

**East Ruther PTA Meeting
Lincoln School
10.09.24**

Called to order 7:03pm

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:**
 - September Meeting Minutes - passed

- **Reports of Officers:**
 - A. Treasurer's Report

- Reports are posted on the PTA page on the district website
- Need at least 3 members to be part of the Financial Review Committee. 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

- Thank you for the PTA members & volunteers assistance with Picture Day from Mrs. Baralle, Mr. Vilardi and Mr. Barrow

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 172 Members
- Lake Tomahawk, Sparta - raffle winner - Gina Larusso

• **Reports of Committees**

A. Fundraising

- Linda - coming up: bookfair, holiday shop
- Beginning of oct. greeting cards sale - 30 cards in box, \$30, PTA makes \$13 per box. Runs first 2 weeks of oct, hope delivery for nov meeting. Ends midnight 10/12
 - Goal is 50 boxes, at about 42 boxes as of now
- 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
- Nov dine & donate 11/14 Texas roadhouse; Chocolate bars & pretzel rods; xmas tree lighting
- Shoe donation - tentative spring fundraiser
- Wildcat raffle basket - tba
- Wine Tasting/making in Wallington- fundraiser tentative january/february
- McKenzie Book Fair total \$7,275; PTA earned :\$1,597 ; Lincoln/Faust Sales to date: \$3,487. Ends Friday 10/11
 - When buying on Scholastic website, make sure to put one of our ER schools as beneficiary so small percent goes back to school

- Trunk or treat - 14 trunks, looking for 20; goodie bags first 100 trick or treaters; top 3 trunks get a prize ; ice cream & pizza for sale; Need volunteers for selling the food; feel free to donate candy or decorations if you cant do a trunk. WHEN sign up for a trunk include your theme so we can separate similar themes.

B. Cultural Events

- None to report at this time

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
 - Classroom parents are set up and listing is available
 - Holiday bazaar
- Lincoln
 - We have class parents for 4th grade Mrs. Alberta, 5th grade Mrs. Dizdarevic; 5th grade Mrs. Reed; 4th grade Mr. Conte - Christine
*** We Need class parents for all other homerooms, please reach out to the homeroom teacher or email erptahost@gmail.com
 - Thanksgiving feast info TBA - will need Volunteers & Holiday Bazaar
 - Kids Night Out (March)
- Faust
 - Need volunteers for book fair tomorrow & school dances
- 8th Grade Committee
 - Appointment of Committee Chairperson: Renata Mayhew
 - Updates: working on pumpkin patch; need volunteers; will be by daycare and games there too
 - Faust hangout/dance 10/25, after trunk or treat
 - ** need volunteers for dance
- **Administration Updates**
 - A. Mrs. Barrale
 - Coming up: Book fair tomorrow Oct 10-11

- Info by Mr. Vilardi

B. Mr. Barrow

- Appreciation to pta and volunteers, book fair and back to school night, picture day - very successful & efficient
- Fire official Barnas and firefighters (some former wildcats) attended the school this week and reviewed fire safety; trucks
- Week of respect - anti bully quick & informative meetings with the students
- Oct 30th - One session day for parent/teacher conferences
- Every Friday is Wildcat Friday, would like to promote that
- Oct 31 1:30pm halloween parade K-3rd grade; pre-k full day & PM students welcome to that also ; AM pre-k look for communication from teachers regarding halloween
 - a) Need pta volunteers to monitor candy at entrances
 - b) Will put social media post as well regarding no candy
- Exciting for the district regarding pre k expansion aid. There will be communication to all fully registered students and informational session TBA

C. Mr. Giancaspro

- Update communications (email, phone numbers) as winter comes
- PEA Preschool Education Aid - applied for and received. Once granted the money we have 75 days to implement, approximately Mid-dec, parents will know before then if eligible; free, general education students, full day, those that were on waiting list will be accepted - pleased with mckenzie buildings, money back to those paying tuition. Wonderful for the parents in-district.
- TBA - information session regarding the Preschool expansion.
- Q:Will current pre-k students be reimbursed?, A: believe will be reimbursed from start of school year; definite answers will be answered No exact answers however payments of when to make payments thru. Payments going thru Dec; so possible Tentatively January payment not needed. All details being discussed now.

D. Mr. Vilardi

- Speaking for Faust as well
- Thank you pta for all help with book fair, picture day, 12/13 photo retakes
- Faust had cap and gown and class ring fittings
- Lincoln ran monthly meeting - introduced Lincoln leaders, focused on expectation of Wildcat students; focused on HIB law set forth by state; brain challenge fun to earn points for liveschool houses
- Week of respect
- % grade fire safety department presentations 10/11

- 10/18 interim reports available
- Red ribbon week - Lincoln likes to submit national photo
- 10/30 one session day - parent teacher conferences, run 2 sessions; info TBA
- Thanksgiving feast - 11/27; Hot Cocoa social 12/20
- National honor society induction 11/14 6pm - board meeting night so those members can be recognized
- 10/25 Faust holiday hang out/dance
- 10/30 Faust Anti bullying assembly - caring and respect
- Q: Regarding bully initiatives policy. A: Reach out to your schools principal and teacher and we can provide the support; get in touch with anti bully specialist

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 - looking for volunteers game truck
 - Halloween house Oct. 30th- can decorate room in house - Lots for families - info to come; Need to sign up to enter; there will be activities outside but dont need to register for those
 - Nov: Breakfast for Veterans
 - Dec: Tree lighting

*Public meetings first Tuesday of the month, community center

● **Upcoming Events**

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

- Book Fairs:
 - Lincoln/Faust - Oct 8-11
- Fall Festival -
 - Pumpkin Patch Oct 11-13
- Cards for a Cause - to Oct 12
- Dine & Donate - Oct 17 Panera Bread
- Trunk or Treat - Friday, October 25 - ER police department parking lot
- 10/30 - (rec department) Haunted house - register; events outside no registration needed ;
- Dine & Donate - Nov 14 Texas Roadhouse
- Vino & Vinyasa - Nov 19
- Kids night out - 3/21 Lincoln; 3/22 Mckenzie

- Tricky Tray - May 9

- **Upcoming School Dates**

- No School - Oct 14
- Half Day - Oct 30 - Parent Teacher Conference
- No School - Nov 7&8 - Teacher Convention
- Half Day - Nov 27
- No School - Nov 28 & 29 - Thanksgiving

Open discussion:

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

Closing:

- Next Meeting Wednesday, Nov 6, 7pm (Lincoln School Gym)
- No meeting Oct 23

Meeting Adjourned: 7:48pm