

PTO Roundtable Meeting
Approx 20 in attendance

Updates:

- Smith Middle School - Beaumont Texas - \$2,000 check sent
 - Social Emotional Learning council (SEL) collected the coins and took it to the bank everyday for counting.
- Aspen Updates
 - Parent Portal
 - Should be live this Friday or Monday
 - An email will be sent out via Aspen. The email will have the subject, "Aspen parent portal account" and it will be from, "Aspen Parent Portal". Since we may only have one email address on file for both parent/guardians in the same family, you may get two emails delivered to the same email account. The reason that you would get two emails is that each parent can (if they choose to activate it) have their own individual Parent Portal account. Please check if all your personal information like address, emergency contact information are all up to date.
 - Report Cards
 - Quarterly (Nov 20)
 - Trimester (December 11) - grades K & 1. Grade 1 is a standards based report card based on standards not just competencies
 - PTO Meeting in Cedar Hill on Nov 16 on the New Report Card
- Parent Teacher Conferences
 - Nov 2-7 (2 is evening) - Book Fair
 - Nov 3 Bingo Night - Book fair will be extended in the evening too.
 - April 10 - 13 (11 is evening) - Book Fair
- Assessments
 - MAP - Fall only for the new students. Winter, Spring - adaptative test, teachers use for instructional purposes
 - PARCC - May 10 - May 21st - grades 3,4,5 being tested at same time - pilot with extra section of ELA that does not count, for test question analysis only
 - New Science Exam - computer based online for Grade 5; no more NJASK Science 4 - Spring 2018 (gr 5,8,11 will have the new science exam)

- International Day is in full swing (Dec 8)
 - Country volunteers met last week
 - Mrs. Pang Atkins is meeting with Grade 3
 - International Day Cookbook to be sold on International Day night.

- Month of Respect
 - Poster Contest - poster about respect
 - Halloween Candy - Operation Shoebox - donated to the troops

- Books on respect, assembly, lessons
- Letters to staff
- School Culture Climate Initiatives (SCCI)
 - SEL - New programs and lessons in the classrooms
 - Incorporation of more brain breaks
 - Reconfiguration of recess games/choices
 - Focus on healthy choices for staff and students
 - Mindfulness strategies
 - SEL student team - support charitable/service events - helped bag and count coins for Smith Middle School hurricane relief
 - Brainstorming new school expectations which will lead to positive discipline
 - Changes in language, structure, proactive instead of reactive, get to root cause
 - We say this, we do this.....
 - Use of role models/role playing - infusion of character traits throughout the day

Events:

- Monster Mash Dance - October 27
- Bingo Night - Nov 3
- Giving Tree - Oct 27
- Kastle Kreations Fundraiser
- No School - Nov 9/10
- Thanksgiving - Nov 23/24
- International Day - Dec 8
- Movie Afternoon - 12/15 - 3:30 - 5:15
- Winter Sing-along - 12/22

Questions:

Aftercare - Snacks/refrigerator - can we get more healthy options

Board of Ed position : Three open positions- two candidates are running and the third is a write in position.

Food Allergy - is there a generic list of things that are safe

Technology - what is the plan? Many proposals are at Board level for approval - more to come. 3 to 5 use 1 to 1 Chrome books right now.

Nov 15 - WAMS 9:00 Internet Safety Presentation - can the sessions be recorded for those who can't attend or do as a webinar. All BOE board meetings are recorded and downloaded and available on the website.

There is an effort to bring resources together to bring parents together

BOE link for all parent events on a spreadsheet at

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17sJDdT5nKACpkoJak2YSJnI-TAU43OXgpkGlrn79qf4/edit#gid=0>

Trimester - sheet of events