday April 15th.... Check for \$530 will have to be sent
- ~ Lowell Mills – 4th grade field trip booked for Thursday, June 2nd
- ~ Handouts by PTO – Only send home in blue communication on the days they go home

Enrichment Committee Report –

- Authors April Jones Prince, Lori Griffin Burns, a joint author with Paton

- last year - 60% science / 20% writing / ELA / 10% history / 10% music and art
- PTO is looking for another parent to help with the enrichment committee as there is currently only one parent

Committee Reports

- **Reading Incentive Program, Diane Betti:** This will get underway as soon . She needs a list of volunteers to be the reading recorders. The board in the main hallway with Blast Off with Reading - all about our Planets has been set up. The cabinet in the hallway will be set up next week with things to do with the Planets. Hopefully things should start by the beginning of October.
- **School Store, Diane Betti:** The first school store will be held on Sept. 25th. 6 fourth grade students to help and their parents will be volunteering.
- **Labels for Education, Diane Betti:** I have sent out a couple of mailings over the summer and have emailed Kristie about mentioning in the Newsflash about saving and sending in the labels. I will speak to Cathy, the new secretary, at the end of the year about ordering from the catalog.
- **Gingerbread Shoppe, Deb Jolicoeur (mentored by Diane Betti):** The company we have been using has retired. They will look through the holiday shop flyers received by the PTO to find a new source to work with.
- **Believe Catalog Fundraising:** Heather Costa is running – should be starting soon
- **Library Coin Drive: Amy Kwok, Sam Gardner** are running The PTO will be doing a collection the week of Oct. 19th; It will be talked about during All School Meeting by Amy
- **Outdoor Message Board:** - a new volunteer has stepped up to help with this
- **Holy Cross Football:** volunteer needed
 - Kids Day football game on Sat. Oct 31 at 1 pm against Bryant University; a 60% discount on tickets with a group of 10 or more
- **Spirit of Shrewsbury Cool Carnival:** Carnival cancelled
PTO is looking for people to coordinate Dine Out Nights and Movie Nights
- **Stop and Shop** – Coolidge received about \$1200 in fundraising last year. They have changed the process for this year.
- **Price Chopper** – need to reregister cards every year for PTO to get funds / tools

New Fundraising Ideas

- **Plush Cardinals?** (see also reverse)
 - **A:** 8" blue logo on yellow bandana, min qty 50 = \$338.00 (\$4.84 ea, \$4.02 w/o bandana)
<http://www.garrettspecialties.com/beanie-cardinal-p-19694.html>
 - **B:** 4" cardinal @ \$1.95; custom bandana? @ \$2.25 (\$4.20 ea), \$210 for 50
<http://www.plushinarush.com/188-wholesale-plush-toys-cardinal.aspx>
<http://www.plushinarush.com/wholesale-custom-printed-bandanna-on-any-stuffed-animal.aspx>
 - Alternatively, small button at Zazzle \$1.95 in place of bandana

Students will be voting on which cardinal to choose. Amy will be in touch on how we will do this as a school. To see the cardinals, see end of notes.

- **Coolidge Bucks:** Jenn Luke – an incentive program to get parents more involved and invested in the school. Possibly tie it in with Texas Road House..... she is trying to devise a way to manage this program and what it might look like

Next Meetings: 10/21, 12/2

~ Submitted by Kelly F. & Lesley

Cardinals

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