

Fort Zeller Elementary PTO
Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, November 2, 2021 @ 6:30PM

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mr. Lin

- In October, the highlight of our month was the PTO Race for Education event. We are so pleased with how it went, and extremely grateful for the time, energy, and commitment by our PTO to make the whole event come to life. One of the most common refrains from family members who came out to cheer on their student was just how “normal” the event felt, and how nice it was to (even for just a moment) feel like we were in a pre-pandemic time. We couldn't agree more!
- In other news, students took the district-wide Linkit! Benchmark this month to establish a baseline for determining growth goals in reading and math. This is the first time in recent history where K-2 has had any semblance of a comprehensive and standardized instrument to determine skills achievement in math. These benchmarks are diagnostic in nature and will not be used for grades. Rather, they will help inform teachers as to how well information has been taught, allow opportunities to engage in error analyses (e.g. ferreting out our misunderstandings, etc.), and provide insight on how our students compare with other students who take the same assessments.
- Next month, we look forward to the Scholastics Book Fair, which will coincide with the Parent Conferences. Also, on November 11, we will honor veterans in our community with a Veteran's Day breakfast. We look forward to giving our local veterans the honor they are due, especially after the break last year on account of the Pandemic.

TITLE 1 REPORT: Mr. Lin

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TEACHER'S REPORT:

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SECRETARY'S REPORT: Kelly Newswanger

- Motion for Adoption of the October Meeting Minutes

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sara Derr

- Motion for adoption of the Treasurer's report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Assemblies: Committee Chair, Jodi Horst

- Prismatic Magic is \$799 for 40 minutes and \$999 for 60 minutes (would be over budget)
- Brainshow has not returned her email yet.
- Author's visit: \$280 for an all day event ??? Wants opinion from PTO and Mr. Lin
- Forgotten Friends- February 11th at 2:15 p.m. cost \$250
- Mobile Ag Lab- April 11-13th cost \$1,000

Book Fair: Committee Chair, Kara Shanaman

- Book Fair set up will be after school on Tuesday, November 16th.
- The fair runs from November 17th through Tuesday November 24th.
- We need to get parent volunteers to help at the event.

Rewards Programs: Committee Chair, *Unfilled*

- Reminder to use BoxTop App (\$16.00 so far this school year) and Amazon Smile
- Box Top Fall Submission - \$13.10
- Next Collection for Boxtops is Spring, March 1, 2022

Fundraising: Committee Chair, Kristen Martin

- Spirit wear- commerce.markitlogo.com/FortZeller - Orders now through November 13 - flyer went home with students on Monday

Race for Education: Co-Chairs, Amy Shade & Kelly Newswanger

- Total amount raised: \$6,603.26 (does not include business donations split w/ Jackson)
- 24 business sponsors
- Winning classes: overall-Mrs. Yocum's AM, k-Mrs. Kolovani 1st- Mrs. Hartman, 2nd- Mrs. Jackson, additional classroom: Mrs. Wentzel

Hospitality: Committee Chair, Kara Shanaman and Danielle Gingrich

- The hospitality committee has begun planning for the conference meal on Nov 22 and will send out a sign up list to parents the third week in November. Look for that email! We appreciate the help in making the late conference day a little easier on and brighter for the teachers.

Gingerbread Shop: Committee Chair, Allison Ebersole

- Shopping has begun and inventory will be taken from past years.
- Hoping to schedule the beginning of December.

Memory Book: Committee Chair, *Unfilled*

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Carnival: Committee Chair, *Unfilled*

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OLD BUSINESS:

- Solidify budget including teacher reimbursements for new positions at the Fort.
- Next steps with upcoming events, such as Book Fair and Gingerbread Shop.
- Idea to transform the carnival day into a fun-filled Spring Activity Day.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Budget allocations for all events/committees
- Upcoming Book Fair/PT Conferences, Gingerbread Shop

*****NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 - 6:30PM**