

**East Ruther PTA Meeting
Lincoln School
1.08.25**

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:**
 - December 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

- From BNL school pictures

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 190 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
 - Looking into first meeting end of January
- Givebacks shop - sign up, put on your phone, a small percentage goes back to PTA, but adds up!
- December Dine & donate was Jersey Mikes, made back \$259; 1/7 Chipotle - made, \$36
- Gertrude Hawk - Feb 10- March 10th, latest orders to submit March 17th, ready for delivery April 7
 - Possible run by 8th grade committee, tba
- Shoe donation - *NEED Volunteers!* Email: erptafundraising@gmail.com
 - Feb 1st collection starts - March 31st.
 - 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. Full pairs, (provided) rubber banded or shoe laces tied together.
 - \$2000 profit; 25 pairs/bag; challenge is 150 bags
 - DPW per Paul, awaiting confirmation on use of space to store shoes
 - Possible ask the schools/principals what do the schools need within the school, what are we raising this for.
- Holiday Shops - \$2500 profit
- Picture Day Remittances from BNL:

- McKensie: \$ 1470
- Lincoln: \$584
- Faust: \$849
- Spirit Wear Sale - 2024 Year to Date Sale results: products sold 236, PTA earnings \$640.72;
 - After Christmas/New Years sales totals tba
- Wine Tasting/making in Wallington- fundraiser tentative
- Spirit wear kickback, can go towards items for ticky track Wildcat basket

B. Cultural Events

- From December:
 - Tree Lighting
 - Hot Chocolate Social approx. 200 person mark
 - Toy Drive - ERPD/school collection, PTA donating the wrapping supplies, \$150
- 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 will get started January
- Lincoln
 - Hot Cocoa Social was successful and nice way to spend day before Winter break;
 - Thank you to kitchen staff and costodial staff for their support always
 - 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
 - Valentines dance 2/14
 - Super Bowl Box Pool - To be announced soon

- **Administration Updates**
 - A. Mrs. Barrale
 - Boys & girls basketball teams have started season
 - Band and choir are going to community center 1/14 to play for seniors citizens
 - National honor society induction 1/14
 - The American Foundation for Suicide prevention assembly 1/9
 - 1/24 Spelling Bee

 - B. Mr. Barrow
 - Thank you for all well wishes in December
 - Appreciate staff during morning drop offs as weather is cold
 - 3rd grade students doing morning announcements
 - Continue monthly Wildcat of month assesmbles, golden tickets
 - Dentist coming to talk about Dental Health month in February

 - C. Mr. Giancaspro (on behalf of Mr. Barrow)
 - Update communications (email, phone numbers) as winter comes
 - Happy Healthy New Year
 - Board of Ed roof project projected to begin summer 2025
 - Preparing 25/26 school year budget
 - Expand one more prek class for Sept 2025
 - District professional development; district one session day 1/9

 - D. Mr. Vilardi (not present)
 - Happy Healthy New Year and thank you for everyone's support

East Rutherford Recreation Speaker

- Evelyn Samtak (Event Coordinator)
- esamtak@eastrutherfordnj.net
- 201-207-6501
 - Events on town website, flyers in backpack,
 - "Love to laugh" comedy/dinner Feb 8th
 - Possible looking into working with PTA for shoe fundraiser
 - Looking into working with Charise for Tricky Tray as well
 - Baseball & softball registration open

*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**

- Half Day - January 9
 - No School - January 20th

Open discussion:

Board of Education calendar year begins and meeting dates posted on ERBOE website

NJ Board of Ed appreciation month - Thank you for all you do for our schools and town

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

Closing:

- Next Meeting Wednesday, February 5th, 7pm (location tba)

Meeting Adjourned: 7:33pm