

East Rutherford PTA Meeting
Location: Faust School
4.1.26

Called to order 7:05 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:**
 - March 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 for the enjoyable lunch on March 5th during our professional development day. Mrs. Barrale, Mr. Barrow and 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 230 Members (142 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.

- **Getrude Hawk:**

- Spring sale did very well, \$2,786 in sales
- A portion of these proceeds will go to the 8th grade committee.
- Delivery was last Wednesday, March 25th, and tonight 4/1
- If unable to pick up, please contact your school administrator.

■ **Coin Challenge: \$ 1,154**

- congratulations to Mrs. Narkiewicz's 2nd grade class with the highest amount per class raised. Celebrated with a pizza party today

■ **Dine & Donates:**

- none

- Field Day May 19th
- Lincoln (Rose Ampuero)
 - Kids Night Out was 3/20 & 3/21
 - 5th grade move up celebration in the works
- Faust (Christine Green)
- 8th Grade Committee (Christine Green, Melissa Haskel)
 - Fundraise to offset cost of formal, class gift
 - Thank you for supporting all our March Fundraisers
 - Will provide the 8th graders their yearbooks
 - Pampered Chef ended 3/23
 - March 18th - Basketball game vs. ERPD/ERFD at Lincoln was a huge turn out
 - March 28 - Comedy Show Community Center
 - Egg my yard 4/4
 - April 22 - (Date changed) Cornhole 8th Grade ER vs Carlstadt at Becton
 - Next meeting 4/2 community hall on grove street
 - Upcoming: lawn signs, car wash and tricky tray.
 - Formal May 21
- **Administration Updates:**
 - *At the February 19th Board of Education meeting, Mr. Brian Barrow was unanimously approved as our new Superintendent of the East Rutherford School District. Mr. Barrows tenure in this role will begin July 1, 2026. Congratulations!*
 - Mrs. Barrale
 - March 2 - Student council had a grade level coin collection, raising \$301 which will be donated to the community food bank of NJ.
 - Music/theater/dance will be performing for Lincoln students March 13
 - March 17th Mr. Tunnel and National Junior Honor society students went to McKenzie to read to students.
 - 3/18 ERPD/ERFD vs 8th graders basketball everyone had a great time
 - Yearbook sale ended April 1st, \$25. Hardcover book , 60 pages, full color, grades 6-8th grade. Contact Ms. Machere. 8th grade committee will be providing the 8th graders with the yearbooks.
 - 4/9 The Box Theater school play, "Box" at Faust
 - March 27th went to Becton, called Music in Our School Day. The band and choir sang with Becton Students. It was a nice first time all collaborated together.

- 5th graders in middle of LEAD program in collaboration with ERPD, the officers have been in weekly to teach about importance of creating a safe community
- Read across America week 3/5 be our 2nd drop everything and read hour. Send in with a free read book or they can choose from the class library.
- All 4th and 5th graders are participating in our One Book One School Initiative - every student is encouraged to read nightly "Charlotte's Web", this book to keep and a reading log.
- Modified Pie Day challenge. Mrs. Cook set up an IXL leaderboard challenge. Reinforcing key grade level content.
 - Thank you to Mr. Babini and Mrs. Bronovich for being brave sports taking a pie to their face. Mr. Vilardi understands he is an easy target.
- 3rd Marking Period closes tomorrow 4/2, and report cards go out next week
- Kids Night Out was 3/20
- Fourth Grade class trip to Ellis Island April 9th
- Students are preparing for the NJSLA, testing starts Tuesday, May 5th
- Spring Showcase Thursday May 28th Hawaiian beach theme
- Awaiting confirmation of Holly Rock Show (provided by PTA, always a great time)
- Grit Ninja date to be determined
- 5th grade bridge day, date tbd

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

- 250th Anniversary -
 - Next year we celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the USA.
 - ER will be hosting a celebration on June 20th 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/)
- **Town Events/Dates:**
 - 250th Anniversary of America Celebration - June 20, 4-9pm
 - Must Register, Food is included to all ER residents that registered. Non-residents are \$5. Flyers went out to the schools for distribution and is posted on town site.
 - *Joan DeRosa present at meeting requesting help from each community group. If you miss the meeting, have any questions or want to help you can reach out to Holly DeRosa or email the DPW email.
 - PTA will discuss what the 250 Celebration Committee needs and we will see how pta can fill in or help
 - April 9th meeting 6:30 pm at baseball club house Riggins to help with planning board
 - Fifa World Cup coming to Metlife in June and July

- **Upcoming Events**

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

- ER vs Carlstadt Cornhole - April 22
- Tricky Tray - May 15th
- McKenzie Field Day - May 19
- Lincoln and Faust Field Days - TBA

- **Upcoming School Dates:** *(Calendar is on ERBOE site)*

- School Closed - April 3 - Good Friday
- Half Day - April 10
 - Start of Spring Recess
- School Closed - April 13-17 - Spring Break
- At its March meeting, our Board of Education approved the School Calendar for 2026-2027 . Please see ERBOE.net for the calendar. *
 - *First Day of School is September 3 (Thursday before Labor Day)
- Happy Passover.
- Happy Easter.

New/Other business & Open discussion:

- **Appreciation Days:**
 - April 1 - Paraprofessional Day
 - April 4 - School Librarians
 - April 22 - Administrative Professionals
 - April 28 - Bus Drivers

- May 1 - Principals and Lunch Heroes
- May 5 - Teachers

- Field Day T-shirt contest will began in March. Entries to be submitted by April 10.
 - Each school will have one design selected to be on the Tshirt for their school
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- End of Year Assemblies: will discuss with principals
 - Hollyrock Game Show at Faust School- Thursday,May 21
 - 9 am 3-5th grade
 - 10:15am 6-8th grade
 - waiting on confirmation
 - Grit Ninja date TBA (4th-8th grade)

- Teacher appreciation week
 - Ideas to be discussed

Nominating committee 2026:

- Three members to be nominees: Emily Landolfi, Christine Green and Rose Ampuro.
- Contact: ERPTANominate2026@gmail.com
- They evaluate all the possible nominees for each position. This forms in January for elections to be held in April, to be announced at the May meeting.
 - 2026 elections
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Recording Secretary
 - Corresponding Secretary
 - **Treasurer ** IN NEED OF NOMINEE****
 - Vice President and Corresponding Secretary will be 1 year term for this year only. All others are 2 year term
 - If interested in any of these positions, our standing rules are on the ERPTA website and bylaws.

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

- PTA Grant Application:
- Kiddle Alarm Donation Opportunity - Distribution with help of Fire Marshall Barnas at Kids Night Out
 - 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 May 6th @ 7pm at Faust Media Room

Meeting Adjourned: 7:43pm