

**East Ruther PTA Meeting
Lincoln School
2.05.25**

Called to order 7:04 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:**
 - January 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

- Mr. Barrow, Mrs. Gomez(McKenzie Guidance Counselor) requested PTA to support a Character Education Program. The cost will be about \$1950 for two assemblies.
 - PTA Approved for assemblies.

C. By Laws & Standing Rules

- Report TBA

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

- Needs 3rd grade, 5th grade, 8th grade committees to develop & come up with fundraisers specific to those grades.
 - Dine & Donates going towards 3rd & 5th Grade celebrations
- *Looking for general fundraiser committee*
- *Looking for a Tricky tray committee:* Email :charise314@gmail.com
 - May 9th Event
 - Gathering donations now, tickets to be sold at later date
- Givebacks shop - sign up, put on your phone, a small percentage goes back to PTA, but adds up!
- 5 Below Shopping
 - Garfield, NJ through Feb 7 !Must have Flyer!
- Dine & donate: 2/6 BJs Brewhouse 11a-11p ! Must have Flyer !
- Gertrude Hawk - Feb 10- March 10th, all forms back in by 3/10, ready for delivery April 7
 - Run by 8th grade committee
 - Going towards end of year formal
- Shoe donation - *NEED Volunteers!* Email: erptafundraising@gmail.com
 - Feb 1st collection starts - March 31st.
 - Box bins will be in each lobby of each school
 - Shoes days Tuesdays
 - 2/22 drive and drop at DPW
 - Tentatively 3/15 & 3/29 another drive and drop

- Truck pick up mid april. Collect 4000 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.
- Approx: \$2000 profit; 25 pairs/bag; challenge is 150 bags
- There are lessons and materials for teachers if want to incorporate into a lesson
- March: coin collection for McKenzie only. Class with most will get a prize
 - Collection: 3/3-3/14
- Possible ask the schools/principals what do the schools need

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
- Lincoln
 - Homeroom reps needed for - 5th grade Ms. Cerny
 - please reach out to the homeroom teacher or email erptahost@gmail.com
 - Kids Night Out Committee (March)
 - 5th grade committee - Will start looking to get committee together ASAP
- Faust
 - None
- 8th Grade Committee
 - Gertrude Hawk 2/10-3/10
 - Valentines dance 2/14

- Super Bowl Box Pool - looking for water, candy & snack donations. Have enough soda. Permission slips sent out email and folders

- **Administration Updates**

- A. Mrs. Barrale

- Boys and girls basketball season coming to end
- Band & choir performed at community center for senior citizens 1/14
- Assemble for American Suicide prevention
- Spelling bee 1/24
- Lessons honoring Black History Month
- Report Cards 2/12
- Valentines day dance/hangout 2/14 (8th grade/PTA fundraiser)

- B. Mr. Barrow

- Download district app and stay up to date
- 2/6 wear red - honoring American Heart Association
- Black History Month - continued to have lessons throughout month
- Tuesday, 2/11 100th day of school - check with your homeroom regarding this day
- Spirit Days week of 2/10
- Read across America coming up in March
- Super ER bowl can drive donation all proceeds go to St. Joseph's local food pantry
- Kindergarten concert 4/2 @9:30 am
- 2nd grade students did phenomenal job with Winter concert in December
- Parents conferences 2/27 (one session day)
- Press release for pre-k registration 3/1 - 3/31 8:30 am for Prek 3 & 4; all prek3 students must register for pre k 4 program to reserve a spot; although we reserve the spots, they carry over with a valid registration. Must complete and resubmit all requirements for registration.
 - a) Info on ERBOE website
 - b) Info on FB pages as well
- Attendance and punctuality is very important

- C. Mr. Giancaspro

- Swift K-12 Robo Call not working/discontinued; Genesis blast sent out regarding delayed opening tomorrow 2/6; check Emails!
- Staff Changes: Lincoln School Ms. Mandeville has moved to child study team, took place of Mrs. Sandra Esposito, who moved to Mrs. Dolinsky's role in the BOE office. Mrs. Karen Dolinsky retired from ERBOE. Mrs. Christine Parks joins Lincoln as the New Secretary.

- Addressed bus temperature; buses cannot idle for a certain amount of time according to jurisdictions under the Department of transportation and NJ department of environmental productions/state laws.
- Scheduling Roof projects, tentative summer project, should not affect students
- Performance assessment report; Remains high performing and passed all areas of Qsat:
 - a) Performance - Parents don't stress over how your student performs, the educators will use this to guide instruction and addressing the standards
 - b) Attendance - rated on chronic absenteeism
 - c) Participation

D. Mr. Vilardi

- Important to staff up to date on emails and district website, especially with inclement weather notifications
- Thank you PTA and Visual Arts Department for Decembers winter wonderland week, hot coco social, band and choir concert, art displays
- Black history month lessons, highlighting the labor industry this year
- Global school play day 2/5 everyone had a blast, focused on creative thinking, collaboration and growth. unstructured play time,
 - a) At end of day, all students write a reflection of the day; 3rd year participating
- 2/7 national wear red for american heart association
- Spirit week 2/10 -2/14, communication in emails
- Report card 2/12
- Lead program begins the week of 2/10, every Tuesday & Wednesday Officers of ERPD will meet with 5th graders to go over this program.
- No school 2/17, 2/18 Presidents Day Recess
- 2/27 One session day for students - parent/teacher conferences
- March 6 - Straight talk about social media Assemble; expanding this webinar to all district families
- Welcome Mrs. Parks
- 2/11 6 pm virtual parent academy - early childhood education- strategies to support elementary parents

East Rutherford Recreation Speaker

- Evelyn Samtak (Event Coordinator)
- esamtak@eastrutherfordnj.net
- 201-207-6501
 - Events on town website, flyers in backpack,
 - Looking into working with Charise for Tricky Tray as well

*Public meetings first Tuesday of the month, community center

- **Upcoming Events**

<http://wearerpta.givebacks.com/w/Events>

- Dine & Donate - Feb 6 - BJs Brew House
- Kids night out - 3/21 Lincoln; 3/22 Mckenzie
- Tricky Tray - May 9

- **Upcoming School Dates**

- No School - February 17&18
- Half Day - February 27
- Half Day - March 6

Open discussion:

Interested in talent show - preliminary stages of planning - tba

Teacher Appreciation Gift:

Valentines Day or Parent Teacher Conference Day Luncheon and snacks

National PTA Legislative Conference March 4-6, Online Registration: PTA.org/legcon

- Better understanding of what national pta does with congress.

Regarding Field Day/end of year: do we reach out to PE teachers and see what we can do to help with field day.

Do we want to continue field day tshirts.

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

Closing:

- No meeting 2/26
- Next Meeting Wednesday, March 12th, 7pm (Faust School)

Meeting Adjourned: 7:57pm