**MINUTES OF WOODLAND PTO MEETING**

**MONDAY APRIL 17, 2023**

The PTO meeting was called to order at 2:17 PM by Mr. Heaney.

**PRINCIPAL—MR. HEANEY**

* Stated that there are 38 days left till school ends.
* Stated that the Board of Education will determine the last day of school at the April 24th meeting.
* Thanked the PTO for the assemblies. The BMX assembly was great and the kids really enjoyed it.
* Stated that the 5th Grade Capstone has started. This project is for all 5th graders and they research a project on how they can make the world better. They work in groups and do a presentation at the end of the year. They work on the project in school during testing.
* Stated that this Wednesday, the 5th graders will be doing their visit to the middle school.
* Stated that the tree for the 5th grade tree planting will be dropped off on Friday. The tree planting will be on Monday.
* Stated that the first week of May is NJSLA testing for grades 3-5. Two days of language arts and three days of math. Testing will take place in the morning and requested that students not be late that week. 5th graders will also take science for NSLA and that will be 3 days on the 12th, 15th and 16th. They will test in the morning and spend the afternoon working on their Capstone project.
* Stated that Teacher Appreciation week is also the first week of May.
* Stated that May 5th is the Patriots Game.
* Stated that May 10th is the Art Show.
* Stated that May 15th is the Board of Education meeting where teachers of the year are recognized. Our teachers of the year are Mr. T and Mrs. Fattell.
* Stated that May 16th is the dress rehearsal for the Talent Show.
* Stated that May 16th is the Harlem Wizards game.
* Stated that May 17th is the Talent Show. This is a PTO fundraiser and we do make money as we charge an admission fee. We need volunteers to help with the bake sale.
* Stated that on May 18th there is an Illusion Maker assembly where they teach kids about being environmentally friendly and to reduce, reuse and recycle.
* Stated that May 19th is the Fun Run and will be a Superhero Spirit Day.
* Stated that May 23 is the 3rd grade Recorder Concert during the day and the 4th and 5th grade Instrumental Music Concert in the evening.
* Stated that May 24th is Kindergarten orientation from 9:30-11. One or two PTO representatives usually attend to talk about what the PTO is and to seek out volunteers for events for the next school year.
* Stated that May 25th is the Battle of the Books.
* Stated that May 30th is the visit to Central School for the families that have been rezoned. One piece of feedback that was delivered was that parents were concerned if their kids go to Central and meet a friend but then that friend is being rezoned to Mt. Horeb. So, the visit will take place the same day as the rezoned Central kids visit to Mt. Horeb. The kids from Woodland that are being rezoned are going to spend their time with the kids that are staying at Central. Woodland kids will be spending about an hour and a half at Central, meeting the teachers, going into the classrooms, touring the building and maybe going out on the playground.
* Stated that June 2nd is Field Day.
* Stated that June 6th is the 5th Grade Event.
* Stated that Jun 7th is the Instrumental Demo for the 3rd graders.
* Stated that June 12th is the End of the Year Ceremonies for K & 5th. It is possible that will be the last day of school. K ceremony will be at 9:30 and 5th grade will be at 11:30. Stated that this date probably will not change because we need to do the ceremonies on the day when Ms. Beals is here because she leads the kids in song. She is here on days 4, 5 and 6 and June 12th is day 6.
* Stated that June 12th is the 5th grade Clap Out.

**PTO AGENDA ITEMS—DANA MARUCCI**

* Stated that Science Day is on Friday. We are all set and an email was sent out to all the volunteers. Lunch will be provided for all the volunteers and vendors in the art room.
* Stated that Teacher Appreciation week is coming up and a signup genius has gone out. We generally collect donated gift cards to give out to the staff. We are doing breakfast, lunch, a coffee bar and massages. It is also Cinco de Mayo at the end of that week so we will be doing empanadas, guacamole and chips. We will also hand out flowers Wednesday morning to all the kids to give to a staff member. Be on the lookout for a handout to come home for something for the kids to write for the teachers/staff.
* Stated that the Art Show is May 10th and we will be selling frames to put your child’s artwork in. We will have light snacks and refreshments.
* Stated that the Fun Run is May 19th. There will be 3 different ways to earn points for your grade. One would be a coin challenge, two would be how many laps are completed and three would be how many students dress up for the spirit day. The charity that we are supporting is the Raise Your Glass Foundation which supports the Shriners Children’s Hospital.
* Stated that Harlem Wizards is on May 16th. A signup genius went out to recruit volunteers.
* The next big event will be Field Day where we will need lots of help. More information will be coming out as the date get closer.

**THANK YOUS—**To Lauren Zissu and Kelly Surbrug for organizing the Parent Teacher Basketball Game and Stephanie Lindy for organizing the Adult Social.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

* The minutes from the February 16, 2023 PTO meeting were submitted for approval by Sumitra Nicholson, approved by April Pearce and seconded by Dana Marucci.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.