

PTA Meeting

9/10/24 - Tualatin Elementary School Garden

Board Member Introductions

- Anna Booth, President
- Nicole Roth, President Elect
- Stephanie Milstein, President Elect
- Jen Mann, Teacher Liaison
- Kimberly Andress, VP of Volunteers & Recruitment
- Lindsay Kinzer, VP of Communications
- Karrie Spencer , Treasurer
- Charlie Gravis, Treasurer Elect

** Not in attendance: Nikki Coleman, Secretary, Melissa Hinkle, Teacher Liaison*

Anna: What does the PTA do?

We have a very active PTA. We help organize after-school and outside school events and activities, field trips, school supplies, in-class enrichment, etc.

Benefits of being involved in the PTA:

- Know what's going on in our kid's school
- Get to know the teachers and administrators
- Get to know other parents and families
- It matters to the students to see their parents volunteer, shows they are invested in their school and their education.

Families can help the PTA by:

- being part of the board - we have 10 board members this year
- Becoming a PTA member - help us reach our membership goals
- Volunteer
- Donations (snacks, supplies, monetary)
- Attend events

Fall Festival at Lee Farms

- Friday, September 13 from 4:00pm - 7:00pm
- Free for all Tualatin Elementary students and families
- Bus routes are currently in progress (Pickups at Tualatin and Byrom Elementary Schools plus area apartments and neighborhoods)

Dr. Bobbie Brown, Principal

- We've had a very smooth start to the school year!

School-Wide Expectations

- In class and around the school
- Sent out in Black Bear Bits
- First week(s) of school, kids learn and practice expectations and earn praise
- Arrival and dismissal procedures are going very well

Digital Citizenship

- How to use technology in a way that's safe and responsible

Student Rights & Responsibility Handbook

- District wide

20 Minute Lunches

- Up from 15 minutes last year
- Students are learning and working on lunchtime routines

Social & Emotional Learning:

- 20 min morning meeting in all classes
- Students learn PAX
- Teachers use specific strategies for teaching
- Students learn what the classroom and the school should feel and sound like
- Good behavior game

Caring School Community

- Restorative practices
- Students sit in circles
- Encouraged to share and talk with each other
- Teachers provide a warm welcome every morning
- Feelings check for students - how are they feeling that day

Monthly Life Skills

- September is Safe & Responsible (each month's theme can be found in Black Bear Bits and on the website)

Acadience Testing

- Students are beginning their first i-Ready reading and math testing of the school year this week
- Provides a snapshot of where students are right now and helps determine which students will benefit from extra help including small reading groups

Volunteering

- All volunteers must complete a background check to
- Link in the Black Bear Bits or come into the office
- Takes 3 weeks to get results back and expires every 3 years
- Please complete your background check now so you are approved to volunteer when there is something you want to be involved in

Split Classes

- Mrs. Regina Davis - transferred from Byrom and is teaching the 2nd -3rd split class. She has been teaching for 25 years and is an excellent teacher
- Students are receiving instruction at grade level
- Split classes will continue in the future
- 2nd grade and 3rd grade classes are large, but not big enough to hire another teacher

Rodent Management

- Improvements are being made
- Extermination and monitoring is ongoing

- Traps are set at night
- No poison has been used

Total Student Count:

- 431 total students enrolled, including Pre-K

Karrie, Treasurer:

- New way of discussing the budget this year
- We will discuss what we are spending money on in the current month

Fundraisers

- Fundraisers provide funds for the following year
- Important that you participate so we can continue to do all the things we do
- Kona Ice at the Back to School BBQ raised \$195
- Boo-Hoo-Woo-Hoo's - we paid for donuts, Starbucks donated coffee
- Gave all teachers and staff gift cards and brought breakfast for their first day
- We pay for all school supplies and red folders

Reimbursements

- Please submit all reimbursement requests electronically, do not leave paper in office
- Email tualatinpta@gmail.com
- Allow 2 weeks to get reimbursements

Company Matching

- Some companies will give grants or match volunteer hours
- Benevity - look up to see if your company is on their list and what they will give
- Ask your company to list "General PTA" on their checks
- Matching for the Fun Run - we received \$500 matching last year

Kimberly, VP of Volunteers & Recruitment

- Volunteering is not one size fits all
- We will work with your availability

- Kimberly can help you find a volunteer job based on what you enjoy doing and how much time you want to spend
- Only PTA members can handle money
- \$14 per year to join the PTA - scan QR code on flyer or link on website
- Membership is good for the year
- Cannot vote if you are not a member
- Contact Kimberly at tualatinpta@gmail.com to ask questions or learn more about volunteering
- **Follow the PTA on social media** to stay up to date on upcoming events and volunteer opportunities - Request to join the Tualatin Elementary PTA Facebook Group and follow tualatinelementarypta on Instagram

Elizabeth, Literacy Specialist & Title 1 Coordinator

- Homeschool Compact & Parent Involvement Plan - in Black Bear Bits
- Stay in compliance with state to get funding for Title 1
- Give your feedback to Elizabeth on these documents

Family PJ Reading Night

- Wednesday, September 25th from 6:00pm - 7:00pm
- Pizza provided
- Fire Department, Mayor's Office, Tualatin Library, high school students will be in the classrooms reading stories

Kathleen, Librarian

Scholastic Book Fair - September 23-27

- Money from the book fair is used to buy library books for the school
- We have the 3rd best book collection in district!
- Allows us to forgive library fines
- Helps us buy library supplies
- Library books cost \$25-\$30 per book
- We need volunteers to help with the book fair
- 2 hour shifts for each day, M-F
- SignUpGenius will be sent out in the Black Bear Bits, is on the website and on social media

- Send money to school with kids so they can get books when they visit with their class
- Or, parents can attend after school hours

Oregon Battle of the Books

- 3rd - 5th grades participate
- We need help running
- Takes place during lunch and recess
- Forms going out next week to sign up

Volunteer in the Library

- Wednesday mornings needed most
- 1 hour shift
- Perfect if you like alphabetizing and dewey decimal system

Nichole George

Fun Run, Friday October 4th

- Track built on field
- Mr. Hill and Mrs. Hinkle run the event
- Volunteers needed the week prior to event for bracelet sales - 7:45am - 8:00am
- All kids get a free Dri-Fit spirit wear shirts at Fun Run
- \$623 more to get additional staff shirts
- Fun Run raises between \$8,000 and \$12,000
- Boosters provides prizes
- Based on how many emails are sent per student, not money raised
- Push to over 30% involvement
- Come to event and cheer on kids with poms
- Need music coordinator, water station, all day need, lunch provided
- MyBooster.com - build your student a video, etc.
- Shirt sizes for kids? Ask teachers at staff meeting

Blue Bags

- Collect cans and bottles in blue bags to earn money for school
- Pickup bags in front office

- Drop off full bags at Fred Meyer - no processing fee
- November Bottle Drive - we get extra 20%

Anna - Restaurant Nights

- Working on a food truck for Wednesday, 9/25
- Booked Pizza Hut for the 9/24 as backup
- October - working to get food trucks for our Trunk or Treat event on 10/30
- November - Regal Cinemas - movie night instead of restaurant night
- January - Panera Bread
- May - California Pizza Kitchen
- Working on all other months, stay tuned

Mr. Taylor, Garden

- Summer care has been great, thank you to all volunteers

Garden Orientation for Students

- September 18th and 19th for grades 1-5
- September 25th and 25th for kindergarten
- Students will learn about expectations in garden
- Kids must be with a responsible adult when visiting the garden
- Provides a great experience in nature

Garden Work Parties

- Monthly
- First one is Sunday, Sep 22nd from 8am - 10am

- Our garden is 15 years old
- Need a chainsaw, trees need pruning
- Started harvesting food from garden for cafeteria - zucchini, figs, peas, tomatoes

Nichole & Ashley - Memory Book

- Send photos to tualatinschoolphotos@gmail.com
- Candid, school wide photo, teacher photos, activities,
- Need volunteers
- Collect photos through Jan-Feb
- Due by March
- Get books back before school ends
- 5th grade tributes
- Take photos during events your volunteering at

Ashley - Art Lit

- PTA funded and volunteer run
- Try to get 1 volunteer for each class
- 6 artists and 6 types of art will be highlighted this year
- Information and volunteer sign up will be in the Black Bear Bits
- Teachers are collecting names for volunteers
- Let Kimberly know if you want to sign up
- Highlight of kids days
- Artwork displayed in halls
- Get art back at end of the year
- Google calendar for reserving times - parents sign up and teachers coordinate times for Art Lit

Teach the Teacher Night

- Last Tuesday and Wednesday of every month
- September 24th at 6:00pm and September 25th - 1:00pm in Art Lit room

Vote - increasing Fun Run budget for extra shirts

- Vote passed to increase budget
- All in favor, no oppose