

Florida Autism Center of Excellence

**Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Meeting
November, 2013**

Present: (Parents) Greg Eckley, Denise McGlon, Claire Coomar (Staff) Annie Russell, Jocelyn Holmes, Melissa Cheek , Ms. Latoya, Cynthia Fahrenkrog

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PTO Bank Account activity: Fall Festival deposit \$127.08 Current balance \$436.94

NEW BUSINESS

Re-election of PTO officers. Our new Co-presidents are Kim Pretzer and Joanna Ofray. Congratulations. Greg Eckley will remain Vice President and Denise McGlon will be secretary/treasurer.

Expand fundraising opportunities. Possible ideas include PTO lunch pickup for staff and a staff food pantry.

A. PTO lunch delivery- Staff tend to order out pizza a lot as it is easy and can be delivered to the school. PTO will create a list of area restaurants that staff can order from and PTO will pick it up. Instead of tipping a delivery person staff can tip PTO.

B. PTO pantry- Staff are limited to a few vending machine options on campus. PTO will maintain a pantry of preferred staff food items (sodas, snacks, etc.) that can be purchased for a donation to the PTO.

Moving forward we will no longer have meetings at 5:30. While many parents expressed an interest in evening meetings, we have not had a good response from parents at that meeting time. All scheduled meetings will occur at 2:30 in the conference room unless otherwise noted.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next PTO meeting Tuesday December 3rd at 2:30 pm

November

Fall Festival and FACE walk November 22nd at 4:00-7:00 pm PTO will be providing the concessions for the event. All money raised from the sales will be deposited into the PTO account. We will need donations and outside resources as well as volunteers. In addition to the concessions PTO will be selling "Thankful Turkeys:" for a \$1 donation. Students names will be placed on the turkeys and displayed in the office. Sales for the turkeys will continue for the entire week. The class that has the highest sales in turkeys will receive an ice cream and popsicle party.

Fall festival update: The festival was a success for the school as well as PTO. We sold pizza meals with a drink for \$2.50, cookies, cotton candy, and popcorn. With the cost of supplies we made a profit of \$???. At the end of the turkey sales we made \$?????. Ms. Cynthia's and Ms. Lori's class sold the most Turkeys and will have their party on December 6th. Thank you for all parents and family who attended and volunteered their time. Thanks to all the vendors who made our festival atmosphere complete. A big thank you to all the teachers who played games with all the children. You are the best. Last but not most certainly not the least our DJ who brought joy to our hearts with his great music.

December

Next PTO meeting December 3rd at 2:30 pm

December Winter Vocational Fundraiser now thru December 17th The students will be making cookie and hot cocoa gifts for Christmas. The money goes towards CBIs and vocational materials. We are accepting donations of bags of: Red and Green M&Ms, semisweet chocolate morsels, mini marshmallows, peppermint marshmallows, peanut butter cups and cacao chips. For grocery store or warehouse club donations, contact Lori Edgar or Annie Russell.

December 6th Ice cream/popsicle party for Ms Cynthia and Ms Lori's class The class winners of the most turkeys sold in the fall festival PTO fund raiser. Enjoy!

December 18th Pictures with Santa \$5.00, cookies with milk \$2.00. Scheduled class times TBD. We are having the annual pictures with Santa with an added special PTO funded treat. Please help raise funds for our PTO by purchasing cookies and milk while having your child's pictures taken with Santa.

Kim Pretzer, President

Joanna Ofray, President