

**East Ruther PTA Meeting
Lincoln School
9.9.25**

Called to order 7:07 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

PTA Mission

Our websites:

East Rutherford PTA: <http://www.erboe.net/domain/124>

NJ PTA: <http://www.njpta.org/>

National PTA: <http://www.pta.org/>

PTA Who's Who:

President: Kevin Lyon

Vice President: Jillian Cawley

Recording Secretary: Tara Pachon

Corresponding Secretary: Christine Green

Treasurer: Paola Restrepo

Membership: Charise Brown

Bylaws: Shannon Cowan

Ways & Means Fundraising: Linda Lyon

Cultural Events: Elyssa Martino Foster

Social Media & Communications: Holly Wagner

McKenzie Rep: Natasha Bonilla

Lincoln Rep: Rose Ampuero

Faust Rep/8thGrade Committee: Christine Green & Melissa Hall

Agenda

- **Approval of Minutes:**
 - June Meeting Minutes - Approved

- **Reports of Officers:**
 - A. Treasurer's Report

- Reports are posted on the PTA page on the district website
 - <http://www.erboe.net/page/1630>
 - 8th grade committee reports on as well

B. Correspondence

- Mr. Vilardi - thank you as we wrap up 24/25 school year, field day, kona truck, tshirts, grit ninja, 5th grade bridge day celebration
- Faust teachers, thank you for Chipotle lunch
- Thank you for PTA scholarships Kristen Deerborne
- Thank you for PTA scholarships Kaylee Deerborne
- Thank you for PTA scholarships Nina Podlealiclea
- Thank you for 9/2 staff breakfast. Thank you for the wildcat folders that will be provided shortly to the students. Sincerely, Mrs. Barrale, Mr. Barrow, Mr.Vilardi

C. By Laws & Standing Rules

- Report on PTA page of District website

D. Membership Report

- The committee helps spread word about all the amazing things our PTA does and solicits new members to join our organization. The committee is year long, the primary activity occurs during the first few months of school.
- Sign up Links are available on PTA on the district website and on the PTA Facebook page. Individual Member = \$10
 - <http://weareerpta.givebacks.com/shop/items/22709>
- Currently 112 Members

● Reports of Committees

A. Fundraising

- We are dedicated to ensuring we have enough funding to accomplish all our goals. This team plans and executes events and causes throughout the year.
- PTA Book Fair Sub-committee ensures our Scholastic brand book fairs are a huge success in our McKenzie and Lincoln/Faust Schools from planning to advertising to running the fair in Sept and Oct.
- PTA Holiday Shop Sub-committee ensures our School Holiday Shop is a huge success, from helping with planning to advertising and running the shop. (Nov-Dec)
- To name a few we do annually: Book fairs, Holiday shops, Picture day, Greeting cards (October, for Nov delivery), Gertrude Hawk
- Dine & Donates: Jersey Mikes 9/16, Panera 10/14, Wendys 11/
- Possible Yankees, Devils games

- Tricky Tray (May) - Sub-committee ensures our annual Tricky Tray is an amazing experience for all. The Committee solicits donations, plans, setup and executes the event. (January- May)
- Givebacks shop - sign up, put on your phone, a small percentage goes back to PTA, but adds up!
- Spirit Wear
 - Back to School Sale: Save 25% off
 - Proceeds back to PTA
 - Shop at: <http://1stplace.sale/107768>

B. Cultural Events

- 2025/2026 Events - Welcome to Ideas
- PTA Cultural Events Committee celebrates the diversity of our ER School District by planning and executing fun filled activities for our families
- Planning for Trunk or Treat - looking for those to form a committee; Ensures our annual Halloween event is an amazing experience for all. This Committee plans, sets up and executes The Trunk or Treat and has activities in Sept & Oct.

C. Social Media & Communications:

- We make every effort to keep the public and our school community informed of the PTA activities and happenings through our Website, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube, Newsletters and Emails.
- Information and events are constantly posted and updated on our socials. Updates when made available from the schools & important PTA info is posted in real time. Great resource to stay up to date on what is happening.
 - <http://weareerpta.givebacks.com/>
- Instagram: @erptahost
 - <http://instagram.com/erptahost>
- Facebook: “East Rutherford NJ PTA -Members Only” & “East Rutherford NJ PTA”
 - <http://www.facebook.com/ERNJPTAHost>
- YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/@eastrutherfordnjpta4627>

D. School Reps

- McKenzie
 - Natasha Bonilla
 - Looking for classroom parents - for coordination between classroom & teacher. Help with communications . Flyer to sign up is going out in folders shortly
- Lincoln
 - Rose Ampuero
 - Homeroom reps needed

- Thanksgiving Feast
 - Hot Chocolate social December
- Faust
 - Christine Green
- 8th Grade Committee
 - Christine Green, Melissa Haskel
 - Fundraise to offset cost of yearbooks, formal, class gift
 - Thank you for supporting lemonade stand in July , raised \$700
 - Next Meeting is Tuesday, Sept 16 at community hall on Grove street
 - 8th grade pumpkin patch at fall festival - need volunteers
 - Cap & Gown pictures- date tbd
- **Administration Updates**
 - A. Mrs. Barrale
 - Thank you for back to school breakfast for faculty & staff 9/2
 - Back to school night 9/17; 6pm - Great opportunity to build partnerships between home and school. Gives glimpse into curriculum, homework, grading, how you can help at home.
 - a) Ms. Muse(school counselor) & Mrs. Remaglia (social worker) special presentation in the Media Center about High Schools 5:30 open to all, never too early to start inquiring.
 - Hispanic Heritage Month
 - Picture Day 10/2
 - Book Fair 10/6 week, details to come
 - B. Mr. Barrow
 - Thank you for pta, staff and parents coming to successful ice cream social
 - Safe & consistent dropoff and pickup works best
 - Excited for Lincoln BTSN, 12:30pm dismissal
 - 9/11 Patriot day - wear red white blue
 - Book Fair Last week of September, specifics details to come.
 - Mckenzie Back to school Night 9/30
 - Picture Day 10/2
 - Parent teacher Conferences 10/29
 - Halloween Festivities
 - Thank you for sending in technology fees and genesis form completion.
 - C. Mr. Scarafile (Interim Superintendent)

- The PTA Board extends its sincere welcome. We look forward to working with him and enhancing the education experience for all our students under his leadership
- Many years of experience, primary prek-8th grade
- Continue with progress and fill positions that are important for the district
 - a) Superintendent
 - b) Assistant superintendent - incharge of student services & curriculum.
- Due to the grant, moving forward to expand classrooms for preschool, although no longer room in schools, but out in the community and working with various placements to house these programs. Programs will run the same as if it were inhouse, run by certified teachers, preschool coaches. Expected for 2026 school year.
- Job entails, stabilize the district, make sure we are moving forward and searching for a new superintendent. Someone that will stay for a long term. Continuity is very important
- Enjoy meeting the parents, please approach & introduce yourself.
- Witnessed very experienced, knowledgeable, well run schools. Right direction to move forward.
- In search of a new superintendent. As the public, if you tell the education board what you're looking for in a superintendent, this is welcome. Important for parents, pta to be present.
- BOE meetings are public and on erboe website.

D. Mr. Vilardi

- Back to school night 9/10 6pm
 - a) ERPTA, EREA, ER Library will be in attendance
- First monthly meeting of the year 9/10, meet in the gym the whole school.
- Emergency protocol, fire drills and bus evacuation protocol
- Math diagnostics are underway and ELA will start next week
- Patriot day 9/11
- Spanish heritage Month 9/15 week
- Mr.Tunnell going over data for National Elementary honor society, inductees will be announced at later time
- Full school evacuation drill in coordination with Faust to be announced
- 10/2 picture day, make up date TBD
- 10/6 Book fair, details to follow
- Make sure technology & forms on genesis are complete
- Thank you for back to school breakfast, student folders, and thank you for coordination.

East Rutherford Recreation Speaker

- Evelyn Samtak (Event Coordinator)

- esamtak@eastrutherfordnj.net
- 201-207-6501
 - Events on town website, flyers in backpack
 - <http://www.eastrutherfordnj.net/>

*Public meetings first Tuesday of the month, community center

*Friends of East Rutherford looking for more members if you want to join.

- Haunted house will be at community center , “Nightmare at the Center”
 - 10/30 th
 - There are 4 rooms that need to be sponsored; you are responsible for decorating. Can get actors for your room.
 - Bottom floor of community center will have other activities, food trucks; tickets will be utilized
 - *Will table vote to host a room till further notice
- ER Rec is looking to create Bingo Nights starting beginning February:
 - A Bingo night event, every 2 weeks.
 - Voted to host an occasional bingo night, those hosting get net profit towards PTA fundraising.
 - Passed

- **Upcoming Events**

<http://wearerpta.givebacks.com/w/Events>

<http://www.eastrutherfordnj.net/>

9/19 Goonies Movie

10/3 Glow garden and Hocus Pocus 6:30p; Lost boys 8pm in Community Garden

10/11 Color Run in conjunction with fall festival

10/10-10/12 Fall festival

10/30 Nightmare at the Center Haunted House

- **Upcoming School Dates**

- Half Days: (Back to School Nights)
 - 9/10, 9/17,9/30
- No school 10/13
 - Professional development Day for Teachers

Calendar is on ERBOE site

Open discussion:

PTA Financial Review:

- Need financial review completed by October, PTA will need three people to sign up to perform this activity to ensure compliance.
- Committee reviews the prior year financial information. A financial review examines that expenditures are properly documented and conforms with the approved budget and the PTAs governing documents. This committee meets sept&oct.

Nominating committee:

- Requests members to be nominees for the open Officer positions. They evaluate all the possible nominees for each position. This forms in January for elections to be held in April.

New Sub committees would love to create:(available with grants to offset cost)

- PTA Reflections Art Program:
 - The sub-committee helps implement and run the Reflections Art Program. This has activities from Oct - January.
 - <http://www.njpta.org/reflections/>
 - Stem + families and science festival, run a science fair
- PTA STEM + Families Science Festival
 - Sub-Committee will help plan, set up and execute our new science fair event and has activities from Dec-May
 - <http://www.pta.org/home/programs/stem>
- PTA Healthy Lifestyles Fair
 - The sub-committee helps implement and run our new wellness fair. This committee has activities from Jan-April.
 - <http://www.pta.org/home/programs/Healthy-Lifestyles>

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Back to school Night: Lincoln School 9/10
- Back to school night: Faust 9/17
- McKenzie BTSN & bookfair (for parents) same night 9/30
- Bookfairs: McKenzie 9/22-9/30 & Lincoln/Faust 10/3-10/9
- Picture day: 10/2 all 3 schools
- Pumpkin Patch with 8th grade committee at Fall Festival 10/10-1/12
- ER community Game truck trailer at Fall Festival 10/10-10/12

- Trunk or Treat 10/24 - Need volunteers help keep food tables, event running smoothly; separate then participating with your trunk
- Check ERPTA page, *volunteer tab*
 - <http://wearerpta.givebacks.com/w/volunteer>

New Business:

Late entry for Scholarship - declined

Moment of Silence in observance of Patriot Day, 9/11 and in remembrance of those who lost their lives in the 9/11 tragedy or due to illness related to that event, please observe a moment of silence.

Next Meeting October 8th 7pm

Meeting Adjourned: 8:02 pm