

PTA Meeting

Tuesday March 1st, 2011

Greenbelt Recreation Department presented their spring and summer programs.

Corned Beef and Cabbage.

Will be on March 17th

We need people to clean up and set up, as well as servers. We have enough crockpots. Anne and Jon Gardner will be playing live music.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for kids

There will be desserts, bread and butter, water and lemonade

Spring Fair.

We need a chair.

It will be on Saturday March 26th

It's very easy. Need to buy food, set up the games (can be done the night before). Volunteers to run the games.

We can use students who need volunteer hours.

This is a good opportunity for new parents to join and to volunteering because you will be helping someone who knows how to run it.

Melissa is going to run the silent auction again. It would be great if we get someone to learn from her.

We need someone to do cakewalk. Suggestion: a student can do it. Elizabeth Gardner was volunteered

Why so early this year? Because we don't want to lose kids to Saturday sports

Scholastic book fair at the Spring Fair.

Will be in the music room. We need volunteers.

Are we going to do the "give each kid a book"? Yes. We need to order those books too.

We have 4-5 boxes of books in the testing office. Ms. Page does not know where they came from. Some are used. Karen and Ms. Page

Multicultural dinner.

Will take place on May 18th

We want to give teachers enough time to do the passports. We had a lot of parents last year. We want to work on how to organize it so people don't have to wait in line. We had plenty of pizza and dessert and food brought by parents.

T-shirts will be on sale. Amy: maybe we can do it on stage, because in the hallway people don't see it.

Kids are eager to show their work and parents do not stop in the hallway to buy T-shirts.

It would be nice to do something to get people entertained. Something to celebrate diversity. Ms. Bush suggested a fashion show where kids dress in their countries dress. Bring Flags. If we have something going on the kids don't run around. We can do trivia. We can play music softly, so there is not so loud. Doug Way can help with the music. We need someone to shadow Sheila and learn the ropes of Multicultural Dinner.

Teacher appreciation week. By Lauren Renkel (chair of hospitality committee)

We want to do some little things outside of TAW to show teacher appreciation for the work they do. We want to bring some snacks for them on MSA days. We need to buy paper goods, plates and cups. Trailmix, drinks, water.

Amy: we need to make sure it is in the budget. Do we have the money to pay her back? Anne: we need to ask for increasing the budget for TAW.

Motion

Karen: I move that we increase the money for teacher appreciation week on \$200. All in favor

There is a National Teacher Appreciation Week it is first week in May. Primarily is for teachers, but we include everybody so we don't have to do secretary day, and other staff. It is for a week, we did breakfast, lunch.

We included crossing guards, maintenance people.

If you are interested in getting involved in the planning of this, please contact Lauren Renkel. We will work mostly in April. We will have to have a longer discussion about the budget for TAW.

Principal's Report. Ms. Seidel.

Ms. Moscatti worked with a mom (Melissa Ehrenreich?) on a grant and she got it. \$26,000!! We'll get wii equipment, a screen, etc.

[Something about the parking lot]

Thanks for Blue Sky puppeteer. K and 1st grade really enjoyed it.

Thanks for cleaning the PTA closet

ERHS day is on Thursday the 3rd at 10:00 at ERHS. We need to contact the media

MSA testing starts next week, Tuesday and Wednesday and the following week Tue Wed.

GMS PTA meeting.

Amy Hansen: Scott is really enjoying the school. We know it had a bad reputation but we had a tour around the school and teachers were really eager to show us their work. They invited us into their rooms. There will be another tour after MSA.

Kirsten, we need to also offer a tour in the evening. We can invite people for the PTA on second Tuesday of the month.