

Stadium Drive Elementary PTO Meeting



September 21, 2022, 6:30 pm

Welcome – Dimitra B.

- Excited for a new school year!
- Introduction of PTO board members for 2022/2023 school year:
 - President: Dimitra Boulos
 - Vice President: Beth Kempkens
 - Treasurer: Alicia Skene
 - Secretary: Kelli Hampton
- Encourage everyone to get engaged and volunteer when possible

Treasurer's Report – Alicia S

- PTO funds are used to host events, activities and help improve our school. These costs are budgeted for and incurred throughout the school year.
- Starting Balance: \$19,605.38
 - Income: \$1,442 (spirit sticks, amazon smile, Kroger, stripe donations)
 - Expenses: \$696.93 (tax filing, classroom supplies, website, appreciation lunch)
- Balance as of September 21, 2022: \$20,350.45

Principal's Report – Ms. Hynes

- Introduce the new staff / new positions:
 - Elizabeth (Liz) Slusher - Kindergarten
 - Shelby Bistayi - Building Sub
 - Christina Emelian - SACC
 - Emily Johnson - Social Worker
 - Jordyn Marchese - 4th Grade
 - Meaghan Perazza - ELL
 - Shannon Salari - Para
 - Morgan Smith - Para
 - Amanda Tallman - SACC
 - Alexis Vercellino - 5th Grade
 - Stephen Wasnuk - ASD Teacher
- STEM lab up and functioning
- Construction – hope to have new playground up by October 3rd

- Arrival / Dismissal – please follow guidelines
 - Refer to SDE emails for specifics on arrival and dismissal policies
 - Ask that parents walk down the stairs if walking to pick up their child (i.e., do not stand on stairs or wait at top of the stairs)
- Theme days:
 - Friday 9/23, Fall Colors
 - Friday 9/30, P2 day (Teamwork – wear your favorite team apparel)
- Tomorrow (9/22) is picture day
- Make sure to check out the weekly SDE newsletter for important updates & information

Teacher’s Report – Mrs. Ventimiglia & Mrs. Nye

- Grade level notes below:

<p>KINDERGARTEN</p> <p>We are working hard on fine motor skills. We are playing with playdough, tearing paper, and using our scissors to build stronger hand muscles! We have been learning about the letters in each other’s names and sharing All About Me books. In writer’s workshop, we are beginning to rehearse stories and practice being a “speaker” and “listener”.</p>
<p>1ST GRADE</p> <p>In phonics we are studying letters in words and word parts to figure out how to decode unknown words. In reading we are learning and practicing good habits for independent readers. In math we are learning partners of 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10. We are practicing our addition skills.</p>
<p>2ND GRADE</p> <p>Second grade has started off with excitement and smiles. We are getting to know each other and defining our rules & expectations for the classroom. We have had the opportunity to do an engineering lesson in our new STEM lab with our new Science Coach Mrs. Web. This is going to be a wonderful place to grow our science knowledge and work together. We are very excited to be learning all about Other People Mindset and how we can show others that they matter to us. It is going to be a great year!</p>
<p>3RD GRADE</p> <p>Cursive, friendships, and #other people mindset, Oh My! Third grade is in full swing! We have learned 4 strategies for multiplication and will be introducing division this week. We have set up our readers workshop and are beginning to enjoy the series books we have chosen. We can’t wait to see how our characters grow as we read several books in a series. We are ready to begin our first writing unit as narrative writers. We are looking forward to writing about our friends, family, and others who are special to us. Michigan is beginning to hold a special place in our heart already, as we are learning about the state symbols and characteristics of The Great Lakes. There is never a dull moment in third grade!</p>
<p>4TH GRADE</p> <p>Fourth graders are learning to become stronger fiction writers. Students started the year by writing personal narratives and are moving into realistic fiction. Students are encouraged to create a fictional character with a want/struggle and end with a resolution.</p>
<p>5TH GRADE</p> <p>Fifth grade started off the year focusing on team building and our classroom communities! In math, we are learning about equivalent fractions and how to compare fractions. In social studies, we are learning about American Indian regions and how their environments influenced their culture. We are making sure our reading is a 10 out of 10 by choosing interesting books that are the appropriate level. We are having fun writing personal narratives, then sharing them, to learn more about each other’s lives. In addition, a hand full of responsible fifth graders have started their Kindergarten bus buddies, bus safeties, and recycling jobs!</p>

MUSIC

Mrs. Simms & Mrs. Hicks are so excited to be working with the students at Stadium Drive once again this year. We are welcoming students back to the music room and have spent the first couple weeks getting back to musical basics and infusing character traits from the Positivity Project into our lessons.

ART

K-2 grade artists have been learning about International Dot Day and Peter H. Reynolds. Students explored creating many different types of dots using marker, oil pastel, and neon watercolors.

3rd-5th grade artists have been working on positive art phrases. Students have learned a variety of 3d block and bubble lettering techniques to include within their inspirational artwork.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Join us in the Homecoming Parade on October 2nd. We will be lining up at Blanch Simms at 2:45 with details to follow as soon as I have them. Students must have an adult with them if they want to walk in the parade.

Upcoming Events:

Stadium Superhero Shuffle - October 6, 2022

- Information packets for our Superhero Shuffle went home last week. This year's theme is keeping in line with the Positivity Project. Our goal is to empower our superheroes to build positive relationships and become their best selves! Each class will have an assigned "superhero" trait.
- This is our largest fundraiser of the year – we encourage you to share the donation link with your family and friends. Our goal is \$27K – with your help we are confident we can reach it!!!
- Discussion points:
 - Children will be running in the new parent loop
 - Looking for parent volunteers ([click here](#) to sign up)
 - This will not be a color run

Trunk or Treat - October 28, 2022

- Look for more information in the coming weeks.
- Planning to hold at the school parking lot
- Free event – we ask for candy donations (will use SignUpGenius and amazon wish list)
- Encourage your participation to be one of the trunks – best trunk wins a prize! 😊
- Packet to be sent home in coming weeks with more details

Adult Trivia Night - Tentatively February

- In years past this has been a big success and a fun night out for parents. We are currently in need of a chairperson to lead in the planning of this event.
- If you have any venue suggestions, please let us know (stadiumdrivepto@gmail.com)

Donuts with Grownups - Tentatively April 21st

- We are excited to bring Donuts with Grownups back this year! The kids love coming in with their grownup and having breakfast! We are currently in need of a chairperson to lead in the planning of this event.

Spring Carnival - Tentatively May 5

- We had amazing feedback from our Family Fun Night carnival last year! We are hoping to build upon that foundation and make it a night to remember for our Stadium families! If you are interested in helping plan, please reach out.

Additional Events in Planning Stages

- Drive In/Outdoor Movie Night
- Restaurant Nights (welcome suggestions for locations!)
- Holiday Market (set up gym or lunch room and allow kids to shop)
- Penny Wars
- Mom's Night Out
- Dad's Night Out
- Bingo Night
- ***This is what we have in the queue right now – if you have ideas let us know 😊***

Current Committee Chairs

Spirit Sticks – Emily Smalley

- Stick of the Month Club
- #positivityinaction Sprit Sticks (will be given to teachers for use in classroom)
- Birthday spirit stick (distributed monthly)
- Pop up sales through the year

Teacher & Staff Appreciation - Jody Lee & Lauren Rossi

- Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week (May 1st – May 5th)
- Parent Teacher Conference Dinners

Community Outreach & Sponsorships - Jody Lee & Lauren Rossi

- Restaurant Nights
- Community Sponsorships

Kroger Plus Card & Amazon Smile Programs, Box Tops - Devanshi Bilimoria

Open Chairperson/Volunteer Opportunities

- Trivia Night
- Donuts With Grownups
- Spring Carnival

Volunteering & Partnering with the PTO

The SDE PTO sponsors activities and programs/events throughout the school year. The success of our events relies on volunteers to help support. We would love to have you!

Additionally, you can also support us with the everyday purchases you make - **Kroger Plus Card** and **Amazon Smile** both offer options to link your account to the SDE PTO – [click here](#) to learn more about how to sign up