

PTA Agenda 2/7/23

Principal's Update: Conferences are tomorrow and next Thursday. Budget is going to come out later than expected, she will set a site council meeting to review it. Glow run is on Friday.

Community Ed Update: Regular after school classes the next two Thursdays, but no GEMS/GISE this Thursday or the next.

Parks Update: Sarah is looking for some winter gear/wishlist items. Principal McGinness has some. Anika offered that we could gather donations at our next Family Service Night.

Bargaining update: You can watch the public bargaining meetings for the teachers' here: <https://mps.eduvision.tv/default?q=X3Y5NcZVhaCjNfS9iEx5tw%253d%253d>

There is one tomorrow and there are archived ones to watch. February 15th ESP chapter is having a public bargaining meeting that can be linked from Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ESP59Union>

PTA Update: Please email us if you're interested in serving on the PTA board. At the March meeting, we will have a list of board role duties and open positions. Nicole suggested making a flier to send home to younger grades.

We have been asked to help out the Safety Patrol. We have had 37 instances of cars going around flags. Mostly on Johnson and 34th Street. Principal McGinness did complete a traffic study that she turned into the city in November. We need volunteers to brainstorm ways to advocate the city to slow traffic at this spot. Please email at waiteparkpta1@gmail.com if you would like to help.

You can request traffic calming measures for Johnson and 34th Street from the city at this link: <https://www2.minneapolismn.gov/government/departments/public-works/traffic-parking-services/traffic-calming/>

We also need parents to follow the parking rules. Please stay away from the bussing lane when parking to pick up. Please only cross at the crosswalks.

The mural should be done or mostly done by tomorrow, so check it out during conferences!

PTA is delivering Jimmy John's for dinner during conferences tomorrow. We discussed doing a parent brought potluck for next week, then decided to do this during teacher appreciation week. We will provide pizza next week.

Family Service Night: Amy Softich and Anika are working with the Pet Resource Center to come up with a couple of craft projects for us to make and donate to pets in need. We are looking at no tie blankets, cat toys and pet food donations. Let us know if you're interested in helping out or have a fun craft idea for pets! Does anyone have fleece to donate or old blankets that could be repurposed?

Ms. Ditter recommended an instagram story where students drew portraits of animals that needed to be adopted and wrote bios and they were all adopted. Maybe this could be an option for at the family service night?

Potential date, Tuesday March 12th 5:30pm-6:30pm.

Grants Update: Lakeshore Phonics toys for kindergarten, field trip to the capital for Everyday Leaders, Starfall renewal for SPED, the petting zoo, and tracing boards for ELL were all approved. \$4600 left in the grant budget for the year.

Yearbook Update: Jill Hooten is spearheading the yearbook. Katie, Nicole and Jill have been working together with Eric and Abbie Westra to use templates. Lifetouch is doing spring class photos March 14th. This will hopefully give us enough time to get those group photos into the yearbook. If you have fun photos to include in the yearbook from school events, please email them to waiteparkpta1@gmail.com.

Carnival Update: Bridget and Tyler met with the Parks Forestry Outreach worker and identified some potential trees to climb during the event. They also suggested having a water truck and having kids water some trees. The mascot will also be there. There may also be a naturalist from the parks. Sarah, rec center director, is also hiring two face painters for the event.

Glow Run Update: We have raised \$17,000, our goal is \$25,000, but no worries, there will still be a pie in the face. There are still volunteer spots open. <https://signup.com/go/vZiCZrq>

