**Northview Elementary School**

**Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) General Meeting**

Thursday, January 11, 2024

7:00 PM

Location: via Zoom

**Number of Attendees:** 54

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm ET by Raven Wilson, President, PTO.

Sneakerball

Purchase a child and adult ticket on the website. There are several orders, $10 for adult and $5

Outside elementary students can attend

Less than 30 days for the event

Tshirt Contest

Sales will be started soon and posted on the website

Northview Swag was shown, sales to start soon

Purchase them for spirit week or different school events

Candy Grams

Returning to Northview

A little card smaller than a postcard that allows people to write a card. Attached with a lollipop. They will be delivered on Valentines Day.

They can be ordered online. Write the message and we will have it printed and delivered.

Active participation is appreciated

$1,unlimited orders

Fundraiser and give students a chance to send a message to friends and family

First Fridays

Can volunteer in different areas (check the chart)

January 19th is the first day. Training will be January 17th

Dates will continue to be aligned with the presentation dates

Read the First Fridays Initiative times

Support the lunch room efforts that already in place. Need parents to be clear of the expectations and requirements.

Floater might help in a classroom or at recess but

Media Room Volunteers

Need 3 to 4 volunteers to staff the MediaRoom Monday to Thursday 9am to 12pm, organizing and checking student’s books out.

Volunteers must be fingerprinted and pass the background check.

A signup genius and more details will be provided.

Volunteering training will be February 16th and staffing starts Feb 19th

Now is a great time to get the background check completed

Up Coming PTO meetings

Meetings for each month were listed

Stay connected via the Band app and PTO website

Upcoming events

PTO request ideas for teacher appreciation week

School updates

iReady session would be great for new families- support the teachers efforts. How is iReady used

iReady is available for 4th and 5th grade

iReady and Math app are both accessible via Clever

Questions

Whats involved with the library? Books need to be reshelved? Offer students the opportunity to come to the library and borrow books. Give students time to browse. Library is the heart of the school.

Will the t—shirts be women men and children/ Yes up to 5xl

What time is Sneakerball setup on Friday? It will be after Champions pickup.

Mrs. Mathis will meet with all the walkers. She will walk with all of them together to Northview drive until we are assigned a crossing guard

Do the kids have access to BrainPOP? Yes via Clever and Brainpop jr

Staff present: Mrs. Bast, Mrs. Barber-Hussie and vice principal Ms. Wilkes

Missing 10% If missed 10 days no matter the reason the state of Maryland is hold schools accountable. Staff will be contacting parents. There are several pages front to back of students arriving late. Make sure students are getting to school on time. They need to be in school and ready to learn by 7:45. A 7:25 is the earliest students can be released from their cars.

During testing it is important to be early. If students are late, they can’t test and must go to the library. Teachers prepare the students for the test. Mrs. Mathis will be talking to students and teachers. Make sure students are calm, collecting cell phones, (cell phones because it is a testing violations).

School morning schedule:

7:48 announcements

7:55 the start of specials. The kids that come late are stressed, embarrassed to disrupt the class

7:25 get breakfast if they want it, leisurely put their things up and do a warmup, talk to their friends

School traffic

Not a city rule to not turn left. The sign may have been put there by school staff. It’s not against the law to not park and let kids out on Northview drive, however considerably inconsiderate and dangerous.

When does testing start? Starts Tuesday for the next 3 weeks.

iReady

Benchmarks

Dibles from k-3 January 17th

Science Benchmark for 5th grade

ESOL

16-19th iReady will be locked during testing week

They can still use Dreambox-computer adaptive. Spending at least 20 minutes a day.

Mrs. Barber was pulled from classroom to help with small groups. A lot of skills that enforced. 4th and 5th grade were impacted by covid

Is there a signup for the media room? It will be provided at a later date.

Was TAG testing already done? Completed already

IS the school exploring any in person tutoring? Extended learning is for special ed but seeking funding for Do the Math for all other students

We are considered a Target School for funding. Given title 1 funding for the special ED that were hit the hardest during covid. Stay tuned for more information.