

Minutes
November PTA Meeting
Mantua Cafeteria November 5th 2021 at 9:30am

Call Meeting to order Jenn Ros at 9:30am

I. President's Report: Jenn Ros (on behalf of Kristina Clarke)

October 22 nd – we had our first teacher and staff appreciation event hosted by our Hospitality Committee – a Rockstar Welcome Breakfast!! Special thanks to Brian Collins for the music, volunteers who showed up to serve coffee, bagels and donuts, parents who came to cheer our fabulous teachers and especially Heather Muety for organizing a fun, energetic event!

We have several more fun ideas in store including a return of the pie gifts in November and a festive gift in December. We also had a lunch and poster for our fabulous custodians in the beginning of October.

Our grant program, the Mantua PTA Wish Fund is currently open for applications. There is a link on Facebook page, our website and in the newsletter. We encourage anyone in the community – staff, teachers, parents – if you have an idea that will benefit our students and teachers to please tell us about it and get your idea funded! We are trying to fund \$10K in grants. Past examples include the refillable water stations you see by the cafeteria and the gym, the flags you see hanging around the cafeteria here, the buddy bunch, many garden projects outside and our community track outside in the field. Deadline for submission is Sunday 11/14. Shout out to Amy Sheridan for leading that effort!

Also very exciting, last week was the return of a two great Mantua Elementary traditions – the Run for Rocky and the Spirit Parade. It was a great day to see the kids running, Rocky cheering and then later in the day each grade showing of their own theme dress up and the 6 th graders pumpkins and dancing! Thanks to Gretchen for organizing a great event and our fabulous staff and teachers supporting the run and pulling off the spirit parade!

More info to come soon on the Pie Program around Thanksgiving for the teachers by the PTA Hospitality program. Teachers loved this last year, so we will be doing it again.

II. Treasurer's Report: Sophany Setliff

We raised over \$30,000 so far from the Run for Rocky. Slightly lower than our goal, but great job. PTA also gave out teacher welcome checks last week.

If you have any questions about the budget, please contact Sophany.

III. Assistant Principal's Report: Amy Alley

Rockstar Breakfast for Staff was amazing!!! Thank you all so much! It was a huge hit and we're excited for more of these creative, festive events to celebrate our staff.

Thank you to all parents who helped out with Fall Parties for classes- teachers were worried this would be a lost tradition all together and with the help and creativity of parent volunteers many were still able to have a safe, fun, fall party.

Run 4 Rocky and Fall Spirit Parades were great! So fun to see kids all running around safely, all dressed up in their themed outfits! It was a great, exhausting, refreshing day!

We have gotten our tables in for outdoor lunch 2.0 plan – we are waiting on the shed to house them so they don't get ruined by weather overnight when not in use. We should be taking delivery of the shed soon.

Due to supply chain shortages, Crustables are running low. Your student may or may not be able to get them. They would like to try to save them for the kids with dietary restrictions/religious dietary needs.

Testing Updates:

1. COgAT window extended for makeups and incompletes through November. Large scale technical issues with the testing software, but overall Mantua did very well managing the testing – including no 2nd graders who have to make up their COgAT due to technical issues.
2. NNAT window now December 1-7
 - a. Grades 2-7 with NO ABILITY TEST ON FILE
3. SEL Screener window has closed, the county has given guidance on how schools are to look at that collected data and support students in their Social/Emotional Health

Between now and Next Meeting:

Admin has planned a great reward “surprise” for students – we can't say what it is but it involves chicken and dancing.

Enrichment starts next week! We are excited to see that return to Mantua.

Veterans Day 10/11 – 2 hour early release for students

FLE Parent Preview Night – Virtual – November 17 6 – 630

Drama Club Variety Show – November 18

Thanksgiving Break November 24-26 – 24 is off completely, no early release – there is no school.

IV. VP of Programs: Jenn Ros

Garden – Fall Clean up day tomorrow! Please see the newsletter for more details and sign up.

DRAMA - Drama Club will be hosting our November Workshop Performance on Nov 18th - open to just families of the performers. Our Spring production will begin in mid February.

Raccoon Runners are running and planning to participate in the Mantua Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning!

Chat'n Chew – Meetings will start this month, please be patient as we get this rolling. It's a lot to manage in a normal year. Most meetings will take place before or after school.

Basketball – Evaluations took place last week, the coordinators are making teams, ordering shirts and making the schedules. Should kick off around Thanksgiving.

Reflections - Miki Welck sent an update:

We have 19 entries - an entry in all categories except for dance.

2 - Film Production

1 - Literature

2 - Music Composition

3 - Photography

11 - Visual Arts

The entries breakdown into the following divisions:

8 - Primary Division (K-2nd grade)

10 - Intermediate Division (3rd-5th grade)

1 - Middle School Division (6th-8th grade)

Enrichment – Registration for the late fall session has closed and classes start next week! We do plan on offering another session in the winter.

Directory is in the final stages of approval and should be sent out early next week.

Book Fair is coming!! Since we won't have our Thanksgiving luncheon, we have a fun alternative. We'll have hours on Saturday, Nov. 13th with Hangry Panda food truck and Krispy Kreme donuts for a family picnic, play on the field and playground. And we'll stay open for evening hours on the 16th and 17th. VOLUNTEERS

WILL BE NEEDED!

KCC Food Drive – Please check the newsletter for the video the KCC kids made. Through November 17th, we will be collecting food that supports families in our own neighborhood and school. The food drive collection box will be placed outside of the front office tomorrow afternoon. The classroom with the most donations will get to turn Principal Shannon into a mummy with toilet paper! Be sure your donation is clearly labeled with your students teacher and grade so we know who to give credit to for the competition.

V. VP of Fundraising and Membership: Jenn Ros (on behalf of Gretchen West)

Today is the last day for the Run for Rocky. Donations, prize winners, etc. will be announced on Monday. Thanks to everyone for their donations.

We didn't hit our goal, but we raised \$4100 in sponsorships, etc., so we are close!

Working on the next Restaurant Night, so stay tuned.

Next big fundraiser will be the Read a thon – more info coming on that soon!

Meeting adjourns: 10:00am