

PTA General Meeting
CMS Library
10/19/17

1. Reports Join the PTA! Basic = \$10, Rainbow = \$150

Volunteers needed for some events

- vendor fair in particular

Treasurer's Report (Adam)

- new format for budget- one for income, one for expenses
- Increase in some line items (field trips)
- Hoping to increase corporate donors
- Amazon Smile, Mabel's Labels, Stop & Shop all result in money for school
- No questions on budget at this time

YA had first meeting on 10/13/17

Enrichment in its 3rd week, overseen by Mr. Amir

- may offer 3 sessions

Maritime enrichment will be 3 sessions

Parents in attendance praised enrichment program

2. Presentation on Assessment and Test Results (Mr. T and Mrs. Scanlan)

- Important for parents to be informed
 - Parents can help their kids be in the proper mindset for test taking
- A. Dibels K-3
- based on benchmarks
 - Skills tested vary by grade level
 - Parents receive letter (running man illustration)
 - Red, yellow, green, blue (levels ranging from below to advanced)
 - Teachers can do more diagnostic assessments to dig deeper
 - Data helps teachers design instructional focus for each student (6-8 weeks per focus)
 - Progress monitoring to track growth
 - CK3LI initiative in Norwalk to provide support at Tier 1 and Tier II

B. 4-6 assessments

- DAZE (3 minute timed reading comprehension passage) and Dibels
- District initiative is required K-3, but CMS is using it at 4-5 also

C. SBAC (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium) grades 3-6

- takes place in spring
- Reading and math

D. NWEA- grades 4-6 math, reading, language arts

Discussed having workshop type meetings for parents in reading and math

Could parents get notified when testing window is?

Can parents get activities to do at home specific to their child's instructional focus?

Looking for ways to match books to kids' reading levels

** Email blast will go out to families with videos and information about assessments

3. Announcements and Updates

- a. Halloween Howl 10/27
- b. Halloween parade at 2:00 pm on 10/31, alternate activity for those who don't want to participate
- c. Nov. 1- special reading night at school
- d. Book Fair 10-27-11/3
- e. Bertucci's Night- 11/15
- f. Pump It Up/Banc House- 12/6
- g. Vendor Fair 12/1
- h. Next general meetings 11/16, 12/14 (topics will include internet safety and district food initiatives)

4. Voted to approve 2017-2018 budget

Minutes recorded by Kerry Rice