East Rutherford PTA Meeting
Location: Faust Media center
11.3.26

Called to order: 7:05pm

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: Christine Green

Vice President: Jillian Cawley

Recording Secretary: Natasha Bonilla

Corresponding Secretary: Shannon Cowan

Treasurer: Paola Restrepo

Membership: Charise Brown

Bylaws:

Ways & Means Fundraising: Linda Lyon

Cultural Events: Elyssa Foster

Social Media & Communications: Kevin Lyon

McKenzie Rep: Natasha Bonilla

Lincoln Rep: To be Determined

Faust Rep/8thGrade Committee: Nina Hoxha, Emily Landolfi

Agenda

● Approval of Minutes:
● October Meeting Minutes - Approved

● Administration Updates:

○ ***Mr. Barrow (Superintendent)***
■Thank all of our dedicated administration and staff for facilitating parent conferences thank you to all wonderful parents who attended
■ Special appreciation to all of our Veterans and our local VFW post number 8374 for all they have done and continue to do for our community
■ Wishing you all the best in health and have a happy thanksgiving

○ ***Mrs. Barrale (McKenzie)***
■ We have 2 days coming up that we are off hope the families get to enjoy time together
■ For October students and staff we celebrated cultures, traditions & history.
■ On the 21st all staff gave a donation and wore pink for breast cancer awareness special thanks to district nurses for organizing this important spirit and fundraising event
■ The 23rd staff and students look their best for pictures, special thank you to PTA for the help
■ week of respect this past week with meaningful lessons, activities
■ We participated in health lessons on fire safety
■ We had our halloween parade my first one, a lot of parents came I appreciate that and kids were excited about it
■ Tomorrow we are having a Veterans day assembly.
■ On behalf of our faculty, professional support staff and students we want to wish everyone a happy thanksgiving !

○ ***Mr. Vilardi (Lincoln/ Faust)***
■ Our faculty ran a donation drive to support breast cancer research
■ we have jeans for troops coming up for veterans day, thank you to the nurses for organizing the Breast Cancer Awareness drive
■ PTA we have to thank you guys for the book fair, picture day, the halloween balloon setup we always appreciate your help and your volunteers for helping out too.
■ last week on the 28th we honored district wide crossing guards and SRO's, Mr. Barrow organized a breakfast for all of them
■ Mrs. Burrelli came to the APR with our police department and wonderful people that keep our students and staff safe everyday so we are appreciative of that
■ Lincoln leaders kicked off October with a focus on loyalty. November we are going to focus on empowerment
■ will have our first school party of the year after the close of first marking period
■ At Faust school we went through level expectations again, trying to give students voices to the students at Faust school.

■ In regards to CATS program we are having secondary meeting open to all 6th-8th grade
■ For Veterans day we will have students write letters to our Troops
■ November 19th at 5pm for inducting into the National Elementary Honor Society , Our National Junior Honor Society we're excited to have our families in to recognize those outstanding students
■ Voices of Faust has been fantastic to start the year, every morning we have students give announcements, shout-outs. I want to shout out student council for their leadership in coordinating that
■ Marking period ends next week the 13th and marking period 2 starts following Monday, Report cards will be live on November 25th
■ 8th grade volleyball game November 24th, the goal is to have staff, families and students to support our 8th grade
■ The winter dance for December 11th
■ For Lincoln families should of received through parentsquare and homeroom teachers with information about thanksgiving feast, sign up sheets by homeroom
■ Picture day make-ups for December 18th and we will continue our winter wonderland spirit week

○ **Mr. Cocozzo**
■ I want to say Thank you for the help with pictures
■ Clubs are up and running we have our late buses going, we have robotics, debate
■ we had our 2nd day of cheer try outs last year we had only 7-8 students this year we have in the 20s
■ basketball meetings for both just interest meetings for boys and girls

● **Reports of Officers:**

● Treasurer's Report
● Reports are posted on the PTA page on the district website
    ○ http://www.erboe.net/page/1630

● Correspondence
○We have 2 this month. The first one is Dear Mrs Green and members of the PTA want to take this opportunity to Thank you and the members of the PTA for volunteering their time at the book fair which was held from October 5th-9th at Lincoln school. It's sincerely appreciated Warm regard, Peter Vilardi principal of Lincoln and Faust school Philip Cocozzo Assistant Principal Lincoln School
● Dear Christine and Jillian please accept this letter as a formal notification for resigning for my position as membership chair for the East Rutherford PTA effective immediately. I'm no longer able to dedicate my time .I have truly enjoyed working with the board and supporting our schools. Sincerely Charise Brown

- By Laws & Standing Rules
    - Report on PTA page of District website

- 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 Staff- $6
    - http://weareerpta.givebacks.com/shop/items/22709
    - Currently 200 Members

- **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.

- Holiday Wreath flyers will be out. Thank you to Marybeth and Megan and Christine for organizing this. Form due date and payment is November 20th delivery or pick up for December 5th
    - Holiday shop
        - Lincoln/Faust- December 7th to 11th
        - Mckenzie school- December 14th to 17th

    - Dine & Donates:
        - 8th grade Jersey Mikes thank you to everyone who supported that

    - Givebacks shop
    - Sign up, put on your phone, a small percentage goes back to PTA, but it adds up!

    - Spirit Wear
        - Proceeds back to PTA
        - Sale is still on
        - Shop at: http://1stplace.sale/107768

- *Cultural Events*
    - PTA Cultural Events Committee celebrates the diversity of our ER School District by planning and executing fun filled activities for our families

●For trunk or treat want to thank ERPD and Mayor of Council for helping us throw a successful trunk or treat

● Thank you to everyone who hosted a trunk without your participation there would be no event. Congratulations to our trunk or treat winners and costume winners

● Thank you to Park tavern and Blarney for donating gift cards that we used as prizes to the winners

● Thank you to Master pizza for your generous donation of pizzas and shoprite for their donation of snacks

● We had a great turnout and hope the kids had a great time. We also had our pumpkin contest congratulations to those winners which was the dumpling, groot and forky

● Thank you to Katie Cruz she donated her services creating balloon towers for Mckenzie and Lincoln on Halloween.

○ *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)

○Veterans day tomorrow red white and blue

○Holiday shop as mention before is coming up

● 8th Grade Committee

●Volleyball game fundraiser November 24th from 7pm-9pm at Lincoln school $5 to play and $5 to watch

●8th grade committee meeting will be November 12th at the community center on Vreeland at 7pm

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:**
  - Miniature golf at the community center it will be family friendly during the day and adults only at night

Upcoming Events

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

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Upcoming School Dates: (Calendar is on ERBOE site)

- November 5th and 6th schools closed
- November 25th one session day
- November 26th and 27th schools closed for Thanksgiving break

New/Other business & Open discussion:

- none

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Check ERPTA page, volunteer tab
  - http://wearerpta.givebacks.com/w/volunteer
  - Mckenzie/Faust/Lincoln Holiday Shop

Next Meeting: December 1st 2026 at 7pm

Meeting Adjourned: 7:40 pm