Wescott PTO General Meeting

September 14, 2022 6pm

Introduction:

Wescott word has event reminders and upcoming event information

Dr. Brown introduction

Katie Compagno- assistant principal introduction

* Currently 498 students, small increase predicted over next few years
* MAP testing- make ups are ongoing right now
  + reports will be mailed out in the next couple weeks
* upcomingParent/teacher conferences- updates will be in Wescott Word// will be conducted over Zoom, option of in-person
* next Friday September 23, 2022 is first 1/2 day for teacher improvement
  + students will be released at 11:45am
  + teachers participate in on going lessons- this time teachers will be participating in inclusivity training
  + social emotional learning (Ruler approach)
    - will be a 3 year project
    - teachers first
    - Students next year
    - community following year

- Monday September 26th, district holiday- no school for students

* Picture day
  + new vendor- Stuart Rogers photography
  + students were able to have outdoor pictures taken
  + October 13 is picture retake day
  + October 12, W4W
    - promoting physical health, emotional health and mental health
    - more information down below
* Halloween parties
  + classroom parties at 2-2:45pm
  + Halloween parade (Katie Compagno is working on it)

First author visit- Katherine Applegate “wish tree”

- goes along with theme for the year “Kindness Begins with Me”

in-person meeting (thanking everyone for attending)

Introduction: Katie Schick from d30 caucus

election in April- 4 openings for the board

- parents across all schools

- We don’t have a great representation for Wescott

- commitment is not “bad”- meetings will be over zoom

- couple of meetings in the fall and maybe one in the spring

- will be here for the meeting today if any question from parents

- please reach out to her if interested or know of someone who will be good for this role

- good way to help school board without being on the board

Amanda Neidhardt:

* Last year recap—>
* Year end gift presentation—> murals along the hallway to the gym, new sound system in music room, new pottery wheels and drying racks, gym equipment (check given for $25,000)
* Goals for upcoming year:
  + first goal is too add to murals in the gym (Kevin in partnership with Ms. Manning and 5th graders)
  + due to COVID kids missed out on a lot of experiences
    - want to spend more for kid experiences (more author visits, involve more parents, speaker series, fund more for WFW, one big family picnic every year, open to more ideas from parents/communities)
    - want to make sure the money goes back to the students

Adan

* registration number so far is 319 families, represent over 450 students (about 90%) in comparison to last year 320 last year, 517 enrolled in school students last year
* 200 parents registered for lawn signs
* 350 copies of yearbook
* birthday books $3500
* PTO received over $4000 donations from parents
* funds will be used responsibly and back to school/students

Jessy

* W4W
  + biggest fundraiser (raised $22,000 from last year)
  + promotes health and wellness among students
  + biggest change for donations is QR code and everything will be digital
  + [omella.com](http://omella.com) is the new platform being used
    - Recommended from Willowbrook
    - can send to families easily for donations
    - Credit card will have small fee
* Parent Social October 14, meet and greet at So Bella in The Glen, sign up will be in Wescott Word
* October 15- Chicago Wolves Hockey game, all family event, Wescott has an entire section reserved. Everyone will get a knit hat at the game
* Monster Mash- end of October- after school hours party, DJ, games, snacks
* looking for volunteers for Wescott Madness
  + many different raffles/prizes
    - previously have done: popsicles in park, principal for a day, meet and greet with pugs
  + Parents have hosted parties as well (cooking, dance, etc)
  + Pre-COVID we raised about 8K
* book fair
  + ice cream social Thursday September 15, 2022
  + send cash or e-wallet

September 19, PTO “Dine-Out” at Grill house

donate 20% of proceeds

\_ International night

- Willowbrook and Wescott will be conducting together

- parents volunteer to represent background/culture/country

- food will be allowed if that is something parents would want to do

- Will be January 27- at Maple

- looking into professional groups for performances

- could have different classes to have students perform at the event

- committees are still looking for parents volunteer

JiaJia

* Main channel of communication
* Registration to parents (ice cream, yearbook)
* plenty of opportunities to help
  + room parents are still available and many classes only have 1 parent volunteer signed up
* if anyone feels like there are missed opportunities- can always email and ask
* E-blasts
  + emails for reminders,
  + if parents want e-blasts send, contact JiaJia, prefer 3 day advance to send it out
* Sign up Genius
  + if some committee members need help- reach out and can help set it up

Sophia

* multiple channels to communicate
* Wescott Word- please read!
* section for PTO events/reminders
* Facebook- Wescott PTO page
* PTO website, general PTO information

Committee Members:

Ice Cream Days: Halley Winer and David Gasinski

- Ice cream- popular day for parents to want to volunteer

- still use the ice cups used last year because they traveled well

- if kids have allergy—> let Ms. Walsh know or the committee know what is allowed and make sure kids know

- popsicles are the GF option right now

- Vendor has a lot of options but is old school

Yearbook- Rebecca Armbruster and Fumi Horner

- 319 registrations

14 parents have volunteered to take pictures

KAPO- korean organization, 15 additional people volunteered

lunch (6 volunteers, 3 days ) and recess photos

2-3 volunteers in school/ room parents will have more time

classroom candids in January

March 24th, yearbook will be submitted

May 23rd yearbooks will be distributed

Baking Committee- Beth Glowacz and Alexandra Light

- in conjunction with hospitality committee

School supply - Ritu Singal and Maria Redmann

- made changes to the school supply list

- made quantity changes

- pilot to try 5th grader teacher- duplicate lists on amazon to look for better prices

* amazon smile to raise money for PTO, make it easy for one click to add the list
* school supply are delivered directly to the classroom- maybe something to consider now that school has more room
* Room Parents- Lina Nudera/Jenny Klein
  + all classes have 1-3 parents
    - 3 holiday parties- room parents plan parties
    - field day//rain date
    - field trips/ad-hoc
* each class/year has a budget

Hospitality committee—Katie Shin and Tiffany Tain

* read diverse books to add to school library
* author visits with approval of Dr. Brown

W4W—Oct 12—Amanda Hamner, Lauren Edwards

* more details in Wescott Word, flyer will be sent home with the kids with QR code
* during gym, kids will walk/run/race around the field
* kids raise money will get raffle tickets
* will have buckets during recess to add raffle tickets
  + Prizes (so far)
    - Trekk bicycle
    - tickets to Bulls, Dogs, Blackhawks
    - Back to Rock (will be DJ
    - year membership to dugout
    - Hi five 250 for classes, 750 for camp
    - Ultimate ninja birthday party/classes
    - befriends spiriti wear
    - noggin builder 75
    - Danced
    - 5 passes to sykzone
    - 5 wireless speakers
    - all about learning- box donate
    - Pixi lane- 2 blankets
    - Gf- jodonut, nothing bundt cake, crumble
    - wear red for walk (spirit wear)
* working on getting more raffle items
* weekly blasts with link and QR code and highlight companies that have donated

Spirit wear— Erin Gilman and Pamela Manicioto

* closed but will try to see if we can order
* 10K raised
* testing waters for spring sale
* quick print place in downtown Northbrook has done logos previously

Cultural Arts Committee- Molly Chen

* find performances for the school—assembly (K-2, and then 3-5)
* Finalized one show—> committee of teachers
  + kindness begins with me Jency Jones/ singer/songwriter
    - Inspirational singer about anti-bullying, positivity
    - January 13th

Extreme Science

looking into something more STEM/STEAM

Looking for a 3rd presentation

Monster Mash—Pamela Veloz and Erin Gosser

* re-invent the wheel/ cleared out storage unit
* adding a couple of elements, trunk-or treat
* looking for volunteers

Special Lunch//Tristen Springer and Jacqui Seiguel

* 3rd Wednesday of every month
* have to order the Tuesday the week before at 12pm
* no quest lunch that day - pack lunch for the kids if not ordering special lunch!

Parent teacher series - Alexandra Light

October 25 at 8pm

* raising inclusive children
* how to be more inclusive as adults for the children
* looking into spring and for international night
* will be over zoom

Helping Hands/ Sonia Bhangoo

* collections
* shoe collection in conjunction with Soles (2 weeks unto the W4W for collection) will be shipped to company
* November- Phil Hart for kids, monthly themes, project Warm (collect hats, boots, blankets)
* December- Noggin builders (sets will be sold to families) for every one sold, one will be donated
* Feb. Valentines for Veterans (each grade can collect—> may need small budget)
* needs volunteers

PTO has a lot of different levels of commitment—> hopefully everyone will consider volunteering at some capacity

Lina Nudera//motion to remove nomenclature “upper board” and “lower board”, rename position “executive board” or “committee chairs’

vote to rename has been passed

PTO meeting in January

Read Wescott word!