



The Bull's-Eye

March 2023
Allyson Dye, Editor



Dr. Barbara Wood, Principal
Ms. Kristen Lamm, Interim Principal
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Poquoson Elementary School
Parent Teacher Organization



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Save the Date

April 15th
4-6pm

PPS and PES are excited to bring
back the Color Run Fundraiser!
Details coming in March

Upcoming Dates

3/2—PTO Meeting
3/7—Interim Reports
3/8—Early Dismissal
3/9—Spring Picture Day
3/10—Color Run Kick Off
3/22—Early Dismissal
3/23—Math Night

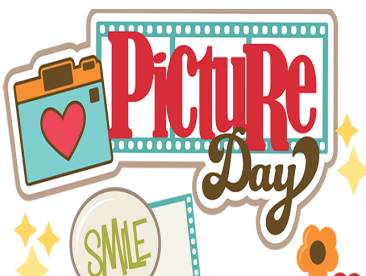
PES PTO 2023-24 **Board Members**

President—Devin Insley
Vice President—Roxanne Overby
Secretary—Kristen Jones
Treasurer—Erika Chwalik
Fundraising—Jenny Defendeifer
Hospitality—Christy Hatchett & Daniela Shaner
Volunteer Coordinator—Jenny Defendeifer
Communications—Allyson Dye
Historian—Lorrie Challoner
Field Day—Laura Monfils
Spirit Wear—Jennifer Ward
5th Grade T-Shirts—Allyson Dye
Assemblies—Lorrie Challoner
Spirit Nights—Jill Verser
Book in a Bag—Lorrie Challoner
Social Media—Allyson Dye

PTO **MEETING**

March 2nd
6pm

Lots of fun events coming
up, join us to learn all
about them!



SPRING PICTURES
MARCH 9TH

«**THINK LEFT &**
THINK RIGHT»
& THINK LOW
and think high
OH, THE THINGS
YOU CAN THINK UP
IF ONLY
YOU TRY!

-DR. SEUSS, OH, THE THINGS YOU CAN THINK!



Did you know if each student donated just 2-3 pairs of new or gently used tennis shoes, the PES PTO would exceed their goal?!?!?

The ongoing fundraiser is accepting:

Running shoes, basketball shoes, cross trainers, non-metal cleats, canvas sneakers, hiking boots, gym shoes, court shoes

Shoes we cannot accept:

Shoes with rips and tears, dirty shoes, heels, slippers, flip flops, Crocs, etc.

How much money will be raised???

If PES PTO collects the goal of 700 shoes, we will receive about \$1500

Anything else???

Shoes can be dropped off in the bins by the PES office

Please make sure the shoes stay in pairs by rubber banding together or tying the laces together



Math Night
March 23rd
5-7pm

The PTO will be sending out pre-order forms for Chick Fil A box dinners

5th Graders!
Mark your calendars!

5th Grade Fun
Night
Friday, May 19th
6-8pm



Parents—more information will be sent home and a Sign Up Genius will be created for volunteers and items need for the event closer to the date



Want to help raise money for PES??

Coke Rewards is another way!

Simply visit the website, select our school, and enter the code under the cap.

<https://us.coca-cola.com/give/schools/>

Box Tops have gone digital!

To earn money for PES,
simply download the app and
begin scanning!



PES PTO Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Elizabeth Jones, Daniela Shaner, Devin Insley, Kristen Lamm, Bobbi Wright, Jenny Defendeifer, Allyson Dye, Lorrie Challoner, Christy Hatchett, Jill Verser, Cathy Burroughs, Melanie Finch, Kristen Jones, Roxanne Overby

Call to order: 6:07pm, Elizabeth Jones

President, Elizabeth Jones

January meeting minutes approved unanimously

Open Board positions for 2023-24 school year have all been filled!

President = Devin Insley / Spirit Nights = Jill Verser / Spirit Wear = Jennifer Ward

Helping Hands

Slowing down due to an attempt to reduce the amount of paper being used for copies

PTO will take a break from Helping Hands volunteers until further notice. PES Administration will let Elizabeth know if there is a project where Helping Hands volunteers can be used. Bobbi to remove the Helping Hands signup sent out on 2/1

Playground – are there plans to upgrade or move to the back of the school?

Mrs. Lamm reported there are currently no plans to move or upgrade the playground

Discussed the aging playground and desire for enhancement / replacement

Mrs. Lamm will investigate how playground replacements are funded - are school funds available? How would a purchase work? Is there an estimate of cost?

Discussed a Gaga Pit that was thought to have been purchased prior to COVID shut-downs. Mrs. Lamm to investigate if there is a Gaga Pit available to install at PES

Skate Night?

This would not be a fundraiser, but a school-wide social event. There is a roller skating rink set up at Dare Elementary with roller skates available to rent. Elizabeth will investigate more details so a date can be set at the next PTO meeting.

Principal, Mrs. Lamm

Update on reading helpers

1 teacher has expressed interest in a classroom reading-helper. Elizabeth will coordinate with Mrs. Lamm to provide volunteers to this teacher and potentially expand to additional teachers if further interest is expressed

Date for cookie fundraiser

Kickoff is February 13th and will run for 2 weeks

Cookie dough fundraiser is not PTO affiliated, but run by PES directly

Big thank you for the taco bar provided by the PTO in January - the teachers really enjoyed it!

Vice President and Spirit Wear, Roxanne Overby

Sock samples from Sock Concepts

\$5 is the PTO cost, tentative selling price is \$10

Plan to purchase a quantity of various sizes and sell at Color Run, Spirit Nights, etc.

Discussion to make sure enough adult size socks are purchased for PES students

Spring swag

“P” t-shirt (gold shirt with maroon “P”) to match the bull stuffed animal will be printed by Thread Perfection and offered for sale this Spring

Cost is \$8.25 if 150-200 are purchased (90 for PPS & 90 for PES) and selling price will be \$15-\$20

Treasurer, Erika Chwalik (unable to attend)

Erika will schedule appointment to open money market account (as discussed at January PTO meeting)

Treasurer's Report was reviewed

Bobbi Wright noted the Book in a Bag budget was to be increased as discussed at the January PTO meeting, but that increase is not reflected in the Treasurer's Report. Elizabeth will follow up to ensure the increased Book in a Bag budget is noted going forward

VA sales tax exemption has been received

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Fundraising and Spirit Nights, Jenny Defendeifer

The Fundraising Company (sneaker fundraiser)

111 shoes have been collected in recent months (primarily at Bean's Spirit Night) which brings the total collected up to approx. 250 pairs of shoes

We will really push the shoe fundraiser this Spring to attempt to reach the goal of 700 shoes so we can submit the shoes and close out the fundraiser

"Can you spare 1 pair" - suggestion to really publicize the need for each student to donate just 1 pair of shoes to help us meet our goal

Color Run (School-A-Thon is the fundraising company that will lead the event)

First choice for location is the field in front of Kids Island. Jenny to coordinate with Poquoson Parks & Rec to secure field use

Electricity access is a requirement

April 15th is the tentative date for the Color Run from 4-6pm (3:30-4pm registration)

Kickoff would be 3/10, and fundraising envelopes / money will be due by 3/24

This is a rain or shine event

Consider having a DJ, photo booth or food truck options (Bean's Ice Cream Truck or Chick-Fil-A). Could sell waters for \$1 or have a table for spirit wear for extra fundraising

Will need a table setup for extra color powder sales at the event

To investigate first aid needs + requirement for a nurse on site

Be sure to advertise kids should bring a towel to sit on for the ride home and also consider having leaf blowers available on site to give families the option to blow powder off children before they depart

Spirit nights

Consider another Bean's Ice Cream Spirit Night for the Spring - Elizabeth to reach out to Bean's for possible dates in April or May

Jenny reported she is also considering a Poquoson Diner Spirit Night in the Spring

Hospitality, Daniela Shaner and Christy Hatchett

Thank you for making January a hit with the Taco and Nacho Bar!

February plan

Chocolate theme - candy bars distributed on 2/14 "How Sweet it is to be Taught by You"

Plan for ~60 that will include all staff

Considering sign-up genius to restock bathroom baskets

Newsletter, Allyson Dye

Submission deadline is February 15

Will include a save-the-date for the Color Run + PTO Board positions filled for next year

Suggestion for PTO "tidbits" to be included in weekly PES communications e-mail that is sent by administration (if anything is relevant)

5th Grade T-Shirts, Allyson Dye

Rough cost estimate of \$1,650 (shirts cost \$9 each)

T-shirt design is roughly the same as last year

Only ordered 3 extra (AS, AM and AL), since 12 ordered last year and they didn't get taken (more can be more ordered because a set fee is not charged)

Order should be ready by the end of February with goal of distribution prior to Spring Break

5th Grade Fun Night, Kristen Jones

Friday, May 19th, 6-8pm at PES

Cathy Burroughs volunteered to assist in organizing

Elizabeth to get binder of information from prior organizers to aid in planning

Consider QR code for pictures from the event loaded to Shutterfly

Information flyers + permission slips will be required

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Assemblies and Book in a Bag, Lorrie Challoner

Bulletin board

Thank you to kids and staff for preserving the board in the cafeteria and recommend kids be lined up away from the board

Plans to change out the January information, but the “theme” of winter/valentines will be up through February and then will change for March

Discussed the observation that parent lunch tables are on the other side of the cafeteria from the bulletin board. There is a vacant bulletin board by the parent tables. To consider using the blank board as an informative board as well.

Spring Book in a Bag

Date set for Thursday, April 13

Book order will be placed this month, but would like to choose the books vs. accepting pre-selected books as finding there is an inventory of unwanted books piling up

Books will be selected by PTO volunteers and Mrs. Lamm will do a final review of the selections

Ideas for Assemblies

Corey the Dribbler

Secured for April 27th – 2 assemblies, 45 minutes each, to start at 1pm

Former Harlem Globetrotter and 8-time Guinness World Record Holder who inspires students to reach for their goals while teaching respect

Weatherman – Reached out to Jeremy Wheeler at Wavy 10 to talk to kids about weather

NASA – Reached out to NASA for the cost of an astronaut visiting school, waiting for more information

DARE/Poquoson Police Department – no cost for this event, but consider hosting our local police dept to discuss school safety with kids

Adjourned: 7:29pm, President, Elizabeth Jones

Next meeting on Thursday, March 2 at 6pm