

PTO MEETING

September 20, 2024

PTO Chairperson: Komal Kapoor
PTO Treasurer: Cristhel Martinez-Suarez (to be filled)
PTO Head Class Rep: Melissa Diller
PTO Secretary: To be filled

Calendar:

- October 25th: Pre-K through 5th grade Halloween Dance sponsored by the PTO

HOT TOPICS:

- I. PTO Welcome and Introductions
- II. Hello from Mr. Hogan
 - a. In 2025-2026 school year, LCCS will begin Pre-K 3 program.
 - i. Since LCCS does not have physical space for full Pre-K 3 class, will be doing mixed Pre-K classes with 6 new Pre-K 3 students.
 - ii. This year is a planning year for the school to plan for this new initiative in the 2025-2026 school year.
 1. Parent Question: Sibling Preference: If you have younger child, you MUST fill out lottery application (goes live 10/1). Normally, school can accommodate all sibling preferences, but we may not be able to accommodate all PreK 3 siblings with only 6 spots. There will be a wait list.
 - b. Career Fair – High school application process starts 10/1. If you have career that is unique or want to share your career with our students, please sign up for our Career Fair which will be held on October 9th at 9am.
- III. Hello from Friends of LCCS
 - a. Lauren Shapiro (President)
 - i. “Friends of” is school/s 501(c)(3) non-profit. Works in partnership with school leadership to make improvements to school. Looking for parents to volunteer to join committee. Fund-raising efforts include:
 1. Annual Appeal - one time contribution or recurring monthly gift.
 2. Fallapalooza – October 19th – crafts, music, dancing, food. Parent run event. Looking for parent volunteers, food donations, raffle donations.
 3. Square One Art – Kids in K-5 grade work on piece of art with art teachers, families have opportunity to purchase that art on different gifts.
 4. GALA – Adults only. You can be involved through ticket sales, corporate sponsors, auction items.
 5. Hudson Gives -County Run fund-raising effort.
- IV. Past PTO Projects and Plans for Upcoming Year

- a. PTO throws 2 dances and holiday shops to raise funds. Funds are then put back into school to support students and staff. PTO organized Pre-K playdate, we helped fund end of year teacher staff party and teacher appreciation events; organize holiday collection to support school staff.
- V. PTO Secretary Position
 - a. Looking for Parent Volunteer.
- VI. Class Reps and Community Whats App
 - a. Melissa Diller:
 - i. Parent Rep – Main point of communication between parents and class.
 - ii. Holiday Collection assistance – raise funds for gifts to all teachers and staff.
 - iii. Whats App Community – PTO has put all whats app chats into one giant community. Parents can sign up for various committees, etc.
 - 1. QR code to join community
 - iv. Looking for individual class reps for each class.
- VII. Halloween Dance Committee
- VIII. PTO Questions

Parent Questions:

Lunch: Child complains of not enough time to eat. Every grade level has their own lunch period. Child should reach out to teacher to address this concern and keep an eye on student to make sure they are using time efficiently.

Boys first floor bathroom sinks are being repaired. Alternate bathrooms are available. 1st and 2nd graders will be walked to another bathroom by teacher or assistant.

Christmas/New Year Holiday Schedule: Could we extend break through the end of the week (Thursday and Friday)? School considers schedule and would then have to push back end of school year.

Gifted and Talented Program – Ms. Lefkowitz will run and communication will be out in Friday Flyer

Club Signups – Friday Flyer contains link with all relevant information. Clubs are starting this week. This information is also on the LCCS website.