

**East Ruther PTA Meeting
Lincoln School
5.7.25**

Called to order 7:02 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

PTA Mission

Our websites:

East Rutherford PTA: <http://www.erboe.net/domain/124>

NJ PTA: <http://www.njpta.org/>

National PTA: <http://www.pta.org/>

PTA Who's Who:

President: Kevin Lyon

Vice President: Jillian Cawley

Recording Secretary: Tara Pachon

Corresponding Secretary: Christine Green

Treasurer: Paola Restrepo

Membership: Charise Brown

Bylaws: Shannon Cowan

Fundraising: Linda Lyon

Cultural Events: Elyssa Martino Foster

Social Media: Holly Wagner

McKenzie Rep: Cindy Tejada

Lincoln Rep: Tara Pachon

Faust Rep: Shannon Cowan

Agenda

- **Approval of Minutes:**
 - April Meeting Minutes - passed
- **Reports of Officers:**
 - A. Treasurer's Report

- Reports are posted on the PTA page on the district website
 - <http://www.erboe.net/page/1630>
 - 8th grade committee reports on as well

B. Correspondence

- None

C. By Laws & Standing Rules

- Report on PTA page of District website

D. Membership Report

- Sign up Links are available on PTA on district website and on the PTA Facebook page
- Currently 191 Members

• **Reports of Committees**

A. Fundraising

- Dine & Donates going towards 3rd & 5th Grade celebrations
- *Looking for general fundraiser committee*
- Gerturde Hawk picked up, only a few more to pick up, Mr. Vilardi will contact those parents.
- *Tricky tray committee:* Email: charise314@gmail.com
 - May 9th Event at Community Center
 - Happy to see so much support from the community, especially the teachers attending and those that donated.
- Givebacks shop - sign up, put on your phone, a small percentage goes back to PTA, but adds up!
- Shoe donation - Email: erptafundraising@gmail.com
 - Collecting pairs of shoes, any category of shoe size, can be sports shoes. Gentle used/usable, Goes toward 3rd world countries for entrepreneurial programs . Full pairs, rubber banded or shoe laces tied together.
 - Thank you to everyone that has donated and those that have placed bins at work - Liz Bucceri
 - After the first week of May, collection is done. Didn't hit the minimum but will still profit.
 - Spirit Wear
 - Summer Sale, save 20% off with code: SUMMER
 - Free shipping over \$100
 - Shop at: <http://1stplace.sale/107768>

- Outgrown/gentle used spirit wear can be donated to Nurse Dunn for the use of students that may have an accident at school

B. Cultural Events

- 2025 Events - Welcome to Ideas

C. Social Media & Tech

- Information and events are constantly posted and updated on our socials. Updates when made available from the schools & important PTA info is posted in real time. Great resource to stay up to date on what is happening
- New Instagram: @erptahost
- Facebook: "East Rutherford NJ PTA -Members Only" & "East Rutherford NJ PTA"

D. School Reps

- McKenzie
 - 3rd grade committee - planning 3rd grade celebration
- Lincoln
 - 5th grade committee - planning 5th grade Surprise Celebration
- Faust
 - None
- 8th Grade Committee
 - finalizing year plans - formal, yearbook

- **Administration Updates**

A. Mrs. Barrale

- Ms. Machere and students - Art Display at Maywood month exhibit, proud and did well.
- Thank you to the PTA for all your support, especially during testing time
- NJSLA underway and going well.
- Autism awareness day 4/2 was celebrated.
- Basketball and cheer team had pizza party.
- Assembly - in April about NJ Coalition against Human trafficking. Very informative and the students were onpoint with listening
- CATS reward day to celebrate wonderful accomplishments for 3rd marking period
- Take children to work day - great, fun day.
- Teen arts - 5/14

- Interims 5/14 coming out
- Spring concert at Becton 7pm 5/20
- Field day 6/9, rain date 6/10

B. Mr. Barrow

- Download district app and stay up to date
- Wildcat of the Month and recognition Roar assemblies continue to highlight positive behavior and citizenship throughout the building.
- Pre K registration has now closed. Still finalizing registrations, Goal is to have communications out shortly to the parents. Thank you Ms. Cindy Valez for support within the registration process.
- Teacher appreciation week, thank you to Cinco De Mayo lunch and all the teachers gifts coming through.
- Important Character Ed assemble coming up called Lead U about respect, resilience, communication, tolerance and mindfulness- thank you ERPTA & ERPD for their support . Held on 4/10 in morning.
- 5/5 multi-cultural day - Phenomenal day and thank you to all involved.
- NJSLA testing ongoing
- Field Day coming 5/20
- Kindergarten orientation 5/29 - email will be sent to all current registered kindergarten and preK 4 students and new registrants for kindergarten program.
- 1st & 3rd grade concert on June 3, evening - communication coming out for times specifically
- Pre-k 4 move up ceremony June 6
- 3rd grade move up ceremony June 11
- 3rd grade Breakfast & clap out June 12
- Last day of school June 16

C. Mr. Giancaspro (not present)

- Updated school calendar for 24/25 is updated on the district website. The three unused snow days were returned to us.
- One session days: 6/12, 6/13 & last day of school 6/16 half day as well.
- 25/26 calendar is live on website as well, first day of school for 25/26 school year is 9/4
- NJSLA happening Now.

D. Mr. Vilardi

- NJSLA testing is underway and going very smoothly. Thank you for all the staffs support. Charlie therapy dog, Yoga set up to keep the kids moving and grooving, and in correct mind space.
- One book one school initiative - First book in a series World according to Humphrey. Looking forward to summer reading assignments

- 5th graders wrapping up the LEAD program, less than a month to go; ERPD working on end of program trip for LEAD, be on look out for permission slip.
- May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage month.
- Lots of celebrations - teacher, nurse, administrative days
- 5/28 Spring Showcase booked at Becton Regional High School
 - a) Theme: Destination America
 - b) Permission slips sent out via Genesis
 - c) Formal invite being sent next week
- Thank you PTA, Assembly coming 5/23
 - a) Holly Rock Brain Challenge
- Field day 6/5
- On site field trip - Grit Ninja, thank you PTA for support financially - 6/11 (4th - 7th graders)

East Rutherford Recreation Speaker

- Evelyn Samtak (Event Coordinator)
- esamtak@eastrutherfordnj.net
- 201-207-6501
 - Events on town website, flyers in backpack
 - Team Green: Community Garden opened 5/4
 - Town wide Garage Sale 5/31
 - Town picnic 6/7
 - Pet Parade
 - June 12th, 6pm Carlton Ave Firehouse start and walk to Sesselman park.
 - Live music, pet vendors, family friendly activities; all pets welcome and if you don't have a pet, bring your favorite stuffed animal.
 - Car Show 6/22
 - Concert Series starting in June, first concert is at town picnic.
 - Soccer Registration open

*Public meetings first Tuesday of the month, community center

*Friends of East Rutherford looking for more members if want to join.

- **Upcoming Events**
 - <http://wearerpta.givebacks.com/w/Events>
 - Shoe Drive - May 10 old Tappan, NJ
 - Tricky Tray - May 9

- **Upcoming School Dates**

- May 23 - Half Day
- May 26 - Memorial Day, NO school
- Revised School Calendar:
 - June 12- 16 Half day
 - June 16 - Last day of school
- 2025-26 Calendar is available on ERBOE website

Open discussion:

- Standing Committee Chairpersons:
 - 1 year term is coming to end in June
 - Chairpersons are welcome to continue
 - If we need additional or replacement chairpersons, we will put out a request
 - Committee Chair positions:
 - Membership
 - By-laws
 - Ways and means/Fundraising
 - Social Media
 - Cultural Events
 - McKenzie/Lincoln/Faust Representatives (one per school)
- McKenzie School Assembly
 - LeadU Character Education was on 4/10
 - \$950 cost to PTA
 - Co-sponsored by ERPD
 - Country Mike was at McKenzie School, keeping the good vibes rolling and the energy high with the wildcats. A fun filled and exciting day thanks to the students and staff.
- Lincoln/Faust School Assembly
 - Holly Rock Game Show will be on 5/23
 - \$1,875 cost to PTA
 - 3rd-5th grade and 6th-8th grade taking place in Faust gymnasium
 - The Grit Ninja Assembly will be on 6/11
 - \$3,500 cost to PTA
 - \$1,800 cover by schools
 - 4th-7th grade
- Field Day T-shirt Designed - Lincoln & Faust School Designs are in and voted on. McKenzie to be received this week.

- Lincoln School Field Day Design: Nina from Mrs. Affortunato's class
- Faust School Field Day Design: Faith from Ms. Jackson's class
- Field Day Dates:
 - McKenzie - May 20
 - Lincoln - June 5
 - Faust - June 9

Becton High school Scholarship:

Annual Scholarship for becton high graduating senior

Applicants must be former East Rutherford school district students Due by May 9

PTA will need small selection committee to choose recipients

2025 Nation PTA Virtual Convention

- *Join us June 25-28 where you will connect with PTA leaders, parents and educators to boost your impact for every child.*
- *There is a fee to attend, however PTA will reimburse you the fee*
- *<http://www.pta.org/home/events/National-PTA-Convention>*

Appreciation days:

5/1 - Principals

5/2 - School Lunch Heros

5/6 - Teachers

5/7 - School Nurses

ERBOE website→ pta link & givebacks site similar info - volunteer links here

Closing:

- Next Meeting Wednesday, June 4, 7pm (Faust School)
- Happy Mothers Day!
- Happy Memorial Day!

Meeting Adjourned: 7:30 pm