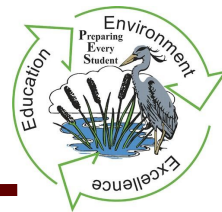




The Bull's-Eye

April 2023
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Poquoson Elementary School
Parent Teacher Organization



@PoquosonES

PTO MEETING

April 13th
6pm

We will be planning lots of things, Teacher Appreciation, 5th Grade Fun Night, and more!
Come join us!



APRIL 15TH
4-6PM

Registration: 3:30-4pm
Location: PES Back Field

This is a combined event with
PPS and PES!

PPS will participate in the run first and
PES students will go to the games stations, then switch

Be sure to stop by the PES PTO table to
pick up your swag!

Upcoming Dates

4/3-7—Spring Break
4/13—PTO Meeting
4/13—Bag It Books
4/15—PES PTO Color Run
4/17-21—Book Fair
4/19—Early Dismissal
4/19—Field Day
4/19—Spirit Night at Anna's
4/20—Family Night at the Book Fair
4/21—Report Cards
4/27—Corey the Dribbler Assembly



APRIL 17-21

FAMILY NIGHT

APRIL 20

5-7PM

Check out the Spring
Book Fair and support
the PES Library!!!

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



**SPIRIT NIGHT
APRIL 19TH**

5TH GRADE FUN NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE!
ADDITIONAL DETAILS, INCLUDING VOLUNTEER
SIGN-UP, PERMISSION SLIP AND DONATION
INFORMATION TO COME AFTER SPRING BREAK

GAMES • FOOD • FUN!!

19 TH MAY AT 6-8 PM

@ POQUOSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
5TH GRADE STUDENTS ONLY



**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

PES PTO Meeting Minutes March 2, 2023

In Attendance:

Roxanne Overby	Jenny Defendeifer
Kristen Lamm (PES Administration)	Christy Hatchett
Cathy Burroughs	Kristen Jones
Bobbi Wright	Melanie Finch

Call to order: 6:05pm, Roxanne Overby, Vice President (Elizabeth Jones, President, unable to attend)

Vice President, Roxanne Overby

- February meeting minutes approved unanimously electronically

Principal, Mrs. Lamm

- Plan for lost and found items
 - PTO volunteer can come in and organize lost and found items before March Math Night when parents will be in the building so hopefully some of the items will be claimed
- Need volunteers for picture day - Thursday, March 9th @ 8:30am (until approx. noon)
 - Cathy Burroughs
 - Jenny Defendeifer
 - Lorrie Challoner
 - Kristen Jones
 - Bobbi Wright (substitute - call to fill-in if needed)
- Field trip planned for 3rd graders?
 - Virginia Living Museum field trip is being planned for April timeframe (note - this is a tentative location/timeframe - more details to come)
- Math Night
 - Thursday, 3/23/23 → 5:30-7:00pm @ PES
 - 5:30-6:00 = dinner in PES Cafeteria
 - 6:00 - 7:00 = math games in each grade level pod
 - Students will have math games by grade levels that are being prepared by grade-level teacher teams (i.e. - life size board game / "math pong" / cupcake walk / etc.)
 - Table can be set up to sell PTO swag (new P shirts / stuffed bulls / socks / bracelets / etc.)
 - PTO is providing dinner for this event - consider selling 'meal deals' as a fundraiser
 - Chick-Fil-A sandwich costs \$4.99
 - Consider selling sandwich + bottle water OR Capri Sun + bag of chips as a 'meal deal' at a cost of \$6 or higher
- Spring Book Fair is scheduled for April 17th - April 21st → Family Night is April 20th

Treasurer, Erika Chwalik (unable to attend)

- Reviewed and discussed electronic Treasurer's Report
 - 2nd teacher allotment check will be delivered to PES soon
 - If we plan to fund the rest of the budget items for the remainder of the school year, there will be a \$2,346.25 shortage. Discussed plans to cover the shortage and noted we expect to recover much of it through swag sales. Expense for swag has been incurred; however, no opportunities for sales to date - first opportunity will be Math Night and depending on amount of inventory leftover, will consider other venues for sales throughout the school / community

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- Roxanne suggested setting up 'PTBoard' for PES PTO.
 - PTBoard can be used for announcements, signups, swag / meal sales (i.e. - credit card processing), etc.
 - PPS PTO has been using all year and it has been a huge success
 - All in attendance were in favor of Roxanne moving forward with set up for PES PTO as the first year of service is free (future years can continue to be free with referral codes)
 - Roxanne will plan to set up before Math Night so it can be used for easy sales of 'meal deals' and swag at that event

Fundraising and Spirit Nights, Jenny Defendeifer

- The Fundraising Company (sneaker fundraiser)
 - We are ~½ way to our goal of 700 sneakers. Approx. 350 usable sneakers are in hand.
 - Flyer was made and will be distributed to PES students - flyer reiterates these shoes are NOT being recycled (so cannot be torn / have holes / be dirty). Will start pushing for donation of new shoes as well as "gently used condition" (do not have to be expensive new shoes)
 - Any size - adult or child accepted.
 - Will advertise to bring shoe donations to Bean's Spirit Night in March (much success with collections there at the Fall Spirit Night)
 - Discussed consideration of promoting on Poquoson 411 before Bean's Spirit Night to better engage the community with the effort. Determined current preference is for students' families to share on Facebook to promote to direct family and friends.
- Color Run
 - Saturday, April 15th → 4-6pm (3:30-4pm registration) at PES (behind school in the field)
 - This is a combined event for both PPS and PES
 - PPS students will run first and PES students will go to games stations and then switch
 - Company will provide packets (being mailed to PES address) to send home for students
 - Plan for the fundraiser to officially kick off March 10th.
 - Fundraising envelopes will be due March 24th.
 - PES swag table will be setup at the event to sell swag items and PTBoard should be of significant help to allow for easy credit card transactions on site
 - Still in need of hot dogs, possibly from Farm Fresh, and cookies, possibly from Costco, to offer at the event
- Spirit Nights
 - Bean's Ice Cream
 - Date confirmed for Monday, March 27th
 - Other ideas
 - Jenny is working to contact Anna's to schedule for this Spring
 - Also considering Poquoson Diner for this Spring
 - Suggestion to consider Little Philly Cheesesteaks in the future
 - If anyone has any close contacts at these or similar local restaurants, please reach out directly for information and let Jenny know

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Hospitality, Christy Hatchett

- Thank you for making February a hit with "How Sweet it is to be Taught by You"!
- Discussed food at hospitality events has been running low by the last lunch period (for crock-pot type items particularly). Consider continuing to plan for 65 and add a note for earlier teachers attending to please limit serving sizes. Also consider 'manning' the food serving table with volunteers which will also help ensure all food brought-in is pulled out of the fridge for refills. Also consider splitting food into 3 separate servings for "1st lunch" / "2nd lunch" / "3rd lunch" periods
- Taco bar was a huge hit so consider doing again for a future event
- March Teacher Event
 - 3/15/23 - plan for bagels / muffin to be brought in for breakfast
- Tentative idea for April Event is a potato bar
- Teacher suggestion for a "stock the classroom" type event as many school supplies are dwindling this time of year. Noted Spring teacher allotment is coming so this should also assist with this need

Spirit Wear, Roxanne Overby

- Received swag (shirts and socks)
- Shirts will be sold for \$20 and socks for \$10
- Wrong colored socks donated to LINK in Newport News and Natasha House in Yorktown, and PES and PPS nurses were provided with 10 pairs each. Both shelters received 45 pairs each.

Newsletter, Allyson Dye (unable to attend)

- Submission deadline is March 15th

5th Grade T-Shirts, Allyson Dye (unable to attend)

- Shirts were distributed and everything went well!!

5th Grade Fun Night, Cathy Burroughs & Kristen Jones

- Friday, May 19th from 6-8pm
- 5th grade teachers would like to be involved in the planning for this event - Mrs. Lamm will solicit ideas and input from the 5th grade teachers and bring to April PTO meeting

Assemblies and Book in a Bag, Lorrie Challoner (unable to attend)

- Book in a Bag
 - Spring event scheduled for Thursday, April 13th
 - Bobbi and Lorrie have gone through book inventory to purge books from previous events that were piling up / have not been of interest to our students
 - Lorrie is working with Scholastic to select books for the Spring event in hopes of picking more books of interest to our student population
 - Discussed some frustration in dealing with regional Scholastic representative throughout the ordering process so suggestion was made to reach out to the company PPS recently switched to for the PPS Book Fair (Bedford Falls)

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- Assemblies
 - Jeremy Wheeler from Wavy 10 came to speak to kids about weather - great feedback from students
 - Corey the Dribbler to be held on April 27th (2 assemblies, 45 min each), starting at 1pm
 - DARE curriculum is available for Grades 3-5 and currently investigating date options with Officer Biggs
 - NASA has been contacted to schedule an Astronaut to visit PES - currently waiting on NASA's reply

Open Discussion:

- Playground discussion
 - There is interest in researching how to obtain a new and improved playground at PES
 - King Swings Play was contacted for a quote / drawing for an ADA compliant elementary playground to obtain a price point for beginning discussions. That quote was \$17,690.92 (NOT including the cost, if any, for surfacing)
 - Discussed it does seem the PES PTO could successfully assist with a fundraising effort to raise sufficient funds for this project if an approved vendor and approved playground plan can be obtained from the School Board and / or other appropriate channels

Adjourned: 7:26pm, Roxanne Overby, Vice President

Next meeting is Thursday, April 13th at 6pm in PES Library