ALEXANDER ELEMENTARY

Falcon Family Community Meeting

Sep 14, 2026 – 6:30 pm – Alexander Library

Reports & Presentations	
Welcome! *(5 minutes)*	*Please be sure to sign in!* Please email AlexanderElementaryPTO@gmail.com or scan code to join the PTO email list. This is the best way to find out about volunteering for upcoming events! Virtual Option: https://iowacityschools-org.zoom.us/j/92965350431 In attendance: President Ali McCue, Vice President Emily Johnson, Secretary Rachel Trinidad, Treasurer Stephanie Schnicker, Teacher Liaison Melissa Morgan, DPO Representative Michelle Gladdon, Ms. Hassen and 11 parents
Principal's Report Katie Thompson, *Principal* *(5 minutes)*	KT is out tonight; with a sick kid at home. Our first 3 Weeks have gone well. We have spent lots of time "going slow to go fast" with teaching and re-teaching expectations that are essential for learning. We anchor every expectation to our Falcon 4: Respect, Responsibility, Relationships, and Pride. The goal is safety and learning at school. We also are taking time these past couple of weeks to assess students in Reading, Math, and Language. This will help establish a baseline so we can tailor instruction to individual student or class needs. Thank you for sharing your Scholar(s) with us! Oct 7 - Walk, Ride, Roll to school day! (fall). The event is fun. Local leaders and ICPD attend and pass out stickers and greet the students. There will also be one in the spring Oct 26 - Fall Picture Day
Run for the Schools Jen Neubauer, *PE Teacher* *(5 minutes)*	*Registration link:* *https://runsignup.com/Race/IA/IowaCity/RunfortheSchools* *This event is put on by the community school foundation. Date is Sunday October 18. The more Alexander students sign up, the more money Alexander gets back for the PE teachers and Librarians to be used in the school.* *There are scholarships available for students that need it.*

	Alexander wins quite often, last year we took 3rd place. *Event is in Downtown Iowa City and the events are: half mile, full mile, 5k and 10k* *Alexander gets a spot to pass out water to runners. We are the only school that gets one. We set up around the 1 mile marker.* *Sign up by Sept 27 to guarantee a t-shirt and to get the discounted registration fee.*
Teacher-Speaker Heidi Hassen, *School Counselor* *(15 minutes)*	*2026 PTO Counseling/PBIS presentation*
Teacher Liaison Report Melissa Morgan, 4th Grade Teacher	*Teachers have been very busy working on building strong routines and habits. To help students with this, they take them to different locations around the school and talk about the expectations at the location. We rely on visuals for students, such as the expected or unexpected chart. This all sets the groundwork for a great school year. Talking Points information should have been sent home for parents. This app helps with the communication between teachers and parents. The app will also translate for the teacher.* *Link to app and information about Talking Points:* *TalkingPoints - Iowa City School District*

PTO Update & Discussion	
PTO Overview & Events *(10 minutes)*	• PTO Leadership Introductions • Overview of PTO Events for the year • Cut and Copy Club Information • Meeting Schedule • Request for help throughout the year can be found here: 2026 Alexander PTO Interest Form Cut and copy club - Melissa advised this would be a huge help. Legislation has passed limiting the amount of time on chromebooks for students. Due to this, more physical materials, including intervention materials, are needed. Ali has started a proposal for Big Grove
Regular PTO Business: *(5 minutes)*	• Treasurer's Report - Current Balance: $3,761.23 • Proposed PTO Budget ○ We will vote on the budget tonight. Once voted on, each

	request for money doesn't need to be approved. If there is a change to the budget, notification will be made ○ Parent question about where to cut funds if fundraising isn't met with the current economy. Buffers are built in throughout the budget to cover if this happens. ○ Voting: Motion to pass by Oscar, Ariane seconded. The budget passed with yays. ● Read-A-Thon: theme, goals, and volunteer opportunities! ● Fall Fest: volunteer opportunities ● Dine Out for Education 9/17/26 ○ Dine Out for Education - Foundation of Iowa City Community School District
Past Events	Meet the teacher night Coffee and Community 

Upcoming Events	
Read-A-Thon September 28-Oct 12	● Students will receive information on how to log reading minutes and gather pledges The students seem to enjoy the Mrs. Thompson silly string battle as the grand prize for the school wide goals. ● Individual, Classroom and School wide Prizes for meeting reading goals
Bike to School **Oct 7**	
Run for the Schools Sunday, October 18th	
School Picture Day October 26	
Fall Fest Friday, November 20th	● Largest Fundraising and Community Building Event of the year!! ● PTO needs help with planning and setup ● *Sign up tonight, or be on the lookout for an email later this month!*
Fall Parent-Teacher	● PTO members will provide a meal for teachers

Next PTO Business Meeting (In Person): October 12
Next PTO Community Meeting (Zoom): November 10, 2026

Conference Meal	