

General PTA Meeting

January 5, 2023 (virtual)

- **Call to order (Tammy) at 7:05 pm**
- **Approval of Minutes (Fiorella)**
 - Victoria motioned to approve with Amy Haddad as second to approve the motion.
- Thank you all for a successful coat drive benefiting So What Else, and Emily Newlan for organizing the event: 38 adult coats, 87 kid's coats, 7 vests, 39 hoodies/sweatshirts, 44 pairs of gloves, 57 hats, 17 scarves = 289 total items donated!!
- \$250 donated to MHP for the families impacted by the Gaithersburg fire
 - GoFundMe for Brown Station Elementary School
 - <https://www.gofundme.com/f/potomac-oaks-support>
- Staff Member of the Year - applications are being accepted
 - <http://www.ritchieparkpta.org/staff-person-of-the-year>
- **Treasurer:** (Jay)- No updates at this time.
- **Fundraising:** (Nat)
 - Restaurant/Kahoot! Night
 - date will be moved due to a conflict with the winter concert on January 25th. The new date will be sent out shortly by Principal Winter.
 - \$250 donated to MHP for the families impacted by the Gaithersburg fire
- **Events: (Katie & Victoria)**
 - Bingo & Bake Sale Night
 - January 20th at 7pm in the multipurpose room (Lindsay Oberman & Monica Zeitlin are the chairs for this event)
 - Volunteers needed.
 - [Bingo Night Volunteer](#)- Please click on the link and sign up to assist!
 - Bake sale to benefit 5th Grade Promotion will also take place during this event.
 - **Community Service Night**
 - Date: February 16th
 - Deb Young is the chair for this event. This year we will be working to support Comfort Cases ([https://comfortcases.org/.](https://comfortcases.org/))
 - If anyone has new backpacks to donate please contact Deb Young.

-Thank you to Dr Heather Scholander at www.harmonybethesda.com for donating toothbrushes for this event!

- **Parents vs. Staff Basketball Game** (Tina Basalla)

- Date: March 16th at Thomas Farm Community Center located in the Fallsgrove neighborhood. A volunteer sign up sheet will be shared shortly via the PTA newsletter.

- **Staff Support**

- Teacher wish lists are live! Please check them out to include lists created by the teachers for special courses.

- **Updates from Principal Winter**

- Boxlights have arrived! They are designed to replace the promethean boards that will no longer be used the following year. The benefit of box lights vs promethean boards are that boxlights are portable.

- 5th grade concert will be taking place and extra rehearsals will be incorporated so that students will be ready for the concert at the end of January.

- Today, January 5th, was the first meeting with 5th grade parents to discuss the fifth grade promotion. More information to come for those that were not able to attend in person.

- March 2nd will be a reading night (more info to come).

- Parent/teacher basketball game: Please volunteer to join in this event.

- **Teacher Representative Updates:** (Ms. Gramzinski)

- No updates at this time.

- **Other**

- In need of a new NAACP Rep

- **Adjournment :** 7:40pm.

NEXT MEETING: February 7, 2023