

East Rutherford PTA Meeting
Location: Faust School
5.6.26

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:**
 - April 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 Chipotle Lunch during Testing Week, From Mrs. Dizdarevic

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.
- Dine & Donates:
 - none
- 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)
 - Planned for May 15th
 - Ticket sales opened; NO ticket sale at the door; BYO Food & Drink
 - Over 220 Prizes, Goody Bags, Door Prizes, 8th Grade Birthday Board, 50/50
 - Thursday, May 14th is setup
- Givebacks shop - sign up, put on your phone, a small percentage goes back to PTA, but adds up!

- Spirit Wear
 - Proceeds back to PTA
 - Shop at: <http://1stplace.sale/107768>

- 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

- 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)
 - May 19th - Field Day (Kindergarten - 3rd grade)
 - May 27- (Prek Field Day)
 - May 28 - Multicultural Day at McKenzie School
 - June 11th - PreK Concert
 - June - Date TBA: 3rd grade move up & 3rd grade breakfast

 - Lincoln (Rose Ampuero)
 - 5th grade LEAD celebration June 3
 - Field Day June 4
 - 5th grade move up celebration in the works

 - Faust (Christine Green)
 - Field Day May 15th, rain date May 18

 - 8th Grade Committee (Christine Green, Melissa Haskel)

- Fundraise to offset cost of formal, class gift
- Thank you for supporting all our April Fundraisers

- Carwash was May 2 - made \$2100
- May 14th - 8th grade vs Faculty basketball
- Tricky Tray birthday board 5/15
- Lawn signs - \$25 order online by 5/22 or come to in person May 19th Grove Street Community Hall 7-9pm
- Next meeting: May 19th community hall on grove street
- 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. Barrow's tenure in this role will begin July 1, 2026. Congratulations!*

 - Mrs. Barrale
 - Thank you for the lunch provided by PTA for teacher appreciation week.
 - NJSLA is underway this week, Tuesday thru Friday next week.
 - Field day May 15, rain date May 18
 - Spring Concert 5/20 at Becton Regional
 - PTA bring back Holly Rock Show 5/21
 - Thrills and trills Band Trip 6/5
 - 8th grade:
 - Teen arts at Bergen Community
 - Kahlari 6/2
 - Commencement 6/16
 - Breakfast 6/17
 - Last Day 6/18

 - Mr. Barrow
 - Thank you to all the teachers and nurses for their dedication. We celebrated paraprofessionals last month. Thank you PTA for providing lunch for teachers and staff this week.
 - NJSLA began with good success. Makeups Thursday & Friday, testing resumes next Tuesday through next week.
 - PreK registration started, free PreK full day. PEA Federal funding. Looking to increase 3 additional classes to the outside provider. Success with the program and looking to expand our program. Over 95 registration mark, validating residency. Save the dates for those that applied for visits offsite to come. Orientation dates to come.
 - Dr. Lee and staff, Mr. Scarafile - thank you for all your support

- Key components, have to complete 100% residency and must be an East Rutherford resident.
 - Kindergarten registration is ongoing. All Prek 3 students will have to fully re-register. Additional information will be sent out regarding the district re-registration for all students.
 - May 28th Kindergarten orientation.
 - Important dates/events coming, be on the look out for communication from the school.
- Mr. Scarafile (Interim Superintendent)
 - Re-registration, down to about 80 individuals that still need to complete the initial starting of the process. Going well otherwise.
 - Budget pass and unfortunate things that needed to be cut. This is not the end of program forever, already working on plans regarding theater programs. Hopefully roll out something cohesive by June.
 - Thank you for the PTA providing lunch for teacher appreciation week.
 - The East Rutherford Board of Education is currently having a district-wide student re-registration process since March 23rd. Please visit the school website at www.erboe.net, where a pop-up will guide you through the steps.
 - The process is simple and allows you to enter information once for multiple children. You will be required to provide certain documents, which can be submitted via email as outlined in the instructions.
 - If you experience any difficulty, you may drop off your documents at any school office or send copies in with your child. The deadline for submitting documents will be Friday, April 10, 2026. All of your information will be able to be entered on Genesis, the student information system. You will be **"locked out"** of Genesis until you fill out the initial forms. You will be notified if you need additional documents. If you need any further information, please contact one of the schools for further assistance
- Mr. Vilardi
 - Thank you for Lunch provided by PTA
 - 5th graders in the middle of the LEAD program in collaboration with ERPD, the officers have been weekly to teach about the importance of creating a safe community.
 - June 3, Lucky Strike Bowling & Pizza
 - Forms are in genesis portal and forms sent home as well
 - NJSLA, testing started Tuesday, May 5th and doing fantastic
 - Charlie Therapy dog will be brought in next week
 - Asian American Pacific Islander heritage month integrated into our practice and classes
 - Spring Showcase Thursday May 28th(6:30p) Hawaiian beach theme; walking to Becton Field trip *permission slip that morning for dress rehearsal
 - Formal Invite coming

- Holly Rock Show (provided by PTA, always a great time)
 - Thursday, May 21 3rd - 5th grade 9 am held at Faust

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

- Town Events/Dates:

- Bingo - May 13
- 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 are posted on town site.
 - *Joan DeRosa presented at the April 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 - possible provide a Magician
- Fifa World Cup coming to Metlife in June and July; Fifa Watch Party - tentatively June 26
- Family Fun Day (not town sponsored) May 16

● Upcoming Events

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

- 8th Grade vs Faculty Basketball - May 14
- Tricky Tray - May 15th
- McKenzie Field Day - May 19 (Kindergarten - 3rd grade)
 - Need volunteers for the water distribution and coordinating activities
- Mckenzie Pre K Field Day - May 27
- Lincoln Field Day - June 4
 - Need Volunteers for coordinating ice cream activities.

- Mister Softee will be provided
- Faust Field Days - May 15
 - Held at Riggins Field
 - PTA provides pizza (we order from Master Pizza at a discounted rate). Shoprite of Wallington is providing chips, water and juice
 - Will buy extras popsicles, water from BJS
 - Need volunteers to help with food distribution(11-1p)
- **Upcoming School Dates:** (*Calendar is on ERBOE site*)
 - Half day - May 22
 - School Closed - May 25 (Memorial Day)
- 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)

New/Other business & Open discussion:

- Holiday Shoppe - motion to choose this vendor in December 2026 - Approved
- Gertrude Hawk - motion to choose only one sale either Holiday or Spring Sale- Approved
 - Spring Sale only for 8th grade committee.
- ****More Teacher Appreciation Gifts to come****
- Appreciation Days:
 - May 1 - Principals and Lunch Heroes
 - May 5 - Teachers
- Field Day T-shirt contest
 - McKenzie: Natalia Rydzanicz
 - Lincoln: Leon Stec
 - Faust : Natalia Castelan
- All Winners will receive a gift card to Cake & Cone
 All contest entrants will receive a certificate and coupon for Habit burger
 All the 7th graders that are volunteering for McKenzie will get a McKenzie Field Day shirt as well
 All the 8th graders that are volunteering for Lincoln will get a Lincoln Field Day shirt as well.
- End of Year Assemblies:
 - Hollyrock Game Show at Faust School- Thursday,May 21
 - 9 am 3-5th grade
 - 10:15am 6-8th grade
 - Grit Ninja date - TBD in the Fall
- Teacher appreciation week

- PTA provided Lunch for all our staff on May 5 (Cinco De Mayo) Chipotle delivered burritos, chips and salsa for all!
- PTA is providing each teacher with a coupon for Habit Burger & Grill
- PTA will also have gifts for the teachers, however delivery delays means these items will be given later this month

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 were held in April. If interested, our standing rules are on the ERPTA website and bylaws.
- Positions Effective July 1, 2026.
 - 2026 elections
 - President (2 year term) - Christine Green
 - Vice President (1 year term) - Jillian Cawley
 - Recording Secretary (2 year term) - Natasha Bonilla
 - Corresponding Secretary (1 year term) - Shannon Cowan
 - **Treasurer ** IN NEED OF NOMINEE****
 - Committee Chairperson (1 year term)
 - Social Media - Kevin Lyon
 - Cultural Events - Elyssa Martino
 - Membership - Charise Brown
 - Ways and Mean/Fundraising - Linda Lyon
 - **By Laws ** IN NEED OF NOMINEE****
 - Mckenzie School Rep:
 - Natasha Bonilla
 - Lincoln School Rep:
 - **** IN NEED OF NOMINEE****
 - Faust School Rep:
 - **** IN NEED OF NOMINEE****
 - 8th Grade Committee Co-Chairs:
 - Nina Hoxha
 - Emily Landolfi

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 June 3rd @ 7pm at Faust Media Room

Happy Mothers Day. Happy Memorial Day.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:48 pm