

PENNWOOD PTO MEETING

December 14, 2017 – 9:30 am – Student Dining Room

WELCOME – BETH MCNAMARA

- Sign in
- PTO registration – form or online
- Introductions

STUDENT REPORTS

- Student Council (Advisors) – Student Rep (Emma Santoro)
- PJ day was a big success and they collected \$1,000 for CHOP. They ran out of donuts, so more for next year. Also, next year we need more stickers to keep better track of who paid during homeroom.
- Mrs. Falcone's homeroom collected the most items for the Veterans and will get soft pretzels. The collection was a big success.
- Next fundraiser will be "Soles 4 Souls. January 3-12 they will collect used, wearable shoes to donate to people in need. Any size shoe is accepted.

NJHS (National Junior Honor Society) – Mrs. Mellor (Teacher Rep) Diego Asencio (Student Rep)

- The Salvation Army Toy Drive collected 200 items. 8th grade won by collecting the most toys.
- There will be a fundraiser in January leading up to Valentine's Day. More details to come.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

PTO Teacher Reps – Mrs. Pursell (Reading Specialist) & Mrs. Payne (Gifted Support)

- There are still Scholastic Dollars that are not going to expire so that we can use them for the teachers next year.
- The basketball team with the Unity team is interested in helping make snowflakes with motivational messages to be placed on everyone's lockers in January. The student council would like to help as well. This will be in addition to the shamrocks in March that were delivered to students last year.
- Ms. Obert-Thorn is running a Young Scientist Challenge this year. Students create videos and have a chance to win \$2,500. See the attached flyer for more details.
- The "Dig Deep" fundraiser will occur again this year. Mrs. Payne is looking for outside donation suggestions (gift cards) for prizes for students.

Principal's Report – Mr. Majikas

- The 7th and 8th grade concert went well last night. Parents seemed pleased with the new auditorium.

- At the last facilities meeting, lighting and sound equipment purchases were approved and will be in place by the play in March.
- On December 19th, 8th grade students will take a trip to the High School. They will take a bus to East where they will have an assembly after which they will be given a student-lead tour in small groups. They will see West next and then head back to school by 11AM.
- December 22nd, a campus wide presentation by an NFL player will be held at Charles Boehm for all 8th grade students. The assembly will focus on making good choices and on overall resilience.
- The Buddy Program is getting off the ground. Students have applied to be buddies for special needs peers. Any grade student can participate.
- Ms. Obert-Thorn was honored by a student recommendation as the All-Pro STEM teacher of the year. She won a trip as well as funds for the science program and an science assembly by the Eagles Cheerleaders and some players (date TBA). Congratulations!
- A Heads Up assembly about opioid and other substances abuse will be scheduled (date TBA).

Asst. Principal's Report – Mr. Rebh

- No Report.

OFFICERS REPORTS

VP/Fundraising – Sue Deutsch

- Last night we tried to sell concessions for the first time after the concert. An idea was floated for the concert in January to have parents meet their musician in the cafeteria, where we can sell food and drinks away from the auditorium. This would alleviate the crowded hallways after the show.

VP/Communications – Shana Hastings

- The Holiday Drive raised \$900 total with the funds matched by the PTO

Recording Secretary – Sharon Bove

- no report

Treasurer – Corri Workman

- \$500 approved for a string presentation as requested by Mr. McGarry

PAC Representative – Tabitha Peters

- Schools shared things they were doing across the community. Meeting minutes can be found on the Pennsbury website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS

- Chick-Fil-A Calendars – Still Available for Sale.
- Color Run (4/22) – Lynda Caldwell - Pending district approval to use the school grounds on a Sunday.

- Sunshine Committee – Lynda Caldwell, Carol Mink - contact Mrs. Taylor about the motivational snowflakes.

ONGOING

- Box Tops – Jennifer Burgfechtel - Keep clipping those box tops!
- McCaffrey's & ShopRite Receipts – Suzanne Watson - turn in your receipts to earn money for our school.
- Special Events/Dinner Nights – Sue Deutsch/Corri Workman - planning a night out at Vince's over the weekend of the play.

NEW BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Open Chair Positions –

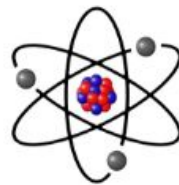
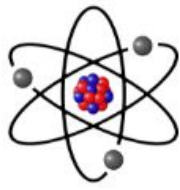
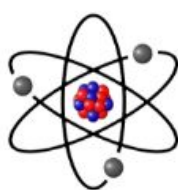
- Spirit Wear (2)
- Spring Fundraiser/Color Run (1)
- Spring Book Fair (2) - We usually have a BOGO before the summer break. This will be cancelled if no one steps up to chair the Book Fair this year.
- Winter Break (12/25-1/1).

Upcoming PTO meetings – Jan 11, Feb 8, Mar 8, Apr 12, May 10. All meetings are at 9:30 am in the Student Dining Room.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. <http://www.pennsburyisd.org/pennwoodmiddleschool.home.aspx>
click on PTO and/or go to “daily announcements” for special announcements
2. Weekly PTO email blasts, with PTO membership
3. Like Pennwood on Facebook!
4. Email the PTO at ptopennwood@gmail.com

Adjournment: 10:22AM



THE DISCOVERY EDUCATION 3M Young Scientist Challenge

Calling all curious minds and problem solvers!

The Young Scientist Challenge is now open for entries. You are invited to submit a 1-2 minute video describing a unique solution to an everyday problem for the chance to win \$25,000 and an exclusive 3M Mentorship. *Ten finalist will be chosen for their passion for science, spirit of innovation and ingenuity, and effective communication skills.*

Entering is as Easy as 1-2-3! You will need to.....

- Identify a problem you are passionate about
- Brainstorm a solution to the problem
- Film a short 1-2 minute video and submit it by **April 18, 2018** for the chance to bring your idea to life!

If Interested, Go To.....

<https://www.youngscientistlab.com/challenge>

Any questions, please see Ms. Obert-thorn or Mrs. Payne