

Bell Top PTO Meeting 10/01/2018

Sharon Garzone - President

Michelle Wessels - Vice-President Christine Neroni - Co-Vice-President

Alison Gaito - Treasurer

Nobulee Burgess - Secretary

Sarah White - Fundraising Coordinator

Agenda/Notes:

Auggie the dog:

- There is going to be an event in the Spring called Pause for a Cause. Do a reading and proceeds go to Auggie.
- There is a link for Auggie on the Bell Top website that is updated once a week with pictures in classrooms. The link is Puppy with a Purpose.

Create and Discover Program:

- The program will be the last 2 Wednesdays of January, first two Wednesdays February.
- Sign up sheets for a sub committee will be available. For more information please contact Jamie Gibbs.

Education Foundation: Jennifer Massey

- Two forms of scholarship-
 - Summer enrichment program (athletics, music, etc.)
 - Scholarships for Seniors
- 5th graders get together as a mixer with all 5th grade elementary students.
- Sponsor Barrett run- October 20th at Columbia. K-12 race. 8am registration, 9:30 run.
- Multicultural night.
- Looking for nominees for the Gala (alumn that have graduated from East Greenbush). For more information go to the East Greenbush foundation website.

Upcoming Activities / Events:

- Yankee Candle: Ongoing
- Spirit Wear Fundraiser: 10/1/2018-10/20/2018
- Dine to Donate: 10/18/2018 - Chicken BBQ
- Trunk or Treat: 10/25/2018
 - Free event for the children. Only cost is one bag of candy per child.
 - Twin town field.
 - Goff Student Council is going to volunteer to help with the event.
 - 6pm
 - Popup book fair will be there.

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- Volunteers needed: for game truck monitoring, runners to keep candy trunks full, people to man the kids bringing candy, monitoring/assisting pumpkin decorating, monitoring/assisting cupcake decorating.
- Santas Magical Express: 11/25/2018
 - Go to Panera for dinner before and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to Bell Top. It's the Diner to Donate event for the month of November.
 - Keep an eye out for more details on the Bell Top PTO facebook page, website or your personal email. Link will be sent out within the next couple of weeks to sign up.
- Ashley Brown Photography: Spring
 - Al la cart photos
 - E-photos
 - Space is limited-maybe 20 family tops.
- Color Run
 - April 14th
 - RPI Tech Park 5K map
 - No cost for the location
 - DJ
 - Not limited to just Bell Top.
- Parent/teach luau
 - 30 couples joined us last year.
 - Raised almost \$3K.
 - 2018/2019 Event
 - March 8th
 - Will be at Revolution Hall in Troy.
 - Come in hawaiian shirts/flip flops
 - \$40 person/\$75 a couple
 - Rock the Box

Treasurer's Report:

- Suggested budget revisions were discussed.
- We have a tight budget and we're trying to make it work.

3. Important Dates to remember

- October 8 - No school
- October 16 - Picture Day
- October 18 - Pumpkin Run/Dine to donate
- October 19 - Half Day

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- October 31 - Halloween parades
- November 6 - No school
- November 9 - Veterans Day celebration
- November 12 - No School
- November 14 - Board of Education meeting 7 pm
- November 15 - Half Day Parent conferences
- Nov 21-23 - Thanksgiving Break
- Nov 28 - Half day parent conferences
- Nov 29 - Grade 4 concert 7 pm CHS

- New Business
 - Book Club- May 1 through 6 weeks.
 - January/February-know what the book is so we can order them for the school.
 - Website for PTO-up by 10/15. Link it to credit cards and have all forms up for parents/teachers to use. Website URL is: www.BellTopPTO.com.
 - STEM-putting in Apple Trees for the students. Order trees in the fall and plant them in the spring. We would need funds to pay for maintenance of the trees throughout the year.
 - Sharon is receiving an application to obtain a grant. We can use some of the money toward the apple orchard. We would like to purchase approximately 12 trees or a couple less. Would local businesses give us grants (Tractor Supply) to help keep up with the trees maintenance?
 - Run some STEM ideas by teachers at the next meeting.
 - Sharon will send Mr. Mahar the application once she receives it.
 - BoxTops
 - We can take them from anywhere.
 - Flyer just went home for this.
 - Have an ice cream or pizza party for class that brings in the most. We should do this every three months to drum up interest from the kids and parents.
 - Teacher lunches
 - 1st one- 2nd and 3rd grade (crockpot meals are an idea)
 - November, February and May.
 - Teacher appreciation week- do something every day the week of teacher appreciation week.
 - Paseans and SaraBella could potentially be a great dine to donate location (20%).
 - Next meeting scheduled for December 3, 2018