

## Old Mill Road General Membership Meeting

October 24, 2024

### Meeting Opening

- Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM

### President's Report

- We were happy to show our wonderful custodian's appreciation on National Custodians Day-gift cards for all of the custodial staff
- Walk to School Day was a lot of fun seeing all the creative chalk art on October 2<sup>nd</sup>; PTA also shared pedestrian safety. Chalk was given out at the school at all the different entrances; some wonderful volunteers who help to make some sensory paths and pictures with lots of creativity
- Picture day went great, you should have received an email with your proofs
- Retake/Graduation Photos (6<sup>th</sup> and Kinder will be November 20<sup>th</sup> (reminders will be shared)
- Our first book fair on October 10<sup>th</sup> in the courtyard was a big success (we will take any recommendations for the next one for anyone who worked it) Also any feedback on types of books that your children would like to see (next book fair is in January)
- Mums Sale thanks to Leeanne and Atlantic Nursery (she handled all of it from start to finish). Atlantic Nursery is hosting a fall festival check it out
- Draw Along Assembly was a success; Box Out Bullying assembly for Red Ribbon week is tomorrow
- Student Council did a great job organizing red ribbon week and we are excited to contribute the box out bullying assembly
- PTA September Teacher Raffle- Mrs. Abenante won \$50 to teachers pay teacher gift card
- Reflections program started; National PTA competition to participate in the arts open until November 6<sup>th</sup>. It encourages kids to think creatively about the visual arts, literature, photography, etc...Your child can go onto County and State level; search PTA reflections and look at what students did last year; It is a great opportunity to try something new; The theme this year is Accepting Imperfections (which was developed by a 6<sup>th</sup> grade student)
- Thank you to the North Merrick Teachers for a wonderful Trunk or Treat
- Looking forward to Adventureland and Fall Fest
- 28 books donated to the library for the Fall from the PTA using our scholastic dollars (28 in the fall and 28 in the spring)

- Library Honors for Mrs. Walsh's brother a book about engineering since her brother had a passion for it
- Fall Festival is quickly approaching. The student parade is at 9 AM. Following the parade is the festival; Parent parade is at 2 PM and the kids view us from the windows
- Adventureland is this Saturday 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM; You can still purchase tickets at the door if you don't have . They are \$50; Children and adults are encouraged to dress up; Adventureland is closed for N. Merrick elementary schools; if you have not received tickets please let us know
- Galleria Pizza Night was a huge success

BOE- November 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting 7 PM and at our October board of ed meeting audit was super clean

#### Treasurer's Report

- Total income this month (this includes givebacks, welcome back picnic, t-shirts, mums, square deposits (gross proceeds for Adventureland, spirit wear, mums, and holiday photos) and interest received \$7, 353. 85
- Expenditures (outstanding bills 23-24 school year, mums, assemblies, welcome back picnic, custodian appreciation, picture day, staff PTA membership, library honors, administrative costs (zoom) \$3, 064.11
- Balance as of October 5<sup>th</sup> \$47, 105.66

#### Correspondence

- I apologize the zoom link was not working at first
- Keep up to date with current events in the school to check parent square each night
- Also to check Facebook and Instagram which is a great way to see photos and keep up to date
- OMR PTA is a part of all grade levels
- Reminders for upcoming events, Spirit Days, etc... will go out on parent square
- Email [omrcorrespondence@gmail.com](mailto:omrcorrespondence@gmail.com) with any questions or comments
- Trying to reduce paper for the environment so stuff is more digital now

#### Teacher Reports

K- In Kindergarten we have just completed our Name Study Unit. We had so much fun studying our new friends' names. We have also become experts at drawing people! Fall is Fun!!! We are enjoying learning all about apples, leaves and pumpkins through books, investigations and activities. We can't wait for our trip to the Firehouse!

1<sup>st</sup>- First Graders had a blast investigating and experimenting with apples! We used real apples to identify the many different parts. We learned about the life cycle of an apple, noticed the differences and similarities between apples, and predicted whether an apple would sink or float in water. To wrap up, each class ended the apple unit with a tasting celebration! We are looking forward to investigating pumpkins next!

2<sup>nd</sup>- Second Graders have adjusted nicely to their new classrooms. They are enjoying working with their new friends each day. They worked together to create a Collaborative poster last month as a way to get to know each other. They are looking forward to our Parent Steam Event in November where they will showcase their engineering skills.

3<sup>rd</sup>- Third graders are off to a great start this year! We are learning multiplication strategies and facts. We are exploring weather, learning how to identify clouds, and even how to predict if a storm is coming. We're looking forward to Halloween and the Fall Festival.

### SEPTA

- Art night event huge hit
- Booing has begun
- Spooky Bingo on October 28<sup>th</sup> (free for members) a lot of fun and prizes. Everyone gets a prize
- STEM Night with Ms. Garfinkle is on November 14<sup>th</sup>. She sets up a bunch of stations that STEM based. This will take place at Fayette
- SEPTA will be sponsoring a table at fall festival (calm down table with sensory items and crafts. This is great for kids who are overstimulated. This can be for any child who just needs a break)

### Committees

- Volunteering: Google forms go out for volunteers and once you fill them in the PTA can schedule volunteers to be at events (and hopefully be with their child which is not guaranteed but we do our best to accommodate everyone)
- Volunteering: First google form we used a system to have people choose which event they wanted to be at. Everyone was able to get their first choice and we had open spots so we were able to hold a lottery to select more volunteers to attend another event
- Picture Day run by Robyn Blanchard
- Book Fair

### Thank you to all the parents who volunteered and helped us during these events

- Fall Festival and the parade are up next volunteers have already been selected

- Fall Festival has plenty of interactive stations; The students will rotate through 7 stations in a 2 hour span; The children's parade is at 9 AM (parents can line up at 8:45 AM)
- Parent parade starts at 2:15 PM but parents can line up at 2 PM
- Holiday Boutique December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>

### Standing Committees

- Assemblies, Arts and Education-Tina Silvers
- \*Red Ribbon Week Box Bullying tomorrow (splitting younger and older kids)
- Holiday Boutique- December 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Lauren Persico and Caitlyn Mandel
- Class T-shirts- Melissa Chambers (everyone who order a shirt should have received a shirt; still available and parent volunteer shirts are available)

### Fundraising

#### October:

- Galleria Pizza Night was October 8<sup>th</sup>-Thank you to all that ordered they gave us 20% so we made \$250
- Adventureland is October 26<sup>th</sup> tickets will be available at the gate for \$50

#### November:

- Holiday Photo Saturday November 9<sup>th</sup> at the fire house; Don't forget to book your time slot (20 minute time slots can use all the scenes available)
- Vincents Bakery-Pie Fundraiser- Orders must be placed by November 18<sup>th</sup> (variety of pies: apple, pumpkin, coconut custard, cherry, pecan and blueberry)- You must pick up your pies November 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>
- Cards for a Cause November 12th-26th

#### December:

- Galleria Pizza
- Pink Pineapple Shopping December 12<sup>th</sup>

#### February:

- Governors Comedy Club February 27<sup>th</sup>

### Membership

- PTA Membership number is over 200 members
- Great success with teachers joining (great partnerships)

- Teachers Grant (new innovative grant/new and fresh) so the teachers can receive something and get the community involved
- Awards are available for us to win
- We want to continue to make progress and extend the invite to join the PTA to parents, spouses, caregivers, and to grow our Old Mill Road Community
- We want to invite our teachers as well also we can all contribute to our children's great school year

#### New Business

- Starting balance at \$38,334.75; Expense at the end of school year projected to be \$58,425.83. Projected ending balance: \$24,931.92. Vote on the budget (all the board members and attendees approved)

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM PTA next meeting Wednesday November 20<sup>th</sup>

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Recording Secretary, Lisa Rollins

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Co-President Christa Hughs  
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