

January PTA Meeting

Tuesday, January 18th at 7:15 on zoom. Zoom will open at 7:00 pm so that we can begin promptly at 7:15.

Agenda:

1. Board Reports
 - a. President-
 - i. Benefit planning
 1. Still looking for a venue that meets our needs if anyone has suggestions; benefit will likely be end of April or early May
 - ii. Looking ahead
 1. PTA plans to follow through with all planned events for the year unless mitigations change
 - iii. Lyon Basement storage area- We need to clean out the PTA storage area in the Lyon basement prior to summer construction. Crosbie Line, Catherine Gray and Dawn Hentze will all help with the process.
 - b. VP Community
 - c. VP Room Parents
 - . Ms. Parker, teacher at Lyon, thanked the PTA for the great snacks every week, and the thank you note someone left in the lounge last week. Ms. Parker is the teacher liaison for the PTA and the Lyon staff.
 - d. Treasurer
 - e. PTA Grants
 - . Katie Jones is in communication with both principals regarding the grant applications
 - i. Grants due Friday; the PTA has \$8,000 per school to be awarded to approved grants
 - ii. Grants will be presented and voted on at February 15th meeting
 - f. Kids Heart Challenge
 - . Emilie Moldier from Heart Association will join the February meeting to talk about the event in March
 - i. Danielle Scarf is the PTA member helping run the event; the fundraising goal for Pleasant Ridge is \$50,000; stay tuned for more information
2. Principal Reports -
 - . Lyon principal Stefanie Shefler comments:
 - . Thank you to the PTA for the snacks and uplifting words of support for the teachers/staff whom are working so hard right now.
 - i. Thank you to the PTA for donating a \$50 gift card to the Lyon LRC to be used towards books for our incoming full day Kindergarteners.
 - ii. Construction is coming along well; you can actually walk into classrooms now. They are in the process of selecting playground equipment along with a committee of parents and students. Allison Keller, innovation specialist at Lyon, got input from each of the classrooms on ideas for the playground.
 - iii. Lyon is finishing up winter benchmarking for Literacy and Math; this helps guide teachers to meet individual students needs.
 - iv. We Belong video is live on the facebook page. If you can't access it, email Ms. Shefler.
 - a. Pleasant Ridge principal Erik Friedman comments:
 - . Erik reinforced Stefanie's comments about how hard the staff is working right now and how grateful they are for parent support. He thanked all of the room parents and the PTA as well.

- i. *Big focus right now is on keeping students and staff healthy and in school. Consider sending a thank you note to your teacher.*
- ii. *Pleasant Ridge is also finishing up winter benchmarking, looking at reading and math progress.*
- iii. *Students just completed the Panorama survey again which asks their perceptions of school and their social/emotional wellness.*
- iv. *If any parents are interested in helping out the schools by becoming a substitute, apply on the district website. It's a flexible position and the district is in need of subs. Email Crosbie Lind, PTA president and a current district sub, if you'd like more info.*
 - b. *Parent Questions:*
 - . *Alison Alden thanked the principals and school district for doing everything possible to keep our kids in person learning*
 - i. *Mary Dolan asked about vaccination rates among students at Lyon and PR; 53% of Lyon students and 61% of PR students have reported they're vaccinated but both principals said that there are likely others that haven't reported it. She asked how PTA could be a partner in supporting all mitigation strategies in schools. Mr. Friedman said he'd ask Cathy K (director of communications for D34) if they could publish the student vaccination rates.*
 - ii. *Catherine Gray asked about staff vaccination rates; both principals said their staff reflects the district rate of 97% vaccinated.*

Next Meeting is February 15th at 9:15 on zoom