



PTA Meeting

20 November 2024

7:30am at IPE Cafeteria

-Welcome and thank you's!

-Treasurer Report

- Teacher Appreciation budget is being steadily used
- Teacher discretionary fund (\$100/teacher); approved a little over \$2,000 worth of funds for teachers
- Angel tree plug
- Mini grants (\$500/teacher; \$4,000 fall budget); approved a little under \$3,000 for fall teachers who have applied
 - Supporting safety patrol, drum repairs, rug and stools, headphones, bilingual books, 3-D printer

-Merchandise Orders

- Sales extended through 22Nov2024
- For Spring and future years, PTA will consider running 2 rounds of orders (earlier in the fall – potentially at open house, and again in the spring)

-Teacher Appreciation

- \$3,600 left for the year
- Provided teacher treats, pizza day, restocked the lounge, restocked bathrooms with feminine products, data drive meals, etc.
- Will send out a sign up genius to help with restocking teachers lounge
- Looking for cheaper options for December teacher meal – Mellow Mushroom vs. Taco Mama
 - Desserts or pot-luck ideas
- Staff suggested to notify them through Rebecca Diehl, front office TEAMS messages if coffee/meals are provided so they have more notice

-Volunteer Needs

- Winter Dance
- Irving Park Stroll magazine to feature IPE family
- Gift card ideas for holiday teacher presents: Starbucks, Target, TJ Maxx, Chopt for Tuesdays, etc.



-Upcoming Events

- Skate Night 11/21
- Science Fair 12/17
- School Wide Spelling Bee 12/20
- Winter Dance 2/7

-Staff Updates

- Drye
 - K-1 musical program will occur after school. Dates and time have not been confirmed yet. More information to come.
- Doty
 - Looking for science fair judges – cannot have a child participating in the science fair
 - 3-D printer lessons should begin after Christmas and will start with focusing on designing and then printing
 - Looking to apply for grants for more 3-D printers – if anyone wishes to get grant writing assistance, please reach out to Elizabeth
 - Steam store for recyclables will open soon. Recyclables will be used for Steam projects. Request to donate any recyclables: paper, plastic, bottles, cardboard boxes broken down, cereal boxes, glass, old/small electronics, etc.
- Hadas
 - Kiln installation is in progress (requiring proper ventilation system)
 - Received a grant for display cases for pottery and 3-D projects
 - Yearbook – needs volunteers
 - Start gathering photos in a Google Drive
 - Would have an online login
 - Need help to sort individual students by classes
 - Need to insert sponsorships
 - Cut-off date is early March, however, proofing and final edition reviews are necessary before March. So more realistic date would be mid-February
 - Potentially have 5th grade graduation ads or pages for purchase (\$1 gets 10 pages and we currently are maxed at 48 pages)
- Woodall
 - Consider donating old coats
 - Looking for volunteers to partake in the Angel Tree program to adopt a child or family
 - Currently 191 kids are covered
 - Working on IPE chronic attendance – last year was 29%, so far improved this year at 22%. This makes a difference for school reports/grades, etc.

-Next PTA meeting will be 15 January 2025 at 7:30am