



**PTO Notes – January 26, 2016**

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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! The remaining meetings for the school year are:

February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	April 27 <sup>th</sup>
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We are discussing options of providing day care during PTO meetings. Discussions have included the payment of care provider during meetings.

**Upcoming Events:** We have fun events planned for the rest of the school year. Please be on the lookout for more information and opportunities to volunteer.

- Skate City, 2/22/17
- Fun Run Kickoff Assembly, 4/10/17
- Fun Run, 4/19/17
- Teacher Appreciation Week, 5/1/17 – 5/5/17
- Teacher Appreciation Day, 5/3/17
  - Community Provider sponsoring ½
- Skate City, 5/10/17
- Field Day, 5/12/17
- Movie Day, 5/25/17

**Budgetary Information:** During the March PTO Meeting, we will be discussing where to spend PTO funds to benefit the school and students.

- PTO Balance as of 1/26/17 = \$15,666.98
- Teacher Grants given YTD = \$2,700

It was asked why each teacher cannot receive \$100 gift card from the PTO. The PTO recently changed to the grant system in order to invest in impact for the school and students.

**Staff Member Grants:** Each staff member that is requesting assistance from the PTO will need to complete the form for consideration and attend the PTO meeting to speak with the attendees about their grant request. Staff member grants will promote innovative teaching, improve curriculum and enhance student life.



We reviewed 3 teacher / grade level grant requests:

- Rebecca Wonder, 8<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Requesting \$319.77
  - Teaches reading / writing
  - Ordered 31 books – “I am Malala”
  - Theme of teaching is change and how we can change our environment
  - Grant request approved by PTO
  
- Dacia Head, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade
  - Requesting \$285
  - In-house field trip.
  - A company brings in experiments for the water unit (i.e – how clouds form, etc)
  - Requesting 2 presentations for 3 grade students; 96 students
  - School has paid for the in-house field trip in the past year but does not have funds in the budget this year
  - Approved by PTO
  
- Gwynn Moore, Media & Tech
  - Requesting \$250
  - In need of open cubicles for robotics program to store equipment to keep projects safe
  - Amount will get 9 – 12 cubbies
  - Approved by PTO
  
- In December 2016, grant was approved to purchase play script and royalties for 6<sup>th</sup> grade AGATE students. \$82.50

**STEM Lab:** Still working on the STEM Lab for the school with the money won from last year. Hoping this will be completed soon so we can share with everyone

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

- **Concession Stand:** . 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. (Please note in the comments section).
  - <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0944aeae28a3fa7-aurora3>
  
- **Skate City Nights:** We hold 4 Skate City fundraisers throughout the school year. Last year, we were able to net approximately \$1,000 from this fundraiser. The 2 remaining events are 2/22 and 5/10. We are looking for volunteers to help from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. during both dates. .
  - We provide a bus both ways for students and convenience for parents to pick up children
  - Class prize for the most attended class gets a pizza party sponsored by Aurora Public Schools Credit Union
  - <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0944aeae28a3fa7-aurora2/>
  
- **PTO Committees:** Social, Staff Appreciation & Fundraising
  - [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0944AEAE28A3FA7-ptocommittees](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0944AEAE28A3FA7-ptocommittees)
  - End of year dance



- Middle school is scheduled for 4/14
- Discussing elementary school dance
- Teacher appreciation week /day

**Fundraisers:**

- **Box Tops**
  - Goal for year is 20,000 box tops
  - 2 cut offs per year; receive 2 checks for our school
  - Our last cut off is in March for payment this year
  - We have collected 5,214 so far this year
- **No Fuss Fundraiser**
  - Something new we want to try this year to give parents an opportunity to donate directly to the school
  - Ongoing throughout year
  - To date, we have earned approximately \$2,000
- **Fun Run, 4/19/17**
  - Potential to gross \$13,000
  - Will be holding a kick off assembly prior
  - Can sponsor kids for laps they complete

**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.