



October PTA Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. First Financial was present to speak to the PTA about the banking program. Information was given in regards to what the program is and eligibility. Students can bank once a month when they are here on campus. Lutherville and Owings Mills branches are the closest to this area. 2 student interns (5th graders) are selected each year. They take deposits and work with the representative on banking day. They offer a scholarship program.
 - b. Mrs. Siegel, Reading Specialist, spoke about Reading Innovation Night in November. There will be a food truck picnic and spirit wear will be sold. There will be many reading activities. Teacher auction will be held. Student reading logs have been sent home, there are extras should anyone need additional. Last year, the Read-A-Thon raised almost \$13,000. We were able to purchase reading programs, license for computer programs that support reading, extra leveled readers and additional books for independent reading. During read-a-thon week, students will have various reading activities such as dressing as their favorite character to stop-drop-and read, and other activities. A flyer was sent home highlighting the read-a-thon. Please email Mrs. Siegel at ssiegel@bcps.org with any questions.
2. School Reports and Updates
 - a. Dr. Baier's Report:
 - i. Kindness Rocks Week: Was a huge success. Initially, students painted 2 rocks, one to take someplace to put in the community and the other was to remain here as a reminder of what it means to be kind. However, after speaking with grounds we are not able to be placed in front of the building due to the location of the windows. This could be problematic with mowing as well as possibly be encouraging vandalism and throwing of the rocks.
 - ii. Visitation Dates for American Education Week were posted in the School Newsletter. Teachers are planning activities for certain days however, parents are welcome to come any day. If you are not able to come on the designated day, please just email the teacher to give them a heads up to make sure testing is not being conducted on the day you would like to come.
 - b. Mrs. Powers's Report
 - i. Transportation seems to be going well. If anything occurs, please contact me mpowers@bcps.org so that communication with transportation stays open.
 - ii. MAP testing just finished as of Oct 20 and reports should be sent home with the first report card.

3. Board Reports

- a. Amanda and Ashley Reports (presidents)
- b. Jeff's Report (treasurer)
 - i. 2 assemblies so far this year, a 3rd will be in December
 - ii. Chipotle Night was a success
 - iii. Membership is down, please spread the word to join the PTA. Membership information will be at the spirit wear table at Reading Innovation Night.
 - iv. Monster Bash is requesting additional funding to update decorations and storage
- c. Debby's Report (communications)
 - i. If you are not receiving emails from the PTA, please contact the PTA to make sure your email is included on the distribution list.
 - ii. For members that purchased a \$50 or more membership package, your family will receive a paper directory. If you would like to purchase a paper directory, the cost is \$15.00.

4. Committee and Event Chairs Update

- a. Restaurant Nights- Jill Glick, Melissa Gofstein
 - i. Great success. Made \$760. The next fundraiser will be at Rita's on November 15th. The Green turtle will only hold a fundraiser on Monday-Thursday. They were checking with the general manager to see if they could do a Friday instead, should it be approved, it will be held on December 1. A suggestion was made to check with the Green Turtle in Owings Mills. An application was submitted to Bagby and Noodles & Company.
- b. Directory- Debby Katzen
- c. Holiday Shop- Candy Diamond and Jamie Frieman
 - i. December 4-6. Parents should have received copies of the order forms to fill out and return to school. It was motivating to have a prize for submitting the form. The form is also posted on the PTA website.
- d. Fifth Grade Chairs- Elizabeth Carr, Lara Nicholson, Sara Greenberg
 - i. The money raised isn't just for the 5th graders. It includes a gift to the teachers and to the school. Looking into a few options for fundraising including taking a small portion from some of the fundraisers currently happening. They would like to raise about \$3000. In the past, the 5th grade committee was able to raise enough to cover the costs. However, the PTA will speak with the treasurer about fundraising.
- e. Fort Gives Back- Troy & Jill Dannenfelser
- f. Monster Bash and Trunk or Treat- Robin Holt, Heather Crawford
 - i. Pumpkin carving contest is happening. Thank you to the Lamb family for donating trophies for the carving contest. If anyone is available at the end of the evening, please take something down when you see the PTA

cleaning up. The monster bash is 6:30-8:30 Trunk or Treat cars can arrive at 6.

- g. Box Tops- Debby Katzen
 - i. First contest ends on Friday the 27th. The prize was changed to an ice cream themed prize. Mrs. Varelli's class is in the lead currently. Mrs. Thompson is in second, third place is Mrs. Bynum, 4th Mrs. Hoffman, and 5th with Mrs. Sanders. So far this year \$281 has been raised.
 - ii. For the next contest, instead of recognize the class with the most, it will be the individual families. The top ten families will be recognized.
- h. Membership- Lorren Rapkin
 - i. 124 members. The numbers are comparable to last year but the goal is to surpass last year's membership totals.
- i. Movie Night- Melissa Gofstein, Elissa Kohel
 - i. No updates
- j. Cultural Arts-Marnie Goldman and Diane Leone
- k. Spirit Wear- Alissa Abrams-Densky, Laura Lamb
 - i. The order is going in this week. More has been sold than last year. There are still a ton of the bottles left. A recommendation was made to sell hats but they are not allowed to be worn to school. This can be revisited. The first spirit day is Nov 6.
- l. Yankee Candle Fundraiser-Mindi Levin
 - i. Only have until Nov 10 to place orders. Orders can be placed online or paper form.
- m. Additional Comments:
 - i. A request was made to have 5th graders tour/visit Pikesville Middle during the fall semester. This is when parents are beginning to look at middle schools and tour private schools. It would be helpful to be able to visit the public middle school at the same time in order to make an informed decision. Dr. Baier and Mrs. Powers will reach out to the middle school to see if this can be arranged.
 - ii. Go Girls Go is off to a good start. The 5k is December 10

Dates To Remember:

October 23 rd -November 5 th - Baltimore Sports and Novelty Fundraiser	November 16 th - Report Cards Distributed
October 27 th - Trunk or Treat	November 17 th - Schools closed for conferences
November 3 rd - School Gets out 3 hours early	November 20 th - PTA meeting 6:30-7:30
November 6th- FIRST SPIRIT DAY	November 23 rd -24 th - Thanksgiving Holiday
November 13 th -16 th - American Education Week	November 28 th - Family Reading and Innovation Night @ 5:00