

East Rutherford PTA Meeting
Location: Faust School
6.3.26

Called to order 7:03 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:**
 - May 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 summer theme bag of goodies- Mrs. Reed
- Thank you for the Chipotle lunch- EREA
- Thank you for the Chipotle lunch for teacher appreciation week- Mrs. Barrale, Mr. Vilardi, Mr. Barrow
- Thank you for helping with facilitating and organizing field day, tshirts, pizza, snacks - Mrs. Barrale
- Thank you for arranging the Hollyrock game show- Mrs. Barrale, Mr. Viraldi, Mr. Barrow
- Thank you for generous support - Ms. Brown and Field Day Committee

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 231 Members (142 Individual, 89 Teacher/staff)
- Membership is July 1 - June 30
- Dues: individual \$10, Staff \$6
- We remit \$5.25 to County, State, and National PTA

● **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 15) - Thank you for all those that supported, donated and were part of making this event a success. This was the final tricky tray.

- Thank you Jillian, Amanda, Sue, Ellysa, Shannon, Tara, Natasha, Rose, Linda and Kevin.
 - 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>
 - Dates to be announced for 2026-2027 School Year:
 - Confirmed 8th grade led gertrude hawk, forms start late january, tentative early march delivery
 - Confirmed Little Shoppe Holiday Shop early Dec
 - BNL photos for picture day tba
 - Book Fair tba
- 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)
 - 3rd Grade:
 - 6/15 9:45 move up 3rd grade, 3rd grade breakfast 6/16 9:45

- Gifts will be given to 3rd graders and teachers
 - Thank you to all those that contributed to help with this
 - June 11th - PreK Concert
- Lincoln (Rose Ampuero)
 - 5th grade LEAD celebration June 3
 - Field Day June 4 - Mr. Softee provided by PTA
 - 5th grade move up celebration in the works
 - 6/16 5th graders will go over the bridge, tour Faust then back to Lincoln gym for 5th grade celebration.
- Faust (Christine Green)
 - Field Day May 15th, pta provided chips water pizza from Master Pizza
- 8th Grade Committee (Christine Green, Melissa Haskel)
 - Fundraise to offset cost of formal, class gift
 - Thank you for all the support for our fundraisers. Thank you Mrs. Barrale and Mr. Scarafile for approving our fundraisers. Thank you Mr. Vilardi for letting us host many events in the Lincoln gym
 - Lawn sign pick up tonight at 333 Grove Street 7-8:30pm
 - Incoming NEW 8th grade committee:
 - First meeting June 15th 7:30pm Vreeland Ave Community Center
- **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 will be Principal of Principal*
 - *Mr. Vilardi will be Principal of Faust and Lincoln campus*
 - Mrs. Barrale
 - Thank you PTA for all you've done throughout the year.
 - 5/14 had staff vs 8th grade basketball game
 - Field day 5/15, thank you pta for pizza, snacks, shirts and water.
 - Spring Concert 5/20 at Becton Regional
 - Celebrated nurses and teacher appreciation week. Thank you teachers and staff for your commitment.
 - PTA sponsored Holly Rock Show 5/21 - always a hit!
 - 8th grade:
 - 8th grade Formal
 - Teen arts at Bergen Community 5/29

- Kahlari 6/2
 - Trills & Thrills at Great Adventure 6-8th grade Band and Choir 6/5
 - Commencement 6/16 6pm Becton
 - 8th grade Breakfast 6/17
 - Last Day 6/18
- Mr. Barrow
 - Thank you PTA for the support throughout the year
 - 1st and 3rd grade concerts last week, amazing performers, 300+ parents/family at both
 - 3rd grade move up in 2 weeks; multiple communications to 3rd grade parents
 - PreK open house at Kiddie Academy 6/4- an day and evening time available, only attend one, lots of communication have gone out
 - All that have registered on time and made it into our preK program, have a PreK orientation next week.
 - Any registrations from now and forward will be placed on the waiting list as first come first serve. If need more details reach out to main office
 - School spirit days are coming.
 - PTA providing ice pops, date TBD, will coordinate
 - Important dates/events coming, be on the look out for communication from the school.
 - Mr. Scarafile (Interim Superintendent)
 - Pleasure working with you all, Very organized, very proactive, thank you PTA.
 - This was a great experience working in this district, administrators, staff and PTA heavily involved. Thank you for the opportunity to work with you all this year.
 - Congratulations and Mr. Barrow will do a fine job.
 - Parents need to re-register, log into genesis, a letter will go to those that did not register, and outstanding lunch balances need to be paid.
 - 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 PTA for Holly rock, all you do, teacher appreciation lunches, field day shifts, so much more
 - Hawaiian beach spring concert last week was an amazing opportunity
 - LEAD program closed out with time at lucky strikes and pizza with ERPD.
 - Chromebook collection for all 3 schools will begin 6/8. Fine notices will go out sooner or later. Check the chromebook serial number and charger will match.

- Lincoln Lost and found is open to parents and family to reunite with your child's lost items 6/16 3-4p,, 6/17 12:30-1:30, 6/19 10 am -12pm. Whatever is not claimed gets donated at end of year
- appreciation for all the staff
- Field day tomorrow 6/4
- Violi Climate change 6/8
- NEHS Wax museum 6/9
- 5th grade bridge 6/16
- Report cards go live 6/18
- Live stream of concert was appreciated by parents
- Holly Rock Show (provided by PTA, always a great time)
 - Thursday, May 21 3rd - 5th grade 9 am held at Faust

East Rutherford Recreation

- 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:

- Bocce Ball - June 7 is Cancelled
- Bingo - June 10
- Community yard sale 6/13 and 6/14
- 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 sites.
- Fifa World Cup coming to Metlife in June and July; Fifa Watch Party at Riggin field run by FIFA, not the town- June 26

● Upcoming Events

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

- Lincoln Field Day - June 4
 - Mister Softee will be provided
- 3rd Grade Moving up - June 15

- 5th Grade Bridging - June 16
- 8th Grade Graduation - June 16

- **Upcoming School Dates:** (*Calendar is on ERBOE site*)
 - Half day - 6/16, 6/17, 6/18
 - Last Day of school 6/18

 - 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:

- Year In Review Video

- Becton Scholarships
 - PTA is happy to award scholarships to the following Becton Graduating Seniors:
 - Isabel Ramirez
 - Gabriella Krol
 - Hailey Rodriguez
 - Everett Bell

- Field Day T-shirt contest
 - McKenzie: Natalia Rydzanicz
 - Lincoln: Leon Stec
 - Faust : Natalia Castelan

 - All Winners will received 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.

- 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 provided summer gifts - speaker, cooler bag, blanket

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: TBA

Congratulations to all our 8th Grade Graduates!

Happy Fathers Day!

Happy Summer!

Meeting Adjourned: 8:07 pm