

General PTA Meeting
September 3, 2025

Welcome

- Welcome!
- Introduction of the board

Teacher Update

- Thank you for the teacher breakfast and lunch provided by the PTA at the beginning of the school year
- Kim says thank you for the BBQ grill, the teachers and staff had the grill out for a BBQ after first week of school
- Transitioning an old classroom to a space for the teachers, great spot for staff interaction (thank you Erin, contact Erin if you have any furniture to donate)

Conscious Discipline Workshop

- Workshop for parents (Handling Upset)
- It is a continuation of the first 10 workshops
- Invite spouse/significant other, learn tips for parenting better

Fun Run

- Falcon Fun Run Kick Off will be at 8:30am on Sept 12th
- Students can do activities on their own: mow grass, lemonade stand, etc to earn money
- It will be our first year doing a silent auction
- Still looking for more sponsorships and donations if you know of anyone
- Looking for a vacation destination donation to offer in auction
- Look for sign up genius to volunteer at the fun run and for distributing prizes
- Fun Run will be on Thursday, Sept 25
- Come on the 25th to cheer on students!
- New MC this year
- T-shirts will be available for all students

PCEF

- Luke is PCEF ambassador for Parley's
- Currently fundraising, ends on September 12th
- Flyers sent home to all students, shows what PCEF supports and what our PTA supports
- \$170,000 already raised at Parley's Park
- When a student donates, Luke places a pepperoni on their classes pizza
- Pizza party for class with the most participation
- UPS donates more depending on how much we donate
- Looking for volunteers to help advertise before and after school
- PCEF also gives money to our PTA
- PCEF will need volunteers for Running with Ed at the end of year
- Parley's has won transfer station award two years in a row now

- How do you track a student's name for donation? Write in the comment section, one donation for multiple students in a family will all get credit
- How much of our school districts tax money is sent out to the rest of the state? State legislature collects state taxes and distributes to the rest of the state, even a portion of our property taxes, a small portion of all taxes stays in our school district

Room Parents

- Help teachers with events, finding volunteers, organizing gifts, gathering supply donations, end of year celebrations and gifts
- 14 teachers fully accounted for, 7 teachers still need room parents, Mrs. christenson needs a room parent still
- Look for further info soon
- Optional info session coming up at PC Nursery

Book Drive

- Sept 8-12
- Donation boxes at pick up/drop off line, front office, and Ecker MS
- Student will go through, then teachers and school librarian
- Send out sign up genius for volunteers

Upcoming Events

- For parents we have done: Workout classes, flower arranging, karaoke
- For students we have done: Fall festival (Friday October 10th this year), Trunk or Treat (October 30th this year), Gingerbread houses, holiday shop
- Always look for sign up genius for volunteer opportunities
- Fall festival-is completely free, will have chili cookoff, but no more bounce house due to district policy

Missoula Theater

- Tortoise and the Hare this year
- Open to K-5th
- November 3rd-8th
- Performances Nov. 8th
- No school on Friday
- Trying to get Ecker auditorium, can't use high school this year
- Looking for more volunteers
- Rehearsal every day after school, two performances Saturday
- Free, open to community too
- Great feedback from parents, parents prefer a fall performance rather than spring

Student Council

- For 5th grade
- Chris and Tracey-faculty help
- Leadership opportunity

- Committee will be meeting today after PTA meeting
- Want to focus on service this year
- The more parent volunteers the better outcomes

Teacher Appreciation

- Looking for more volunteers
- Meals, snacks, Teacher appreciation week in May is major event
- First event-Parent teacher conference week in October

Green Team

- Awarded a green school award last year for our accomplishments
- Started composting at lunch on the first day of school this year
- Student led composting program that was started through student council
- Preschool-5th grade help
- 85% is diverted from landfill because it is compostable
- 2 student council members advocated for compostable eating utensils last year, still using utensils from last year
- Looking for compostable things for classroom parties, class snacks
- Cut down on single use snacks, they can't be recycled
- Try to compost at home, limit single use snacks
- Help students and teachers recycle throughout the day
- Momentum (in SLC) or Spoil to Soil companies for composting at home

Chess

- Working with Power Chess. Two more classes added to Friday
- Starts October 7th, look for sign up
- Parley's chess team took 2nd in state last year
- State tournament in May 2026

Committees

- All chairs have been filled, but always looking for more committee members
- Please sign up!

Arts Festival (Erin)

- Looking for a co-chair and more volunteers
- Haven't set date yet, but will be at the end of the school year

Next general PTA meeting: Monday 9/29 and Wednesday 11/19