

Waite Park PTA Meeting – November 9th

- **Principal's Update** (Rochelle M.): The school has hired a new Associate Educator named Marcos. He is working in the office, playground, lunchroom, and classrooms. He's a great new addition. He's a football coach at another school and the kids love him. Interventions team is rocking. There will be no e-learning days for the coming year for elementary unless we exceed 5 snow days. Budget for next year is coming up in February. Next site council meeting is coming up on 12/14 and Ms. Bauer will be doing a data review to see how the intervention team is working out. It will occur at the beginning of the PTA meeting and everyone is welcome to come.
- **Community Ed Update:** No updates tonight. Community ed has started, it's a shorter session.
- **Minneapolis Parks Update** (Sarah R.): No updates
- **Waite Park PTA Update** (Tyler S.)
 - Winter gear swap: Tyler is working with other elementary schools and Ms. Kelly, the social worker to distribute remaining items.
 - Family Directory is finished (thanks CasiAnna!). They are off to the printers and should be distributed before Thanksgiving break.
 - Say Boo to the Flu: 166 vaccinations given, 163 dinners, four gallons of ice cream and \$5,500 and the school will get \$2,500 to purchase books. Thank you volunteers and participants!
- **Treasurer's Update:** There are a few outstanding checks to the school that Principal McGinness will check about.
- **Grants Committee:**
 - \$4,735 granted
 - \$7,237 remaining in budget
 - EL/HHM students got to pick out books at the scholastic fair.
 - Special ed sensory room remodel
 - Music room: new temple blocks and xylophone
 - 4/5th Freckle curriculum
 - Gavel pencils for judicial curriculum for 4/5th grade
 - 5th grade field trip got private bussing to Justice Center in St. Paul.
- **Upcoming Events/Volunteers**
 - Community Service Night:

We discussed different options. One option would be to do a station type event with multiple ways to give back. It would be good to partner with Everyday Leaders and/or the social worker. Someone commented that it should have an educational component with each station. Another option would be to do a group volunteering session at Every Meal (formerly Sheridan Story.) We have tentatively decided on decorating cards for hospice patients and serving snacks:

Cards and Cocoa Night: 5:15pm-6:15pm in the cafeteria Tuesday, December 5th

If you want to be involved, please email waiteparkpta1@gmail.com and we will add you to the service committee list.

- Give to the Max Day next Thursday. We will share ways to donate to the Waite Park PTA on our social media and through email.
- <https://www.givemn.org/organization/Waiteparkpta>
- Remember Pedal Power when you do Give to the Max Day! They are the non-profit that organizes the weekly biking lessons for our 4/5th graders. They do this at multiple northeast schools.
- <https://www.givemn.org/organization/Pedal-Power-1>