

PTA attendance on 10/8/2021 @ 1:00

Ember Martin Taylor
Stacy Hall
Kimberly Lloyd
Nandini Chhitwal
Heather Hitz
Shannon Papoulias
Bariza Umar
Kaitlyn Murphy
Tricia Mackenzie
Bariza Umar
James Contreras
Naseeba Habeeb-Stoll
Yared
Pat Sloan
Allison Horton
Sarah Kelsey
Bryon Robinson

Secretary's Notes

Book Fair

**use Ewallet-a feature of scholastic to send money electronically for your student*

**Shop both in Person using the SUG*

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054ba5aa23a6fa7-providence>

**Loose coin challenge, Tuesday-Pennies, Wednesday-Nickels, Thursday-Dimes, Friday-Quarters 10/12-10/15-any change expected each day. Each grade a class can earn popsicle parties*

Audit and Budget-Accepted and voted on

Current Budget is taking previous budget surplus into consideration in the collection monies for this year

Meeting Minutes Accepted- there was a typo, there are currently 883 students, not 983.

Principal Notes

**Outdoor Tent has been obtained and put up in the playground area for teachers to sign up for outdoor classroom use and snack area, teachers are still learning the*

routines and procedures on how to use the tent-hopefully the tent should become an important part of the tools the school can use, working w/ city on drainage issues, hoping to use the tent for student mentor and band very soon

**Testing-All grades finishing up self screener and most developmental assessments this week, CoGAT will start for 2nd graders next week, and 3rd graders for the following.*

**Covid Safety and procedures continue to keep numbers low in this school. Please continue to encourage your student to wear a mask and follow the teacher/staff guidelines. New stream in Process for kids on pause due to Covid exposure/positive testing*

-Stream Check In w/students

-Setting up more extended Meetings for kids who struggle w/ teachers

-Reach Out Weekly Virtual meetings w/ Support Staff

PTA can plan events as long as FCPS Guidelines are followed for safety

**FCPS HR is backlogged, but some new hires are joining the Panther team (2 additional cafeteria monitors and one additional classroom monitor, Covid Case Manager). Getting close to reaching a Goal of 3 monitors, 4 cafeteria monitors*

**Sub Shortage is affecting the ability to get monitors to cover outdoor lunch, right now all monitors are being pulled to classrooms first*

Outdoor Movie Night-

Kimberly has done an amazing job organizing

2 Dinner Food Trucks (checking on vegetarian option), Shave Ice-cash/credit

Moonbounce from FOCUS family

Free Popcorn from local movie theatre

PTA will be selling drinks and glowsticks for cash- PTA needs some volunteers to make this free event a big success, please sign up to help

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/70a094cafae2da31-movie2>

Families should bring blankets and low chairs to sit on.

Friday 10/29

Pumpkin Walk thru Van Dyck Park

Fun free event on our Early Release day for Providence Families to enjoy the fall festivities. We are looking for families to donate carved pumpkins.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a094cafae2da31-carved1>

The school and surrounding community is then invited to walk among the pumpkins. Local businesses will have candy for children (who are welcome to dress up in costume if they like). There will also be Food Trucks--Roaming Coyote, Red Hot & Blue, and Bruster's Ice Cream. This is a free event, but the PTA is doing a Food Collection for Place to Stand-a Fairfax City Food Pantry that serves our local families in need.

Paint Night is a possible event later in the year, the PTA is looking for a chair for this event. Paint Night could be a virtual or in person event where families can get supplies and be guided by an artist through a fun project. Please consider helping to make this event happen.

PTA is looking for local business connections, and local/surrounding area employers that would be interested in teaming with Providence to find opportunities for community outreach and allowing Providence families to give to our school through their company sponsorships. Please contact the PTA with ideas and connections we can build to support our school and our community businesses.

Please Join the PTA, the teachers who join have been winning Raffle tickets to the Capitals Hockey Games. Families will also be entered into raffles for High Side restaurant, a Cooler, Amazon and Focus Family gift Cards. We need you, and want to connect you to all the PTA provides for our community.

Current Membership

133 Members

32 Bronze
17 Silver
18 Gold
22 Platinum
44 Staff/Teachers

Please sign up for Amazon smile

Looking for a new chair for the Staff Appreciation team.-Once a month the PTA provides an appreciation event/gift plus a full week of support in May. Please connect w/ Stacy if you have any interest.