

North Star PTA Meeting

Date/Time: October 13, 2015 7:00pm

Location: North Star Elementary Multi-Purpose Room

Attendance: Attendance sheet in PTA office file

<p>Approved at North Star PTA meeting on Monday December 7, 2015.</p>
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Agenda

Introduction and welcome

PTA board member updates

Principal's/Assistant Principal's messages

Discussion topic: Homework

Question and Answer Session

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting called to order by Ann Pollock at 7:08pm.

Board Member Presentations

President

Ann Pollock

We collected \$11,500 during the Spirit Fest fundraiser. We did not meet our goal, but we did very well! The winners will have their Moon Bounce reward this Thursday, October 15th.

Yearbook art cover contest entries are due Friday. Please remember to include all of the information requested on the flier. The children will vote on a winner for each grade level.

The Box Top drive ends on October 23rd. Overall winners will get a smile pencil and grade level winners will receive an eraser.

The school Post Office will be up and running soon. You can write a letter to you child and leave it in the mailbox located outside the doors to the office. Children can write letters in class and send them to friends in the school.

The Fall Family Dance Party will be on October 29th from 6-8pm. Costumes are optional and students must be accompanied by an adult. There will be a DJ and we will have pizza, pretzels, and water for sale. There will also be spirit wear available to purchase.

A motion was made by Ann Pollock to approve the meeting minutes from September 17, 2015. The motion was seconded by Julie Alvarez and the minutes were approved.

An updated version of the directory was posted to the website last Saturday. If you would like to be included in the directory, you can fill out the form on the website or include your information on the registration form when joining the PTA. Please consider joining the PTA to help support

our school by providing funds for instructional materials, school improvement projects, family activities, and educational programs. Members are not required to volunteer.

Treasurer

Melissa Gannon

The treasurer's report will be posted on the website for review.

School Services

Kristen Dassel

While the fall sale has ended, NSE accessories can be ordered using the form on the website and other orders can be made through the Spirit Wear Online Mall. We will have another sale in the spring and new items will be offered.

Principal's message

Jonathan sprout will again visit for Hero Day, performing at assemblies for all grade levels. He sings songs about people in history who are unsung heroes. There will be someone chosen to honor on Hero Day by the students. Children are encouraged to nominate people who make us 'SMILE'. The entire school will have an opportunity to vote once the nominations are in.

All of the students gathered in the parking lot to form a smiling face and a drone flew overhead to record the event.

The fourth graders created a human crossword puzzle to announce the Delaware Day completion. The puzzle displayed their knowledge of Delaware history.

Homework Discussion

A consultant from responsive classroom is helping us with the process of implementing morning meeting in all classrooms.

There are differing opinions regarding homework and the amount assigned each day. It can teach children responsibility and extend classroom learning. It can also take away from family time and cause undue stress.

Everyone in attendance was asked to say, in one word, what homework means to them. The overall consensus was that homework is beneficial when the assignments are meaningful and given in moderation. A survey will be sent home to gather feedback from parents.

Closing

The next meeting will be held on December 7th at 9:15am, where the topic of discussion will be immunizations, general health etiquette, and district policy on being at school with illnesses and returning after an illness. Volunteer training will be held immediately following the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.