

PTA Large Group Meeting 01-13-26

Tonight's Agenda:

- Winter at Glance
- Restaurants Night
- Principal Update
- PTA Teacher Representative Update
- Where We Need Help the most
- Stay in the Loop
- Q& A

Thank you to all the family volunteers!

- Kristy Osterlund, Room parents, Hilary Ballentine, Anika Achava, Liz Waldman, Rachel Fleischman, Amera Fattah, NHS students, Ashley Cirilli, all holiday bakers

Winter at Glance:

- December
 - 12/10 Cookie exchange for staff
 - 12/12 Skate Night @ 6:30 PM
 - 12/19 classroom winter parties
 - No PTA Meeting
- January
 - 1/13 PTA Meeting
 - 1/14 PTA restaurant night @ Oberweis
 - 1/22 Urban Air afternoon @ 1:30 pm
 - 1/30 winter dance @ 6:30pm
- February
 - 2/10 PTA Meeting @7PM
 - 2/11 PTA Restaurant Night @ Red Robin
 - 2/13 Classroom Valentine Parties - teachers and students only, this event will not be open to parents.

Note: The winter dance we are asking families to RSVP if you plan to attend as it helps with planning purposes. There will be a QR code to RSVP for the winter dance.

Monthly Restaurant Nights:

- 1/14 Oberweis
- 2/11 Red Robin
- 3/11 City BBQ
- 4/14 The Great Greek
- 5/6 Green Lantern Pizza - carry out Troy

Principal Update with Ms. Reba McNally:

- Great start back to the school year. It has been fairly calm. Came into a clean building, everything settled in the new year, focusing on routines and core values, lended itself into kids excited for learning.
- Before we left, we had our winter parties- last minute switch from Friday to Thursday. She understands how challenging this was and shows the strength of our community. If we learned anything, it was kind of nice to have it done on Thursday and then on Friday a calm, PJ/ movie day. The kids were able to clean out cubbies and leave their

classrooms clean. It was nice to have a calm Friday and this also gives a buffer if we have a snow day. Something we may plan to do next year.

- Third grade hot cocoa concert in December was fabulous- props to Ms. Brown on that accomplishment.
- Tomorrow night 1/14/26, we have 5th graders in the festival of choirs at Athens.
- Teachers will be using the half days next week to write report cards.
- Kindergarden enrollment has started! A date to know would be next Wednesday is information night for kindergarden and then round up at the school will be in the spring.
- Gym wall is fully operable - now it is manual - it was electric in the past.
- Back pathway is now open which now opens a field when the weather cooperates. Thanks to all for being patient while the grass on the playground grows. If we stay the course, the hope is we will have usable fields in the spring.
- Other building update things - there is a new sign in kiosk in the vestibule. We are in the very early phase but will move quickly. This will be for volunteer check in and students check in and out. Likely coming in March/ April. Goal is to have a more secure entrance.
- Ms. McNally is working on additional signage for the parking lot and car loop. There will be signs addressing no parking areas as well as no passing/ exit lane for the car loop.
- Staffing update - Whitney Switchenberg is taking a position in another district to grow professionally. We have secured a new teacher - Taylor Bushman has 2 years of 2nd grade teaching experience. Ms. Switchenberg has completed report cards and assessments for a smooth transition and hit the ground running.
- Magic of Lights will be 3/26 not 2/26.
- Kasey Garvelink is passing the torch to Megan Melin - Kasey is Head Teacher but was doing PTA rep as well, Megan is excited to jump in.

PTA Teacher Representative Update:

Thank you for all the things that were done through the holiday season as well as the coffee cart after break. Teachers have been transitioning into routines and completing winter assessments.

Where We need Help Most Right

#1 Family picnic - pretty impressive that this is the only thing that needs a chair, we're looking for 1-2 people to chair it. Our last year chair, Andrea Brown, broke it down what needs to be done so you will be set up with a jump start.

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