



**PTO Notes – August 25, 2016**

Brandi Walls-Mabry, President	<a href="mailto:Brandi.mabry@aps.k12.co.us">Brandi.mabry@aps.k12.co.us</a> , 303.693.1995 ext 40862
Shelly White, Vice President	<a href="mailto:Michelle.white@aps.k12.co.us">Michelle.white@aps.k12.co.us</a> , 303.693.1995 ext 40862
Open, Treasurer	Contact Brandi if interested
Kristin Conlon, Secretary	<a href="mailto:Kconlon.kks@gmail.com">Kconlon.kks@gmail.com</a> , 303.328.8209

We would appreciate your attendance and input but realize not everyone can always make the meetings. Information can be e-mailed to anyone interested. PTO welcomes all parents and family that would like to be involved. Together we can do great things with and for our children!

**PTO Meetings:**

All PTO Meetings are held in the Aurora Frontier Library. Each meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. and will be approximately one hour in length. We would love to have you join us!

September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	October 20 <sup>th</sup>	January 26 <sup>th</sup>
February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	April 27 <sup>th</sup>

**PTO Bylaws:** Please see the attached PTO Bylaws for the 2016-2017 school year. There was a change in the Bylaws this year. Any expenditure over \$200.01 will require a majority vote by the PTO members (page 3). In past years, each expenditure was voted upon.

**Calendar of Events:** We also have lots of activities planned for this year! Please see the attached scheduled activities. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Brandi and / or Shelly.

**Budgetary Information:** For this school year, Brandi, Shelly and Mrs. Roberts are working to obtain a wish list from teachers for a list of items needed.

Starting Funds: \$13,400

Last year, we started the PTO year around \$6,000 and provided approximately \$10,000 in teacher and school grants.

**Staff Member Grants:** Please see the attached sample grant request form. Each staff member that is requesting assistance from the PTO will need to complete the form for consideration. Staff member grants will promote innovative teaching, improve curriculum and enhance student life.

We reviewed 1 grant request submitted by Thad McCauley, Art Teacher.

- Creating a Destination Imagination team of 7 students from 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- Students will meet twice a month from now until March
- Students will choose a creative problem to solve and then compete in a Regional Competition
- Requesting \$160 materials fee, plus \$80 to compete
- Competition will be held 3/4/17
- PTO Members approved to grant a total of \$240 for this program



**Robotics Program:** New to Aurora Frontier this year. Gwynn Moore will be supporting and working with 28 students from 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade as they work hands-on with STEM activities. This is a free competition. Aurora Frontier will be hosting the competition on 10/8/16.

We are looking for 4 volunteers to help run the concessions stand during this event. Please contact Brandi if you are able to volunteer.

**Volunteers Wanted:** We are looking for volunteers throughout the school year to assist with a variety of activities:

- **Concession Stand:** Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 4:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. If you are unable to stay the entire time, that is ok, please let us know what time you are available and we will accommodate your schedule.
- **Skate City Nights:** We will be holding 4 Skate City fundraisers throughout the school year. Last year, we were able to net approximately \$1,000 from this fundraiser. We are looking for volunteers to help from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
- **PTO Committees:** Social, Staff Appreciation & Fundraising  
Please reach out to Brandi and Shelly if you are interested in volunteering.

**Buddy Bench:** See attachment and article. Looking at getting a bench to start a buddy program on the playground. Approval for bench was granted. The bench will approximately cost \$500-600.

**Fundraisers:**

- **Earning for Learning**
  - Program through Southlands Mall
  - We earned \$350 last year in gift cards from Barnes & Noble, Nothing Bundt Cakes, etc
  - Southlands discontinued for this year
- **Labels for Education**
  - Labels for Education is in the process of changing the program; waiting to hear more about program
  - Schools earn points to purchase products from their catalog
  - Last year we earned balls, jump ropes, bags, etc
- **Box Tops**
  - Goal for year is 2,000 box tops
  - We raised \$1,600 in Box Tops last year and a total of \$7,600 since we started participating in Box Tops in 2012.
  - 2 cut offs per year; receive 2 checks for our school
- **Butter Braids**
  - Everyone loved this fundraiser that we started in Spring 2016
  - We are switching to Fall for the fundraiser
  - Last year we netted \$4,800. The company said we have potential to double that amount with a Fall fundraiser
- **No Fuss Fundraiser**
  - Something new we want to try this year to give parents an opportunity to donate directly to the school



- Hope to send this out before the Butter Braid fundraiser, however this is and can be an ongoing
- **ABC Fundraiser**
  - We will not be continuing this fundraiser going forward
- **Arts & Eats (former Spaghetti Dinner)**
  - Trying to increase the profit margin for this fundraiser
  - Goal is to fund an 8<sup>th</sup> grade college scholarship, \$1,300 to an 8<sup>th</sup> grader. In the past we have been able to fund 2 8<sup>th</sup> grade college scholarships with the assistance of two anonymous donors.
  - In the past students would create and paint plates during art class and then parents had the opportunity to purchase the plate at the spaghetti dinner. Unfortunately not all plates were purchased and taken home.
  - The Arts & Eats event would allow families to participate if they are interested in painting an item the night of the event. No pottery would be painted during art class. The pottery options would be cups, plate or bowl. Only the pottery that is pre-ordered and paid for would be officially ordered and available during the Arts & Eats event.
  - Still trying to determine the best price options for the event.
  - Shelly and Brandi are working with a community partner to get the food for the evening donated
  - Event will be held on 10/27/16

**Help Grow the PTO!** Please let us know what we can do to get more parents involved as active PTO members. We have ordered signs to place up near the school as reminders. We also have a PTO Bulletin Board located in the main hall of the school.