

## PTO Meeting

4/13/2022

**A video msg from Superintendent Matsudo was shared.** At the March Board of Education (“BoE”) meeting, he heard from architects for the MES renovation. 12 addtl classrooms on 2 floors, with some other renovations of existing spaces, including STEAM renovations. They will break ground will start in late May/early June. There will soon be info online about how students/classrooms will be arranged for the upcoming school year.

Salary study committee recently reported to Mr. Matsudo. All studies are available online. Click on the BoE tab.

**Principal Flanagan spoke first:** He just went thru grade level team mtgs. These next 30 days are the sprint to the finish.

- April 18<sup>th</sup> is the next district board mtg.
- On April 21<sup>st</sup> we have the Kindergarten concert.
- May 9<sup>th</sup> is the week of Got Art, which will be discussed later.
- May 15<sup>th</sup> is the Kindergarten Connection (open house for incoming Kindergarteners).
- May 18<sup>th</sup> is our Young Authors night. A local author out of Columbus will be here to share her book and her thoughts. That night will be split up by last names. The first timeframe is for last names A-K. The rest of students is the later timeframe.
- May 4<sup>th</sup>: Walk/Roll to school day. An alumni band will come to play. If you don’t live nearby, park at the church and walk!
- May 26<sup>th</sup>: Last day and early release day at 2:00.
- This is the time of year where kids are excited for summer. But there’s also a lot of anxiety in the kids. Parents could think about talking to your kids about this transition.
- 4<sup>th</sup> graders will go to Columbus on May 18<sup>th</sup> to learn about state gov’t.

**Yoon Kramer, PTO President, spoke next:** This is the school year’s last PTO meeting. She began with lots of thank you’s. Still opportunities to volunteer for lunch duties and Veggie Tasting Tuesdays.

**Teacher Appreciation Week:** May 2-6. Budget is \$2500. Teachers are showered with food, gifts, etc.

**Katie Feldman spoke for Got Art:** This has been going on for 15 years. May 9-13. Each grade will complete multiple activities. The students will “meet” some famous artists, including Frank Lloyd Wright. Workshops are planned for each grade: ex- children’s book illustrator, hip hop class, etc.

**Totes:** PTO will be selling totes for \$15. Check them out at the book sale during the week of May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Tracy from the Yearbook Committee spoke:** Send your pictures to [mespto@gmail.com](mailto:mespto@gmail.com) by the end of May/early June. They would like to have plenty from each classroom. Help every child be represented! Even the Daddy-Daughter dance photos would be great. Or extra curricular events would also be great, such as baseball, volleyball, etc.

**Changing Hands Sale:** Successful Spring 2022 sale. Some grocery bags/small totes were sold for \$2.00

**PTO Committee Head Positions:** They were just announced. On the MES PTO website under "Volunteer." There are still two open positions: VP Elect and Changing Hands Tech.

**Andrea, PTO Treasurer, spoke about the PTO budget:** We are fine for the secure for the rest of the year!