

East Rutherford PTA Meeting
Location: Faust School
11.5.25

Called to order 7:01 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:**
 - October 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

- Thank you to the PTA for volunteering their time at the book fair at Lincoln school. Time dedication and generosity. Mrs. Barralle & Mr. Vilardi
- Thank you for the Jersey mikes sandwiches during parent/teacher conferences. Mrs.Barrelle, Mr. Vilardi, and Mr. Barrow
- Thank you Pta for the banner and balloon decorations during halloween. Thank you to Mrs. Martino and your cultural events committee. Mrs. Barralle, Mr. Vilardi, and Mr. Barrow.

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 223 Members (133 Individual, 88 Teacher/staff)

● Reports of Committees

○ **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.
- Cards:
 - Tentatively january/february fundraiser.
 - All occasion and Birthday boxes (35 card for \$40):
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YOAz2phsbio>
 - Holiday Box: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UP4ZI4JnASQ>
 - PTA makes back \$13 per box.
 - offer prices minimum 75 boxes sold, get pizza partn. 150 boxes provide 4 \$24 gift cards. Virtual meeting next week for more details. \$50 a box for holiday cards. Sales and Delivery before Thanksgiving.
- Getrude Hawk:

- Holiday Sale, Flyers/envelops went out. Some mckenzie classes didnt receive, but will get there next week
 - Extended sale till 11/17; December delivery.
 - Checks need to be made out to ERPTA otherwise will delay your order
 - There will be a spring sale aswell, those proceeds will go to 8th grade.
 - 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)
 - McKenzie 12/17-12/19
 - Lincoln & Faust Dates to be determined
 - To name a few we do annually: Book fairs, Holiday shops, Picture day, Greeting cards (October, for Nov delivery), Gertrude Hawk
 - Dine & Donates: Wendy's 11/18
 - Need to mention ERPTA while ordering or show flyers. Only in person orders. No app orders.
 - 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 on Warm up sale: Save 20% off sitewide
 - Guarantee delivery by holiday order by 12/10
 - Proceeds back to PTA
 - Shop at: <http://1stplace.sale/107768>
- Book Fair
- Total Book Fair All Schools = \$14,905.64
 - Net profit to PTA = \$3,461.27
- 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
 - Pumpkin Decorating Contest -everyone did a great job
 - 10/24: Trunk or Treat
 - Thank you to all that donated some halloween decoration for each of the schools
 - 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>
- School Reps
- McKenzie
 - Natasha Bonilla
 - American Heart association - upcoming event involving Mr. Barrow where the students will attempt to score goals against him. The students will record activity minutes to earn funds for the vent. The PTA agreed to provide volunteers to help facilitate the event. More to come on this.
 - Gym teachers will get new equipment
 - Lincoln
 - Rose Ampuero
 - 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
 - Next Meeting is
 - 8th grade pumpkin patch at fall festival - pick a pumpkin and fun fall games- need volunteers
 - Staff vs Students Volleyball games - TBA
 - Cap & Gown pictures- 12/5
- **Administration Updates**
 - PTA welcomes to our district our Interim Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction: Mrs. Maryann Bennetti

- Mrs. Barrale
 - boys/girls Basketball and cheer tryouts, will find out this weekend
 - Staff fundraiser for Breast cancer awareness, jeans for troops
 - Interim Reports went out 10/17, look at Genesis for any missing work.
 - Makeup Picture Day is 12/5 and 8th Grade Cap & Gown Pictures as well
 - Parent Teacher Conferences were 10/29
 - NJSPA adaptive field tests 11/10 & 11/12
 - Off site drill to Becton, escorted by ERPD
 - Week of Respect & school awareness Bias assembly presented by Bergen County Prosecutors Office
 - Boro of ER doing emergency food drive collection during the SNAP benefits lapse.

- Mr. Barrow (on behalf of Mr. Vilardi)
 - Picture retakes on 12/2
 - Parent Teacher Conferences 10/29
 - 360 Assembly, more Detail to Follow.
 - Halloween Parade 10/31
 - Thank you Mr. Scarafile, asked to be part of crossing guard recognition.
 - Thank you to parent volunteers especially during Halloween parade and ERPD for safety presentation and during halloween parade
 - 12/10 2nd grade evening concert

- Mr. Scarafile (Interim Superintendent)
 - BOE meetings are public and on erboe website.

- Mr. Vilardi
 - Thanksgiving Feast Coming up; information coming out soon
 - NJSLA field testing in November 11/3 & 11/5 4th -5th graders
 - Parent Teacher Conferences - parent support is always appreciated
 - 4th graders National assessment of progress 1/29 - only 40 4th grade students that get randomly selected
 - Lincoln leaders program
 - Oct students of the month
 - Veterans day - letters
 - 11/23 - National Elementary Honor Society, BOE meeting recognition
 - 11/17 2nd marking period
 - Report cards
 - 11/26 thanksgiving feast

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 was at community center , "Nightmare at the Center" held on 10/30
- 250th Anniversary -
 - Next year we celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the USA.
 - ER will be hosting a celebration on June 27th at Riggins field
 - PTA is asked to be part of the planning and event. The planning committee meets twice a month, first Wednesday . We would need a member to attend as many of these and keep us up to day.
 - [Http://www.eastrutherfordnj.net/](http://www.eastrutherfordnj.net/)

- **Upcoming Events**

- <http://wearerpta.givebacks.com/w/Events>
 - <http://www.eastrutherfordnj.net/>

- Gertrude Hawk Sale thru - Nov 17
 - Wendys Dine & Donate - Nov 18
 - Lincoln School Thanksgiving Feast - Nov 26
 - Picture Retakes - Dec 5
 - Tree Lighting - Dec 5
 - Lincoln/Faust Holiday Shop - Dec 8-12

Town Events:

- Emergency Food Drive:
 - Collections at ER Municipal Building
 - 1 Everett Place
 - Every Saturday in November 9am -12pm
 - Additional Drop offs: ER Municipal building & ER Police Department
 - Monday - Friday in November

- **Upcoming School Dates**

- No School 11/6 & 11/7 (NJEA Convention)

- One Session Day for students 11/26 (Start of Thanksgiving Recess)

- No School 11/27&11/28 (Thanksgiving Recess)

Calendar is on ERBOE site

New/Other business & Open discussion:

Lead U Character Education Assembly

- McKenzie School
- PTA Sponsored
- \$2,050 for event
- Dec. 5

Officer Elections:

- Last month we mentioned possibly offsetting elections for officer positions so we vote on some positions each year. Currently all ERPTA officer positions are re-nominated and voted on every other year.
- If we do this we will need to change our Standing rules/by-laws by membership vote

PTA Financial Review:

- Need financial review completed by October, PTA will need one more person to sign up to perform this activity to ensure compliance. (3 total)
- 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 Grant Application:
- Kiddle Alarm Donation Opportunity
 - National PTA teamed up with Kidde to provide families with free smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms
 - ER PTA has been awarded, if accepted PTA will receive 160 (80 smoke alarms and 80 carbon monoxide alarms)

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Check ERPTA page, *volunteer tab*
 - <http://wearerpta.givebacks.com/w/volunteer>

ER Library has many events and opportunities for children, teens, and adults!

Next Meeting December 3rd @ 7pm at Faust Media Room

Meeting Adjourned: 8 pm