



Ballwin Elementary PSO
(Parent School Organization)
400 Jefferson, Ballwin, MO 63021

Ballwin Elementary School

Meeting Date: 3/09/26

Meeting Location: Library

Agenda/Meeting Notes

- Welcome & Introductions: In attendance:
 - Staff: Dr Ortyl, Ms. Ryan
 - Ashley Force, Abby Mucklow, Heather Ihrig, Sarah Torretta-Trout, Jackie Williams, Katie Jess, Roni Eason, Emily Manninger, Mandy Pelhank
- Principal's Report : Class placement has started: fill out the optional parent input survey to share information regarding classroom placement. Individual teacher requests. Responses due by March 30. Field trips are ramping up: background checks required to attend off-site field trips. Kindergarten registration has begun. We have 55 registered Kindergartners. The sooner, the better, for Kindergarten registration so that we can assign the proper amount of teachers. No school Friday March 13, or Spring Break. Students return to school Monday, March 23.
- Treasurer's Report: See budget on the website. We transferred appropriated funds into savings to begin earning interest. Some things purchased since our last meeting: counselor appreciation gifts, craft supplies for spring parties, some purchases for spring carnival.
- FEATS: May 5 is teacher appreciation. Working on plans to begin planning for teacher luncheon & gifts. Will begin collecting donations of gift cards for teacher appreciation after initial carnival raffle basket donation (April 10?)
- EEA: Education, Equity, and Access: Rockwood has decided to dissolve this committee in PTOs as it should be already happening on a regular basis. Accommodations should be discussed as event continue.
- BWYB
 - 5th grade- last one! April 5. Need one more volunteer to take over 2026-27. No one needs to make muffins next year: suggestion was made to request end of day donations from Bread Co and/or Einstein Brothers.
- Restaurant Nights
 - Having trouble setting up Slick City over spring break. Might make it a last minute event if we hear back from them.

- 3/24 Culver's-4pm to 8pm. Will put out a volunteer list for 5th grade students to deliver food before Spring Break begins. If not full, will open to 4th grade. No paper flyer because of Spring Break: Parent Square/Facebook notifications only.
- Will send a survey for event suggestions after our April event
- Trying to set up Scooters for next year as soon as possible.
- Family Nights
 - 4/10 Ballwin Gives Back Movie Night. Will collect canned food and hygiene items for Rockwood Gives Back. Katie S will take donations to Fairway. Students will not vote on movie choice this time: Zootopia 2 already selected.
- Carnival: Jolly Jumps and Inflatables ordered. Raffle Basket donation requests to go out soon after Spring Break. Need to update teacher experiences.
- Class Parties: all planned and ready to go. Still need parent volunteers. No background check required for functions at the school.
- Spring Fundraiser: Music BINGO is planned. February 12, 2027. Booked at Trinity Lutheran Church
- Other 2026-27 dates decided:
 - Oct 16: Trunk or Treat
 - Dec 5: Winterfest

Looking ahead - Open Positions for 2026-2027

- Vice President
- Family Nights
- Winterfest
- Feats
- Breakfast with your Bear

Current PSO Board	2025-2026
Co- Presidents	Emily Manninger
Vice President	Heather Connell
Co - Secretaries	Ashley Force & Mandy Pelhank
Treasurer	Katie & Derek Jess
PSO Committees	
Spirit Wear	Meg Acelar
Restaurant Nights	Sarah Torretta Trout
Grade Level Shirts	Abby Mucklow
Boosterthon	Ashley Force, Heather Connell
Trunk or Treat	Jordan Renner, Melissa Melnick
Winterfest	Emily Manninger, Mandy Pelhank, Jordan Renner
Veterans Day	Ashley Force, Abby Mucklow
FEATS Families Enthusiastically Appreciating Teachers and Staff	Julie Millburg, Katie Jess, Nicole Lester
Carnival	Ashley Force, Heather Connell, Mandy Pelhank
EEA Educational Equity & Access	Leah Owczarczak
Family Events	Jen Roskowske, Emily Manninger, Jackie Williams
BWYB Breakfast With Your Bear	Jen Roskowske, Katie Soetart, Abby Mucklow
School Kits	Kristen Bracken
Class Parties	Ashley Force, Abby Mucklow, Heather Connell, Mary Beth Nicely, Leah Chartrand
Communications	Mandy Pelhank

Ballwin PSO Board and Committee Members

We would love to have more help and see new faces as well as old ones. If you are looking to get more involved in our amazing school, please reach out at BallwinPSO@gmail.com