

Middleton Elementary PTO

General Meeting Minutes

Middeton Media Center

October 9, 2018 6:30PM

- School update – Principal Williams
 - Bike and Walk to School day is cancelled for tomorrow, Wednesday, October 10th.
 - 2nd - 5th graders finished MAP testing last week.
 - Mustang Pride ticket award will be announced next week. Students are excited for this! Students are working on hallway expectations are this week. Last week was bathroom expectations. Other focus areas are recess and lunch room expectations. Students working on good behavior and showing good behavior are rewarded with Mustang Pride tickets. Tickets are collected, and a drawing is held to rewards students.
 - Election Day, Tuesday, November 6th is NO School.
 - Beginning October 22nd, a no food policy for birthdays. 23 out of 28 classrooms have food allergies. This is a safer way to celebrate birthdays – look for a list soon of alternative ideas.
 - IDs will also be checked as you enter the office. It's for safety and for many new staff members. This is a district wide issue that other buildings are also taking part in. District is also working on how larger events will be more secure. Staff works on a balance of safe and secure, yet also welcoming families.
 - Conferences communication sign up will be coming out soon. Please watch for the signup link in your email.
 - K-2 grades have a new Bridges Math curriculum out that is exciting. It's very involved – the students have “number corner” and “workplaces” that you may hear about at home. Students are more engaged, and the staff are quickly learning the new curriculum.
 - Follow Principal Williams on Twitter!

- Budget update/overview – Liz Willard
 - 5K was successful – revenue of over \$1,100! Way to go, Middleton!
 - Boo Bash is coming along – ticket sales are flowing in and plans are underway.
 - Ashland Theater (school play) money rolls over from year-to-year.
 - Teachers are making requests for classroom support.
 - Birthday books have been ordered (kids get a book on their birthday from Principal Williams).
 - Credit card fees – try to pay with cash or check so we can reduce fees!
 - Timberwolves tickets continue to come in and we'll see a profit soon.

- School Communicator update – Heidi Case
 - Standards Based Instruction and Progress Reports will be changing this year for grades 3-5. You will see a change from the typical A, B, C, D, F, to a 1-4 system to more accurately reflect student growth over the year.
 - The 1-4 system has already been in place in grades k-2.
 - Administration believes grades should be accurate, consistent, meaningful and support learning. This new system accomplishes all these beliefs.
 - We don't want students "chasing points". We want them to learn the information and accurately reflect what they've learned and understand.
 - For example – if an assignment is late and a student is docked for late items – that doesn't represent their knowledge. But a late assignment can be recognized in a different area of the report card/progress report within work habits/task completion. Grades will then be more accurate of a student's knowledge and learning.

- PTO updates/upcoming events
 - Ashland Theater – registration opened yesterday (Tuesday) at 10am and filled up by 4pm. Rehearsals start in November and the play is in February.
 - PTO board roles may be open next year. If you're somewhat interested, no pressure, we'd love to have a conversation with you!
 - Evereve (in Eagle Valley) event this Thursday 6-8:30pm – 15% of your purchase comes back to Middleton. Come out to see and try on new clothes and for sips!
 - Timberwolves tickets are due on October 12th. As of right now we have just over 140 tickets sold. Students will have the opportunity to throw a free throw on the court at the end of the game. We get \$3 a ticket back to Middleton.
 - Davanni's is coming up on October 23rd from 4-9pm.
 - Coupon Book – it's a 50/50 fundraiser. We plan to sell them on conference nights to parents/families. We refused to push students to sell the coupon books (following our survey from last year and cancelling door-to-door sales of Cherrydale).
 - Board & Brush fundraiser opportunity – we'll look at the calendar for a November date. Plan on Tuesday, November 27th for this fun night!
 - Conference Nights – feed the teachers signup genius will be coming out soon.
 - Book Fair will be set up during conference nights – be sure to stop by and check out your student's wish list. Also, be sure to check out the signup genius coming out soon to see if you can help us out and work a shift!

- Boo Bash
 - We've asked almost 20 businesses for sponsorship and raffle donations.
 - We have one sponsor at this time – Henseler & Kocian Orthodontics will be sponsoring our DJ. **We're still looking for sponsors** - please let us know if you own a business or know a business that would like to support the school.
 - We'll have a few new games and activities, as well as a DJ, Photo Booth, Inflatables, Bingo, Haunted House, Raffle and more!

- PLEASE pre-purchase tickets. It will make entry MUCH easier for your family.
 - No weapons, kids must be with an adult!
 - Volunteers are still needed!! Please see the signup genius on the PTO website (www.yourmiddletonpto.org).
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- Questions?

 - Meeting adjourned at 7:23pm.