

**East Ruther PTA Meeting  
Lincoln School  
12.04.24**

**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:**
  - November 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 reports on as well.

**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 190 Members

● **Reports of Committees**

**A. Fundraising**

- Vino & Vinyasa Nov 19
- 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!
- Nov Dine & donate 11/14 Texas roadhouse \$1200 in food & drinks, 10% profit
- Chocolate bars & pretzel rods; \$1 each, will be at texas roadhouse - over \$200 in sales & will have at tree lighting along with remaining Holiday shop items
- Gertrude Hawk - march 1 - 15, ready for april 7
- Shoe donation - Feb 1st collection starts; 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.
  - 25 pairs/bag; challenge is 150 bags
  - 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
- 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**

- Tree Lighting
- Hot Chocolate Social approx. 200 person mark
- Toy Drive - ERPD/school collection - prize for class that donates the most?; Irene Mena toy drive for specific families, PTA donating the wrapping supplies, \$150

**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
  - Holiday shop happening
  - Prek full day 8:45 - 3:10p
  - 3rd grade committee will get started January
- Lincoln
  - Homeroom reps needed for - 5th grade Ms. Cerny
    - please reach out to the homeroom teacher or email erptahost@gmail.com
  - Thanksgiving feast successful, next year perishable food distribute
  - Kids Night Out Committee (March)
  - 5th grade committee wants to do gertrude hawk fundraiser
    - Will start looking to get committee together January
- Faust
  - 12/13 picture retakes and cap & gown pictures as well.
- 8th Grade Committee
  - Holiday bear gram at faust & lincoln starts next week , \$3 each and goes towards graduation events; Delivery is on 12/18
  - Valentines dance 2/14
  - Volleyball game went well

- 11/15 8th grade soccer game vs. coaches/parents/teacher

- **Administration Updates**

- A. Mrs. Barrale

- Had first 8th grade volleyball game vs. staff 11/26 held at Lincoln was great turnout staff and students
- NJHS going to Van Saun Park 12/5 to participate in holiday celebration & tree lighting 5:30; Faust & Lincoln students with Junior Honor Society
- Winter showcase 12/9 7 pm at Becton
- Holiday Shop 12/12, 12/13
- 12/13 8th grade cap & gown pics and whole school retakes
- Boys/girls basketball team games coming up, tentatively 12/11
- 12/20 assembly from Prosecutor office "straight talk social media"
- Enjoy your holiday

- B. Mr. Barrow

- Veterans Day 11/15 assembly facilitated by 3rd grade Gifted & Talented students, 9:30 am Multi Purpose room
- Prek expansion started off today and this week; thank you staff, parents all those involved
- Holiday shop going on this week - thank you PTA and parent volunteers
- Kindness tree throughout November, amazing seeing students noting acts of kindness. Goes along with Character-Ed program
- End of each month student of month, will do perfect attendance certificates
- 12/13 picture retakes
- 12/18 2nd grade winter concert - more info to come
- Spirit days to come

- C. Mr. Giancaspro (not present, provided by Mr. Vilardi)

- District is on schedule with start of Pre-K expansion program
- Update communications (email, phone numbers) as winter comes
- Happy Holidays

- D. Mr. Vilardi

- Lincoln Leaders program continued, monthly meeting - Accountability
- Live Schools Party Mr. Conte (11/11)
- Will continue to send students out for recess as long as not too cold, windy, please send your children in with hats, gloves, scarves etc.
- Lost & found bin is filling up - will send photo out soon, have child check bin
- Thanksgiving feast - 11/27 - Thankful trees, created leaf and put on the thankful trees in the hallway; thank you students, PTA, parents for

donation. Two students said it was the first time they sat down for traditional Thanksgiving meal

- Visual Arts department- Winter wonderland spirit week
- Tree lighting Dec 6
- Picture day makeup 12/13
- Winter wonderland Spirit week/Hot Cocoa social 12/20 - Volunteers needed
- Have a great holiday season

### **East Rutherford Recreation Speaker**

- Evelyn Samtak (Event Coordinator)
- [esamtak@eastrutherfordnj.net](mailto:esamtak@eastrutherfordnj.net)
- 201-207-6501
  - Events on town website, flyers in backpack,
  - "Love to laugh" comedy/dinner Feb 8th
  - Dec: Tree lighting; Santa clause, arts & crafts table
  - Baseball & softball registration open

\*Public meetings first Tuesday of the month, community center

### ● **Upcoming Events**

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

- Dine & Donate - Dec 17 - Jersey Mikes all day
- Tree Lighting - Dec 6
- Holiday Shop: Mckenzie setup dec 2, Dec3-4; Lincoln/Faust set up dec 9th;10-13
- Picture Retakes - Dec 13
- 8th grade graduation pictures - Dec 13
- Dine & donate - Dec 17 all day
- Hot Chocolate Social - Dec 20
- Kids night out - 3/21 Lincoln; 3/22 Mckenzie
- Tricky Tray - May 9

### ● **Upcoming School Dates**

- No School -Dec 23-1/1
- Half Day - Dec 20

**Open discussion:**

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

**Closing:**

- Next Meeting Wednesday, January 8th, 7pm (Faust All Purpose Room)

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:46pm**