

PTCA report: August 15, 2012

Welcome Back/Orientation/Committee planning:

During the summer, the PTCA was busy outlining the various committees and events for the 2012-13 academic year and confirming chairs for these activities. Thus far, all committees and events at the elementary campus have coordinators; we are in the process of seeking coordinators at the Middle campus for a few remaining events/committees.

The Health and Wellness committee needs an ANCS 5K coordinator to work with Coach Hall this year, and has put out a call through committee emails and the school courier.

Committees are in full swing, planning for fall events such as Grandparents and Special Friends day and the annual Yard Sale. Sign up sheets were available at both the elementary and middle school orientations to encourage parents to join committees; we will be sending reminders to parents to help out with these events.

Back to School Social:

Our Back to School social was a success this year, with roughly 400 people attending. The GP Coffeehouse prepared baked treats and drinks for this event, and the Wasted Potential Brass Band donated their time with some music for the event. Our school store and membership tables were set up at the social and we began the year with a strong number of purchases at the school store and memberships (see below).

Teacher Appreciation Kick off Luncheon:

During the first week of August, the PTCA planned a luncheon for all teachers and staff to kick off the new year. Elementary and Middle school staff got the opportunity to mingle and enjoy food donated by Sheri and Vando Davis for this event.

Current membership update:

Thus far, the PTCA has received somewhere between 25-50 percent in membership funds. We are planning to attend morning meeting at both campuses to remind parents and teachers to join the organization. We are also submitting reminders through the courier and school facebook page and will plan to have a membership table at the Third Friday coffee on August 17.

School Store

School store items were sold at Orientation and at the Back to School social. So far, over 700 dollars has been raised through these events. The school store is planning to set up at a number of upcoming events including the Summer Shade Festival in late August and Grandparents and Special Friends day in September.

PTCA Mini-grants applications/deadlines for 2012-13

We have updated the mini-grants application and have three deadlines for this year: October 1, February 1, and April 13. Two changes have been made to the mini-grant process this year—firstly, all grants must be approved by Lara Zelski or Matt Underwood

(depending on the campus) and secondly, if a grant is approved, all funds must be used within 30 days of receiving the grant.

Upcoming PTCA events:

First Third Friday coffee (at elementary campus): Friday, August 17, 2012

Grandparent's and Special Friends day: Friday, September 7, 2012

Yard Sale: Weekend of September 22-23