

Sycamore PTO

Sycamore Elementary PTO Meeting

Tuesday, September 11, 2018

- **Co -President Business – Lauren**
 - T-Shirt Contest Winner- Whitney Pike won both Sycamore and Avon designs.
 - Spirit Wear – Shirt orders are due Sept. 28th. –
The vote is black for staff shirts. The logo will be white with the Sycamore Tree and the words Sycamore Elementary.

- **Co -President Business – Erika**
 - Future PTO Meeting Speakers and Topics – What are some topics and ideas we would like to see presented?? What would be worth your time?? Self-defense, strategies for studying with your child at home, parks department and what is available for your child and families. Yoga – finding your inner peace. Special needs children and how to show compassion and understanding. How to talk to your children about this topic. Care for change was another idea.
 - If you come up with any other ideas, please feel free to send them to the Sycamore Elementary PTO email.

- **Fundraising Business – Chandra**
 - Peppermint Lane – Dec. 3rd – 6 -7:30 pm Family Night - Monday
Class Shopping Dec. 4th to 7th
 - Teacher Thoughts on Auction Items?? – This would be something that families would bid on during the family night. This would be the teacher would volunteer to do with students (ex: Donuts with Mrs. Lambert, movie with the kindergarten teachers).
 - Mrs. Altman had the idea that Brownsburg did of having kids staying after school one day and then the parents pay \$5 and it is limited to 20 students per week and is first come first serve and the first twenty are taken each week.

- **Hospitality Coordinator - Shae**
 - Update on Teacher Appreciation Activities – The first Food Cart one went awesome and we had enough stuff to do an additional one in October! It will be set for October 5th. October 9th will be the fall fiesta – lunch for teachers. November 2nd – Snack Cart. December we will do a dessert and hot chocolate bar and a luncheon.
 - We also had some generous parents donate microwaves for the teacher’s lounge. We are still planning on cleaning and doing a teacher’s lounge shower. We want to wait until after the fall fundraiser to do something like this.
 - Thank you to the teachers that filled out the survey of items that would be nice to have in the lounge.

- **Activities Business – Nicole and Parmpreet**
 - Family Game Night – October – At our last meeting we had a sign-up sheet for volunteers for that and we had a few people volunteer. We will be setting up a Sign-Up Genius to get volunteers and some more donations of games.
 - Spirit Day – Chick-fil-a – Sept 20th
 - November 8 – Hot Skates (5-8 pm) – Monday before the e-learning day.
 - December 12th – Portello’s

- **Treasurer / Corporate Donations Business – Cheryl**
 - Financial Report – We renewed our insurance and that was \$318. Reminder to teachers that they can still turn in receipts for the \$100 reimbursement.

- **Corporate Promotions Business – Erin**
 - Box Tops – October 5th is the deadline to send those in. Please, send them in the baggies that were provided. If those baggies have been lost, then just put them in a baggie with your child’s name and the teacher’s name.
 - Kroger Plus Update – We get about \$75 a quarter with this. There were directions on the back of the letter that went home a week or two ago on how to sign up.

- **Parent / Teacher Walk-In’s** – The PTO bulletin board looks nice 😊

- **Guest Speaker – Mrs. Porter – PBIS**

Mrs. Porter presenting about Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports. The goal is to prevent a problem from happening in the first place. It is a data driven system that is focused on preventing problem behaviors instead of solely punishing the negative behavior.

Sycamore Team Values – We are Kind, We are Safe, We are Responsible, We work together

These are the new Sycamore team values that were adopted this year. Hopefully you are connected through Class Dojo. Lots of the staff are still learning the system. You cannot compare the amount of points that are given between teachers or grade levels.

Reflection sheets might come home if something happens that a child needs to reflect on. This can continue to conversation with parents and they can talk about other ways the child could have handled the situation.

Upcoming Meetings

- Tuesday, October 9th, 2018 at 6:30 PM