Thanks to everyone who came out to our first PTA meeting.  We got a lot done!  Official minutes will come out from our secretary, Andrea Mitchell, but here is some information to keep everyone in the loop.  It will be long and contain a lot of information.  Read it, save it, print it, whatever works for you!  (Just don’t say I never told you. ☺)

Budget was approved.  Jennifer Voliva did awesome putting together our numbers for this year!  Email me if you want a copy.

Principal report—Mrs. Jones went through upcoming important dates.

               School Pictures—Sept. 18

               McDonald’s Night—Sept. 29

               MEGA Party—Oct. 8

Chocolate bar fundraiser—Several items were discussed.  Big thank you’s to Dana Mazor and her husband, Jennifer Voliva and her husband and Janie Bogar for getting all the chocolate labeled and distributed.  (Sorry gentlemen, I didn’t write your names down and I’ve slept since then…)  Volunteers are still needed for morning check ins.  You can sign up to help here:  <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e48abaa2aab9-candy>  Christina Mathien has volunteer to solicit some of our fundraiser prizes to save spending PTA funds.  If you have any local business connections or would like to contribute please contact me and I’ll put you in touch with her.   Forms are attached to this email if you need buyout information (found on registration form), a permission slip for a box of chocolate, or a second permission slip when you are ready for additional chocolate.

Calendar—Fundraiser has been extended with the last day Sept. 29th.  Other PTA dates are good with a note that PTA meetings are second Wednesdays except for February which will be on the 3rd.  One added event will be a Chipotle Night on Jan. 12th.  Santa Shop in December is tentatively canceled.  But we may rework it.  Stay tuned!  If you have any thoughts about Santa Shop or other December events we could host, please email me.

MEGA party—LOTS of discussion here!  Date is Oct. 8th.  Times were adjusted to accommodate lunch schedules.  5th grade 12:15 to 1:45.  6th grade 2 to 3:30.  A sign up genius will be sent soon!  We are waiting on some clarification on background checks for parents wanting to rotate with student groups.  I have a great respect for the school district's active role in keeping our kids safe.  If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.  Volunteers will be needed for set up, supervising games and students, and clean up.  There will be 6 stations:  the game truck, two inflatables, giant volleyball, and two game stops, one with snacks.  Qualifying students will rotate through every 12 minutes.  If you want to help organize the rotation system shoot me an email.  This is set up to be a reward to our students and families that participate in PTA fundraising or through the buyout.  There will be other fun events for all students through the year without financial requirements.

McDonald’s Night—We are scheduled for two fundraiser nights at the Raymore McDonald’s this year.  The first is Sept. 29th.  Parent volunteers are needed to greet families as they come in to eat and assist employees in small ways like bussing tables.  We are going to ask our 6th grade families to provide the volunteers for our first night as they’ve BTDT.  5th grade families will be asked to help at the February night.  This is an easy way to get a quick meal and send some money to your school and EVERYONE is invited to come and eat at BOTH events!  If you are a 6th grade family you can sign up to help here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e48abaa2aab9-september>  (But we won’t turn any volunteers away!)  Shifts are only 30 minutes: most of us, (if we come in, though drive thru orders also earn us money!) visit with friends longer than that!

Misc. other stuff—Maria Davies is heading up hospitality.  Our first teacher luncheon will be during parent teacher conferences in October.  If you are interested in helping with that please email me and I’ll collect those names for her.  Box Tops needs a coordinator.  A couple moms have expressed interest in helping.  If you have time to put together a class collection contests or count box tops too please email me.  We hope to kick off box tops Oct. 9th.  Popcorn parties also needs a coordinator.  I have one mom who’s interested in helping.  Details for how the popcorn parties will work needs to be ironed out with Mrs. Jones so if you are interested please email me and I’ll help get that together.

Remember with all this “many hands make light work!”  Don’t be afraid to express an interest.  I won’t leave you dangling all on your own and the more people that are interested the easier any job is.

Last but not least you will also find attached the rough draft of our school directory.  Please please double check your information.  You can also verify if your pta membership has been received.  Send any corrections to me asap.  Don't see your student on the list?  Please either fill out the pta registration form attached here (you don’t have to join to be in the directory) or contact me directly to send me your information.  Also, if you turned in a paper form and expressed any interest in volunteering expect to be hearing from me soon!  I'll go back through papers this weekend and be following up...

I told you it was a lot of information!  We're off to a great year!

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