

General PTO Meeting
Kick-off of the 2023/2024 School Year!
AGENDA

Topic	Notes / Discussion
PTO Executive Board Introductions	Meruka Hazari:Co-President Amy Hermann: Co-President Heather D’Annunzio: VP Nikki Dalton: VP Robyn Lafkowitz: Secretary Toni-Ann Feeney: Treasurer Darlene Carter: Immediate Past President
Principal Cook	

Welcome Back Gator Families!

-Overview of the first two weeks of school

- Intro of Dr. S School Psychologist. Hopes to get to know every family/student.
- Intro Ms. Andrews-5th grade teacher and PTO Liaison

-Thank you to Ms. Delserro, custodial staff for summer work

- New Parking spaces/School transformation

-Discussed the municipal playground graffiti with staff at orientation

-Enrollment- 339 students up from 249 last year

-PTO Staff shirts delivered

-4th grade design winner Spirit Shirts delivered to each grade

-SEL Summer Work

- goal 1: Relationship Skills
- goal 2: Belonging

-District Wide Strategic Planning

- Student Achievement
- Belonging
- Operations

-Belonging at Mt. Horeb is a huge priority with the change in population

- Morning Meeting in each classroom every morning. 25 minutes non-academic time to focus on belonging and SEL
- Community building

-Emergency Protocol- Staff training for Lockdowns, Lockout, evacuations and Shelter in place.

-Mr. Cook personally moved schools many times during his schooling years. Taking those experiences to help make all students and teachers feel more comfortable.

-Back to School Night 9/20

- 6-6:30 Preschool
- 6:45-7:15
 - 3,4,5 Classroom Presentations
 - K-2 Specials Open House in Library
- 7:20-7:50
 - K-2 Classroom Presentations
 - 3-5 Specials Open House in Library

Introductions

Teachers & Staff

- 4 Preschool sections
- 11 new teachers to the building across all grades

-Intro of Ms. Zanechelli School Nurse

- Please let her know if your child is out sick via genesis, email or call
- Pack classroom snack in separate bag to eat in the classroom. Be respectful of allergies in the classroom with snacks.
- If you donate food for a party please bring it in day of party by 10am with ingredients list
- Can store food for children with allergies

Volunteers

Review volunteer protocols

- Why do we need volunteers?
 - Role Models, strengthen community, fosters understanding of school routines and procedures, opportunity for programs that would not otherwise be able to take place
- Confidentiality is extremely important
- Dress appropriately, accept direction from staff, ask questions, keep scheduled times, be flexible, have fun!
- Children are always watching and listening
- FERPA
 - Student records are confidential
 - No pictures. Unless you are designated yearbook. No posting on social media.
 - You don't know who has a media release and who does not.
- Be aware of HIB- Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying.
 - If you have concerns, let a staff member know, don't address yourself.
 - Definition of bullying is very wide. At this age mostly a learning experience.
- School Climate Activities
 - Morning announcements
 - Classroom Lessons
 - Week of Respect and Red Ribbon Week
 - Buddy Class Activities
 - Lunch Bunches
 - Assemblies
- Prevention of Infectious Disease
 - Good Handwashing
 - Consider all bodily fluids
 - Let custodial staff handle cleanup
- Emergency Drills may occur during your volunteer time
 - Mr. Cook will let you know before drill is called how you

<p>PTO Topics/Upcoming Events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tons of opportunities to volunteer. Please reach out with ideas/suggestions ● School Spirit Day this Friday 9/15
<p>2023/2024 Budget</p>	<p>-Past & present budget review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Learning year with increased numbers ● Deficit this year about \$4,000 over budget but don't be concerned <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have a reserve from past years to pull from if needed. Trying to be sensitive to increased numbers <p>-Each school handles funding separately and individually</p> <p>-HRP Stipend is \$5/child for 5 parties throughout the year given to lead HRP. Work as a grade for the most equitable experience for all students</p> <p>-1st Day School Supply Kit cost questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Passed on from vendor ● optional choice/no pressure to purchase/lists readily available <p>-Reimbursement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Email Toni-Ann with receipt and venmo handle or preferred payback method. <p>-This years - budget approved</p>
<p>Preview New PTO Website</p>	<p>www.mthorebpto.com</p> <p>-Source for all PTO info</p> <p>- Reach out to mthorebpto@gmail.com to be added to distribution list</p> <p>-Thank you to Amy and Elizabeth for creating</p>

<p>PTO Membership and Donation Drive</p>	<p>-\$25 Membership Fee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Voting rights ● Directory Access ● Entrance to Family Fun events at free or reduced Cost ● School Spirit Shirts <p>-\$75 suggested per child donation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Do it this way so no one is priced out of the PTO Membership ● Supports programming, lowers costs of each event ●
<p>Family Movie and Music Night</p>	<p>Friday 9/29 6 to ~9PM Live music! Movie! Please RSVP!!!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will be on Grass vs. blacktop due to parking - Mr. Cook himself will play music and sing, along with some Mt. Horeb dads
<p>Trunk-or-Treat</p>	<p>Friday 10/27 6:30-8PM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Info to follow - Silent Creep at beginning
<p>Event Committees</p>	<p>Chair folder distribution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - budget, volunteer list and date of event (if available) are inside - Make it your own within budget and rules of the school

<p>Homerom Parent (K-5)</p>	<p>Assignments & overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -2 HRP per class. One lead who receives Stipend, and one co. -1 additional parent volunteer per each class party -Bring signup sheets to BTS night and put out after the teacher introduces you. -Should leave lunch today with dates and times of class parties -Share nutritional guidelines with donation volunteers. -Grade level photographers can come to parties and take pictures between all classes. -Stay with class/grade you are assigned to on day of class parties
<p>Teacher-Home Room Parent Luncheon</p>	<p>Following this meeting</p>