

**East Ruther PTA Meeting
Lincoln School
11.06.24**

Called to order 7:01 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:**
 - October 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>
 - Pta oct & 8th grade committee
- Financial Review Committee - review complete. This temporary committee is formed after the end of fiscal year (July 1st - June 30th) to perform a financial review of our PTAs Financial Records.

B. Correspondence

- None

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 186 Members

● **Reports of Committees**

A. Fundraising

- Cards for a Cause
 - Goal 50 boxes, sold 52, made \$680
- Vino & Vinyasa Nov 19 6:45 pm 10 sign ups as of now, go sign up
- Needs 3rd grade, 5th grade, 8th grade committees to develop & come up with fundraisers specific to those grades.
- *Looking for general fundraiser committee*
- *Looking for a Tricky tray committee*
- Givebacks shop - sign up, put on your phone, a small percentage goes back to PTA, but adds up!
- Oct Dine & donate 10/17 Panera - \$154 return back, flyers cost \$100 so looking more into doing virtual flyers
- Nov Dine & donate 11/14 Texas roadhouse 4-10 pm, bring flyer/show on phone. Allowing table for chocolate sales & pass out flyers
- Chocolate bars & pretzel rods; \$1 each, will be at texas roadhouse, tree lighting
- Shoe donation - tentative spring fundraiser; Feb & March, 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. Suggestions/connections to house the shoes we are welcome to suggestions. \$2000 profit. Can possibly get the police, library, etc involved as 2nd collections.

- Possible ask the schools/principals what do the schools need within the school, what are we raising this for.
- Holiday Shops - Mckenzie week of Dec 2, Lincoln/Faust Week of Dec 9
- McKenzie Book Fair total \$7,275; PTA earned :\$1,597 ; Lincoln/Faust Total: \$5,480. PTA earned \$1,370. Total Earned : \$2,967
- Spirit Wear Sale - 2024 Year to Date Sale results: products sold 236, PTA earnings \$640.72
 - Holiday Sale Date:11/4-12/10
 - 25% off all merchandise, Free shipping orders over \$75, Guaranteed Delivery by 12/23
- Wildcat raffle basket - for tree lighting event will raffle off
- Wine Tasting/making in Wallington- fundraiser tentative January/February

B. Cultural Events

- Vino & Vinyasa
- Thanksgiving Feast
- Tree Lighting
- Trunk or treat - suggestions: time slots,punch card; entrance fee; offset cost of candy; we thank the teachers for donations

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
 - Halloween went well
 - Need sign ups for holiday shop
- Lincoln
 - Homeroom reps needed for - 4th Grade Mrs Ten Kate and 5th grade Ms. Cerny
 - please reach out to the homeroom teacher or email erptahost@gmail.com
 - Thanksgiving feast info TBA - will need Volunteers & Holiday Shop
 - Kids Night Out Committee (March)
 - 5th grade committee wants to do gertrude hawk fundraiser
- Faust
 - 12/13 picture retakes and cap & gown pictures as well.

- 8th Grade Committee
 - Volleyball game possible move to December
 - Valentines dance 2/14
 - 11/15 8th grade soccer game vs. coaches/parents/teacher
 - Tricky tray birthday calendar board

- **Administration Updates**
 - A. Mrs. Barrale
 - Student council elections today 11/6;
 - Educational assemble on vaping presented
 - PTA/8th grade had dance and successful
 - Report cards 11/27
 - Performing arts cycle class for ½ graders
 - Thank you to all that came out for Parent/Teacher conferences
 - Happy Thanksgiving
 - Enjoy this four day weekend coming up (Nov7-10)

 - B. Mr. Barrow(not present), on behalf of Mrs. Barrale
 - Red ribbon week - students participated in themed spirit days, each grade level teachers were given resources and hands on activities to make choices to live a drug free life and may healthy choices; Week of respect, themed spirit days, Ms. Gomez went to each classroom and gave a 15 minute presentation on bullying and all students recited an anti-bullying pledge. Character Education: Soar Theme; mindful monday, talk it out tuesday, Wise Wednesday
 - On October 17 all staff and students (district wide) wore Pink in support of Breast cancer awareness
 - Annual halloween parade, thank you for collaboration with pta & decorations, thank you for police department support and all do everyday; halloween safety supplies given
 - Veterans day 11/15 assemble Facilitated by 3rd grade Gifted & Talented students , 9:30 am Multi purpose room

 - C. Mr. Giancaspro (not present)
 - Update communications (email, phone numbers) as winter comes
 - PEA Preschool Education Aid - TBA - information session regarding the Preschool expansion.

 - D. Mr. Vilardi
 - In October ran a donation drive to support breast cancer research
 - 10/29 DEA agents spoke to students and did forensic chemistry presentation

- Lincoln leaders program continued, monthly meeting - this morning spoke on empowerment; students of month announced; Diwali presentation by three students
- Nov is Native American Heritage month; Veteran Day is Monday, 11/11 everyone encouraged to wear red white blue
- National Elementary Honor Society Nov. 14th 5 pm at Lincoln ; Board of Education meeting to follow at 6pm
- 11/18 2nd marking period
- Report cards out 11/27
- Notifications for Thanksgiving feast sent today 11/6 - sign up link to be sent out shortly
- Thanksgiving feast - 11/27 - Volunteers needed
- Picture day makeup 12/13
- Winter wonderland Spirit week/Hot Cocoa social 12/20 - Volunteers needed
- Thank you for continued support

East Rutherford Recreation Speaker

- Evelyn Samtak (Event Coordinator)
- esamtak@eastrutherfordnj.net
- 201-207-6501
 - Events on town website, flyers in backpack,
 - Fall festival Oct 11-13
 - Halloween house Oct. 30th successful
 - Nov: Breakfast for Veterans/community center
 - Dec: Tree lighting
 - Possible glow in dark easter hunt

*Public meetings first Tuesday of the month, community center

- **Upcoming Events**
<http://wearerpta.givebacks.com/w/Events>
 - Dine & Donate - Nov 14 Texas Roadhouse
 - Vino & Vinyasa - Nov 19
 - Thanksgiving Feast - Nov 27
 - Tree Lighting - Dec 6
 - Holiday Shop: Mckenzie setup dec 2,Dec3-4; Lincoln/Faust set up dec 9th;10-13
 - Picture Retakes - Dec 13
 - Hot Chocolate Social - Dec 20
 - Kids night out - 3/21 Lincoln; 3/22 Mckenzie

- Tricky Tray - May 9

- **Upcoming School Dates**

- No School - Nov 7&8 - Teacher Convention
- Half Day - Nov 27
- No School - Nov 28 & 29 - Thanksgiving

Open discussion:

Do we want to buy a speaker system? To be discussed

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

Closing:

- Next Meeting Wednesday, Dec 4, 7pm (Lincoln School Gym)

Meeting Adjourned: 7:47pm