Baron PTO Meeting
Date: February 5, 2024 -- 6:30pm

Attendees: Kalysta White, Steph Koser, Kristin Boer, Natalie Abram, Jessica Atkins, Amy Simmons, Mrs. Rhine, Mrs. Wagner

Welcome & Introductions

Principal's Report
https://www.smore.com/mb4zs8

Principal's Message: We continue to be innovative in our approach to making a difference in the learning environments of our students. Whether it is implementing new research based strategies to use in classroom lessons, enhancing our Baron Time offerings for students, or designing creative House Meetings and 4-Houses…1-Baron Family Assemblies, our teachers and staff are finding flexibility to design wonderful learning opportunities at Baron Elementary.

Local musician, Steven Courtney, was invited as a special guest for 4-Houses Assembly at the end of January. He created an awesome song around our 4-Houses program that we have used as our morning song in February. 4-Houses Song I have heard that the kids are singing this song through the hallways as they start their day!

Our learners and families are giving back to the community by donating soup cans for our Souper Bowl Can Drive (ends Feb. 9th) that benefits the Manheim Food Bank. Former MCSD teacher, Cathy Knittle, always enjoys receiving our donations. Will our school select the KC Chiefs (120) or the SF 49ers (109) as the Super Bowl winner? Reminder…Favorite jersey/sweatshirt day is this Friday, Feb. 9th.

I want to thank our entire school community for their thoughts and get well wishes while I am away from Baron. Kim Marrolli, Keisha McCauley, and Dr. Flannery have done a great job filling-in for me with the day-to-day duties at our school. Our teachers and staff have been amazing as they move forward with the best interests of our learners in mind.

Important Dates:
Feb. 1 - March 4…Kids Heart Challenge
Feb. 8…Elementary Science Night at the HS (6-7:30PM)
Feb. 15…Early Dismissal (PD for staff)
Feb. 16…Weather Make-up Day (from 1/16)
Feb. 19…No School (President's Day)
March 4…PTO Meeting
March 8…Spring Picture Day
March 11-15…Spring Book Fair at Baron
March 14…Baron Breakfast / Kindergarten Registration at the DO / Multicultural Night at Baron (6:00-7:30)...Big Day!
March 26 & 27…Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences
April 2 - Baron Bolt Launch
April 11-12 - Spring Musical
April 26 Baron Bolt

Title 1 Report: Mrs. Boyle -
IU13 Parent Conference - It Take a Village - 3/12 - Link in Mr. Pyle's Newsletter
All parents are welcome to fill out and turn in Form to attend by March 1

March 14 - 6-7:30pm **Multicultural Night**

Midyear testing is complete
Diagnostic testing and support from reading specialist
New boost groups will be formed
Reading Specialists will reach out with changes

Read Across America Week: March 11-14

Treasurer's Report:
February 2024 Treasurer Report.pdf

2023-24 Financial Manager- Baron Elementary PTO.pdf

Old Business:

- January Minutes, Motioned: Natalie Abram Second: Steph Koser, Approved

- Bingo Night Review - large crowd, cafeteria full and gym was filling up, snacks as prizes were positively received

New Business:

- Elementary Science Night, 2/8/24 - 400 people signed up,
  - snack will be there, funded by ours and Doe Run PTO
  - Enter to the right of the main entrance in the staff parking lot
  - Kalysta sending parking map to Mr. Pyle to send out to parents
  - Interact Club members 7-8 kids to help where needed

- Kids Heart Challenge -
  - this month, PTO buys apples/apple slices provided
  - Will anyone organize During the week of Feb 26 for a heart healthy snacks for the staff in the Teacher's lounge

- Hershey Park Ticket Sales - Heather Longenecker is organizing this and sending out mid Feb to beginning of March

- Rescheduling Outdoor Movie Night
  - 9/6, 9/20
  - Available to Host at the Middle school

- MC Cultural Night: 3/14/24
  - Ina and Mrs. Boyle working on this
  - Mrs. Boyle purchasing the decorations for this

- Spring Book Fair: 3/11/24-3/15/24
  - March 7 info going out to parents
  - $200 scholastic dollars for hosting multiple events in a year
  - $200 extra as well

    - All for books money to be used to Summer Reading Program
    - Will be delivered the book prior
    - No Teacher Preview for the spring since there is no wishlist
    - Live Zoom meetings possible for teacher's to schedule to meet authors
    - Oct. 14-18 for Fall next year
    - March 10-14 for Spring next year

- Teacher Luncheon: 3/27/24
    - Allie Reifsnyder is heading this up again, previously

- Staff Appreciation Holidays
    - Guidance Counselor Week: now - need volunteer to head something up
    - Mrs. Clare Retiring - 3/8/24 - thoughts of what a larger gift could be for her
        - She enjoys going out to eat with her husband
        - Hobby is raising bees
        - She loves plants - flower wagon or Meadow View Greenhouse
    - School Bus Driver Appreciation - 4/25/24
    - School Principal Day - 5/1/24
    - School Nurse Day - 5/8/24

Next PTO Meeting is Monday March 4th, 2024 at 6:30pm