ALEXANDER ELEMENTARY
Falcon Family Community Meeting
October 12, 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: Principal Thompson, President Ali McCue, Vice President Emily Johnson, Secretary Rachel Trinidad, DPO Representative Michelle Gladden, Mrs. Neubauer, Ms. Mary, Emily Voss 8 parents 2 zoom
Principal's Report Katie Thompson, Principal *(5 minutes)*	Principal's update and school news. We are working hard on active listening and active participation with learning. Students have been working towards these and the Readathon. Students working towards active listening and the readathon. Foundation at everything students do is coming to school.
Run for the Schools Jen Neubauer, *PE Teacher* *(5 minutes)*	Run for the Schools is Sunday, October 18. Registration and scholarships are available; review participation awards and incentives. https://runsignup.com/Race/IA/IowaCity/RunfortheSchools Last day to sign up is Thursday October 15 Early participation years was 0 students signed up, few adults, has grown to 117 total participants last year. Since 2023, each year has had over 100 participants. The more people that sign up, the more money Alexander PE teacher and librarian receive. If any student needs assistance paying for the entry fee, the PTO will sponsor students. There is a ½ mile and mile walk and you can run, walk, push a stroller. It's a great opportunity for the community and anybody can participate. Around 8:30 after the 1 mile run, a group photo is always taken by the community center.

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	Volunteers count towards the school totals. If you can't make it to the race, your sign up still goes towards the school total.
Teacher Liaison Report Melissa Morgan, 4th Grade Teacher	Teacher liaison update. Spirit Week Celebrations: October 26-October 30 Monday: Dress Up Day (Fancy Clothes) - also picture day! Tuesday: Monochrome Day Wednesday: Wacky Wednesday Thursday: Comfy and Stuffy Day Friday: Black and Gold/Hawkeyes
Importance of School Attendance Emily Voss and Mary Coughlin-Julian	Presentation and discussion on the importance of school attendance. Link to school district sick day policy: Not Feeling Well? - Iowa City School District Link to presentation: Attendance Presentation 10/12/26

PTO Update & Discussion	
PTO Overview & Events *(10 minutes)*	• PTO goals: Welcome all families, support teachers and student learning, and build the Alexander community. • Review the 2026–27 community events, teacher support, and PTO meeting calendars. • Cut and Copy Club is coming soon. Sign up to help with PTO activities and events.
Regular PTO Business: *(5 minutes)*	• Treasurer: balance to confirm. Expenses: Coffee and Community $56.73; September pizza $60.63; child care $40; Read-a-Thon prizes $59.90, with more expected. • Review Read-a-Thon and discuss possible classroom and schoolwide grants after final expenses. Both schoolwide goals were met! Since the amount raised exceeded our goal, proposal to have second place classrooms receive a grant and movie and popcorn party. Principal Thompson approves, Ariane seconded.
Past Event	Read-a-Thon: $6,000 and 25,000 minutes goals met. 133 students signed up; Latest check: $7,485 and 25,818 minutes Thank you to students, families, teachers, staff, and volunteers who supported the event.

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Upcoming Events	
Run for the Schools Sunday, October 18th	Sunday, October 18. Registration and scholarship information are available.
School Picture Day October 26	School picture day is Monday, October 26.
Fall Fest Friday, November 20th	• Fall Fest is the PTO's largest community event. Plans include games, food, a raffle, and a silent auction. • Volunteers and donations are needed for setup, activities, food, prizes, and the auction. Watch for the sign-up and contact a PTO leader to help coordinate. Click here to sign up to volunteer: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F44A8AD2EABFA7-66649827-fall Michelle is working on getting donations for the raffles and silent auction. Ali has created a sign up for the teacher donations for the student raffle Last year, each Alexander student received 10 tickets, planning to do that again this year Silent auction will be online. Tickets are .50/ticket
Fall Parent-Teacher Conference Meal November 18	• PTO will provide a taco bar for teachers on November 18. A volunteer sign-up is coming soon. Families volunteer to bring food items for the taco bar. It was decided the meal will be for dinner. Sign up below to donate! https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F44A8AD2EABFA7-66649876-staff

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