

## **January 18th Meeting, 7:15pm Zoom**

*Attendees: Jessica Pritzker, Dawn Hentze, Stefanie White (KHC), Alison Aldean, Natalie Carson, Erik Friedman, Suma Shah, Stefanie Shefler, Ashley Yosay, Stephanie Killian, Erin VanAuken, Kate Carleton, Eve Cooper*

### **1. Heart Challenge Representative!**

*Stefanie White, VP of School Engagement for IL for the American Heart Association (AHA)*

- In 2021/22, Pleasant Ridge was the #1 school in the STATE for fundraising for the AHA
- Raised \$62,367 which was \$12,000 above our goal
- The AHA is so thankful for our PTA, school, and staff support
- 302 students took the challenge last year; Ms. Neutzmann's class raised a whopping \$5,660 and Ms. Mahoney's class won the Happy Heart Challenge
- This year, the mascots will be dragons
- 2023 goal is for 325 students to take the challenge this year, with 100 families fully completing Finn's Mission
- 2023 fundraising goal is \$66,000
- For more info, contact Troy Cutler (PE teacher) or Ashley at [Ashley.Olson@gmail.com](mailto:Ashley.Olson@gmail.com) (the AHA rep for Pleasant Ridge)

### **2. International Night is coming! - Jan 27th from 6-8pm**

- We have 12 countries represented this year, as well as 5 performances
- All are welcome; kids will be given a passport as they travel to each country classroom; they can try food, listen to music, get stamps, and enjoy performances
- Consider carpooling as this is a well attended event

### **3. Free Event- Skating on March 4, 2023**

- Glenview Ice Center for 2 hours
- Can rent or bring your own skates; more info to come

### **4. LYPR Grant Cycle closing this week!**

PTA Board will review, principals will give input, PTA will approve at a future meeting, likely in March

### **5. Benefit- Help needed!**

- Please sign up if you'd like to help (QR code)
- Looking for chairs for Wine Pull, Sign Up Parties, Silent Auction, and 50/50 raffle
- Each grade level will be assembling a themed basket to be auctioned off at the event; goal is to get 2 room parents to head up each basket
- Stephanie Killian will communicate with room parent chairs Kate and Maria about getting this information out to parents

### **5. Principal Report**

*Stefanie Shefler (Lyon Principal)*

- So thankful for our winter show production and fantastic fine arts team
- There will be a 2nd grade show towards the end of the year

- They are planning a visit to Pleasant Ridge for 2nd graders as well
- Just finished academic and social emotional benchmarking
- Panorama data showed some positive social emotional improvements from the fall to now
- SEL team will look at behavior data as well
- Week of 2/6 staff will have Data Days in which they review grade level data as well as at the classroom level

*Erik Friedman (PR Principal)*

- Busy but exciting time with assessments at the building level, as well as at grade and classroom level
- Staff has great professional development planned
- International Night coming up; it's a great time for kids to have fun and learn about different cultures
- Kids Heart Challenge; kickoff the week of January 27th
- Will send out blurb to teachers about sign up parties once he receives the information from Jessica P.

**6. Other**

- Kate Carleton asked about cookie orders from teachers...the PTA and additional parents are giving a box of Girl Scout cookies to each staff member for Valentine's Day to show appreciation; She will create a google form for principals to send out so that teachers can choose their preferred cookies
- Room Parents can reach out to their teachers to see if they need any support with Valentine's celebrations