

**Mars Elementary PTO
April Meeting
4/4/23 @ 9:30 AM
Centennial Building Room 212**

Attendance: Jennifer Logan, Jen Chomicki, Lexie Northrop, Chrisi Harrison, Bree Braunstein, Lindsay Kelley, Mrs. Kiley Shine, Monique Mayes, Krissy DiGioia, Misty Cope, Megan McGivern, Becca Baker, Keri Mudalgikar, Crystal Ranson, Julia Vuckovich, Carly Bartle, Jennifer Bainbridge, Theresa Vincler, Mr. Lape, Mr. Kostewicz, Mrs. Semler

President's Report Jennifer Logan

- Next PTO meeting Tues., May 9, 2023, 9:30 a.m. also election meeting; a lot of open spaces, please reach out to friends and share their information with Jennifer and Rebecca
- Thank yous to March Volunteers
- Please share Teacher Luncheon fliers
- Elections at May meeting; attendance is very important for voting
- Marsptoinformationstation@gmail.com is digital drive please share any digital files you may have
- If interested in an exec board position, you need a building chair to nominate you.
- PSSA: April 24-May 5
- Teacher/Staff Appreciation: May 1-May 5
- Sarris Candy Sale ends May 2 (***correction added after meeting please note the sale ended April 2*)
- Field Trip Dates

April 26	Kindergarten Firehouse- Richards, Lumpp, Wahl
April 27	Kindergarten Firehouse- King, Schuelke
May 1	1st Grade Keystone Safari- Davis, Diani, Fox ,Huggins
May 2	1st Grade Keystone Safari- Shuck, Shine, McKee, McElheny, Raible
May 3	1st Grade Keystone Safai- Rhea, Rios, Duff, Boeh
May 8	4th Grade History Museum- Smallwood, Flanhofer, Beggs, Davidson
May 9	2nd Grade Zoo-Kolder, Carchedi, Miller, Gaydos
May 10	2nd Grade Zoo-Banachoski, Kozak, Renner, Schiffhauer
May 11	3rd Grade BallParks- McClelland, Thomas, Fenio, Jones

May 15	3rd Grade BallParks- McCoy, McGroarty, Richards, McMonigal
May 16	3rd Grade BallParks-Langer, Sondej, Reilly, Morello
May 17	4th Grade History Museum-Hathhazy, Felicetti, Graff, Lipnicky
May 18	4th Grade History Museum-Petrini, Waters, Summers, Fugh
May 22	2nd Grade Zoo-Wright, Wagner, Sinchak, Haney
May 24	5th/6th Grade PNC Park

- Field Days: Centennial - May 19; MAE - 2nd grade May 26; 3rd grade May 30; 4th grade May 31; PC - May 25
- 6th Grade Graduation - June 1st 1:15-3:10
- PC Book Fair Volunteers - See Sign up in your email
- End of year brunch on last day of school - Rebecca Arnold will be sending out information

Approval of March 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve March meeting minutes by Misty Cope.

Motion seconded by Bree Braunstein.

Treasurer's Report : Jen Chomicki

- Book Fair we hit our goal
- Holiday Store we will get \$600 back for next year.
- Sarris Candy still going on (***correction added after meeting please note the sale ended April 2*)
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- Spirit Wear down
- Teacher Support Fund only half way through; (Kiley Shine, May 1st deadline?) yes May 1 deadline
- Still need to pay out 6th grade T-Shirts
- Still need to pay out some field trips

Principal's Reports

- Mrs. Semler
 - Spring Pictures went well
 - Watermelon Welcome is set for April 27 9:30-11; 1-2:30
 - New Date for online registration will be out when we return from Spring Break
 - Field Trips and Fun
 - April 20 open house from 6-8

- Yesterday schoolwide positive behavior program, committee met, would like to work with PTO for incentives for kids
- Mr. Lape
 - Spring Pictures went well
 - Transition visits coming up, Grade 4; April 12 and 13; visit for students with IEPs as well on May 11
 - Will be sending out information for special consideration letters on April 14
 - Fun Days coming up
 - Mr. Fox and Mr. Lape met with committee and all went well; will send out schedule
- Mr. Kostewicz
 - Transition Day for 4th graders, student ambassadors will walk them around and 4th graders will be able to ask questions; Mr. Kostewicz will meet with all for 15 minutes in Cafeteria;
 - Transition Days for 6th Graders to Middle School, April 19-20
 - PSSAs if you are late on a testing day, you will not jump in to testing session, you will have to make it up.
 - Baseball Game, PTO does not have to pay for a nurse; Nurse Fox will go and it will be her work day because no one will be in the building; Educational days beforehand, and will be able to stay for 1 hour of game, and then will ride the bus home.

Teacher's Liaison - Mrs. Shine

- several emails thanking for Teachers Pay Teachers subscription, which has ended
- Could PTO moms repaint the sign out front of the PC?
 - Mr. Kostewicz - the girl scouts are always looking for a project

Yearbook - Jenny Bainbridge: PC had some tech difficulties, all resolved, MAE and Cent submitted; will let us know when delivery date is

Spirit Wear - Jennifer Logan: T Shirts for all students and staff should be here by next week

Sarris Candy Sale - Jennifer Logan: sale ends May 2nd (***correction added after meeting please note the sale ended April 2)*

Holiday Shop - Jennifer Logan: Negotiated \$200 for each school in credit on our bills; current company provided the best options after looking at several companies

Book Fair MAE - Jennifer Logan: Emily sent a message that the sales total was \$24K; divided cash profit with library \$2900 to PTO and \$2900 to MAE Library

Centennial Spring Party Wrap Up - Chrisi Harrison: Thanks to everyone who came, will be more of the same on June 1.

Field Trips Update

Crystal Ranson: education days at PNC program for free, should be fun for kids, should be getting tickets soon, Jennifer [Logan] and Crystal Ranson talked about ticket sales, if you have a 5th or 6th grade student and on PTO board you will get first access to ticket sales

Keri Mudalgikar: all on track, waiting for 3 chaperone checks, will be reaching out for head chaperone

Misty Cope: Kindergarten all set up; 1st grade all set up, will have schedule soon

Staff Luncheon: Becca Baker

- Sent fliers out to teachers
- Principals sent emails to families
- Cent donations down but Mr. Kostewicz will send out email to families
- Can sign up through links for set up or tear down

Field Days:

Krissy DiGioia: working on parent sign up, all on track

Jennifer Logan: will need PTO help as well

PC field day - Julie Vukovich finishing up schedule - is a DJ an option at the PC for fun days?

Jen Chomicki: try to get ahold of Sing, Sing, Sing

Mrs. Semler is fine with it

Cent Field Day Jennifer Logan: Heather Raybold says everything in full swing will ask for PTO help at the end of the month; Josh has been scheduled for picture, Sing Sing Sing will be coming, rain date for picture is June 1st.

Talent Show; Jen Chomicki thank you for participating Mr. Kostewicz and Officer Dan

Open Forum

Meeting adjourned by Jennifer Logan at 10:00 am