

kNightly News

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Parent Teacher Association



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UPCOMING EVENTS

1/13/2016	Buffalo Wild Wings Dining Day
1/18/2016	No school (MLK)
1/23/2016	Snow Star Tubing Night
1/27/2016	Early Release 1:10
2/1-5	Book Fair
2/4	Book Fair Dinner
2/5	Special Person Breakfast
2/8-2/12	Conferences
2/9	PTA Meeting
2/10	Early Release 1:10
2/11	Valentine's Day Parties
2/15	Presidents Day (No School)
2/24	Elementary Facilities Plan
2/25	Parade of Bands
3/1/16	Moe's Dining Night (5-8)
4/8/2016	Trivia Night

Principal's Corner



Julie Trepa, Principal

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Parking:

I received the following picture from our transportation department pleading for our assistance. As you can see, there are numerous cars parked in our NO PARKING/EMERGENCY VEHICLE lane.



Unfortunately, this is not an unusual occurrence. Many ideas have been formulated and discussed at the building level as well as our last PTA meeting. However, **what it boils down to is that we ALL need to invest in our student's safety.** There are signs and paint clearly indicating no parking areas and we have staff supervising bus duty and drop/off pick up areas. PLEASE listen to our staff when they ask you to follow procedures. BE A GOOD ROLE MODEL for your children. PLEASE do NOT let a catastrophe cause us to change our inappropriate

actions. PLEASE help us be PROACTIVE.

As a reminder:

- There is NO PARKING in our circle drive. This is reserved for our buses and daycare vans only; as well as emergency vehicles as needed.
- The drop off/pick up area alongside the gym is meant for exactly that, drop off and pick up. If you plan to leave your vehicle, you need to park in the designated parking spaces in the parking lot.
- The back playground area by the back door is a NO PARKING zone. There is a chain to indicate NO PARKING. PLEASE do NOT take this chain down. The NO PARKING hours are indicated on the sign.
- PLEASE do not drive and use your cell phone.
- As cars move up, please close the gap in the line. Do not stay in one spot. This causes traffic back-ups and slows down the efficiency of the pick up/drop off lane.
- Use the crosswalks in front of the school and on Crow Creek when crossing roadways. PLEASE do not encourage your students to cross roadways outside of crosswalks. Not only is this against city ordinance, it is EXTREMELY unsafe.
- If there is red paint on the curb, it is a NO PARKING area.

Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation with helping our kids stay safe!

Presidents' Notes

We cannot say thank you enough to all who came to the very first PTA Forum. We were very excited for the turnout and hope many more will join us in February. We had so many great discussions that did not only address concerns, but generated a list of great solutions. This was our first go at it and like we stated before, during and at the end...This forum was not the only time or place to address concerns in our control. Please at anytime contact Stacie or I (Debbie) or anyone else on the board. We would love to help you come up with a solution or possibly inform you with a quick answer.

Special Report: Please do not forget to log your volunteer hours. We do turn in total hours to show how awesome our parents are by giving their time and effort into making Paul Norton a great place. This leads me to my newsflash: Don't Forget to Sign Up to volunteer for Book Fair. Please check your email and facebook for the sign-up genius link or you can even click on this link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094eafaf2da20-book/>

Request: Mrs. Honn is setting up a "Maker Space" in the library and she is requesting small donations if possible. Here is a list of materials she is requesting. Please make sure when you send in any **gently used item it is marked "Maker Space" or "Mrs. Honn". You can also drop them off in the library. She would greatly appreciate it!**

Popsicle sticks
empty pop cans
buttons
legos
Duck tape
packing peanuts
old tools
string
craft sticks
yarn
plastic craft eyes
plastic cups
thread
sewing needles
puzzles
felt
deck of cards
coffee filters
marble sets
straws
cardboard boxes

We hope to see everyone February 9th!

We are on **Facebook!** Search for and "like" The Paul Norton Elementary PTA. We will be sharing PTA news along with school and district information.

*Stacie Giesecke, Co-President / Debbie Potts, Co-President /
Andrea Stellmach, V.P. of Norton Night /
Lisa Fiedler, V.P. of Fundraising / Lori Hueser, Treasurer /
Rena Huesmann, Secretary*

Secretary's Notes

Meeting minutes from January's meeting are attached.

Paul Norton PTA Meeting

January 12, 2016

The January meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by PTA Co-Presidents Stacie Giesecke and Debbie Potts.

Those in attendance were: Debbie Potts, Stacie Giesecke, Lisa Fiedler, Lori Hueser, Andrea Stellmach, Kayla Block, Michelle Silvera, Abbie Keibler, Heather Herring, Jody Murray, Sara Husser, Linda Smithson, Jeff Smithson, Michelle Hayes, Lynn Schulte, Sara Honn and Mrs. Trepá. Our special guests tonight included: Laura Milburn (1st Grade Teacher), Amy Runde (Kindergarten Teacher), Cassie Schadt (Resource) and Sara Honn (Librarian).

Paul Norton PTA secretary Renae Huesmann was unable to attend this month's meeting. Notes were passed along to her and the following is her abridged version.

Following the regular PTA meeting, a town hall forum was held. Four main areas were discussed along with possible solutions. The areas included school grounds, communication between school and parents, parking lot safety and lunch room procedures.

REPORT OF OFFICES

Principal's Report: Mrs. Trepá reported that there will be an Elementary Building Facilities meeting on Tuesday, January 19th at Paul Norton. The district will be presenting options for future building improvements at Paul Norton. Everyone is encouraged to attend this meeting from 6-8 pm. If you are unable to attend, there will be an all-district meeting at a later date to be held at the PAC. Several new students have joined us at Paul Norton. These students are feeling very welcomed and we should be proud of this. Mrs. Trepá reported that MaryAnne Canfield presented a Box Tops check for \$979.50. She reported that the teachers have written two grants for the Bettendorf Foundation to review in the near future. One is a K-3 STEM Grant that includes Robotics, Dash-n-Dot, B-Bops and Lego Wonder Works. The second grant is a family focused grant where families can come in together and build and create. Sara Honn reported that these STEM nights would happen once per trimester. Both grants are using money from the PTA as matching funds, as well as building funds. Mrs. Trepá thanked the PTA for their support in the writing of these grants.

President's Report: A teacher's wish list was placed in the lounge. Short term items that the PTA hopes to fill are: post it chart paper, a blanket for the nurses office, ball tubs for playground equipment, electric pencil sharpeners, DVD player, bocce balls and an emergency food cupboard. Long term items include; seat cushions for student chairs, wiggle seats, nonfiction books, headphones and charging stations. Heather Herring has agreed to chair the emergency food fund. It might include such items as pop tarts, prepackaged fruit and granola bars. These items would be used on a need to basis for kids that come to school hungry. Donations of underwear and sweatpants are needed in the nurse's office. If you have items to donate, please bring to the office. Extra Norton spirit wear is also appreciated.

Treasurer's Report: Lori Hueser reported on our financial status for the month, which can be found within the newsletter.

Secretary's Report: In Renae's absence the December minutes were presented for approval. Debbie Potts approved them and Stacie Giesecke seconded them. Student directories are available in the office for \$5 each.

V.P. of Fundraising: Lisa Fiedler reported that a Buffalo Wild Wings Dining night is scheduled for January 13 and will run all day long. A reminder to all was made to use the code "NORTON" when ordering tickets at the IWireless Center. If you are shopping at K & K Hardware let them know you go to Paul Norton at checkout. Any family or friend of the school can sign up for a Schnuck's card. This can give you discounts and also will give funds to Paul Norton PTA. Forms are available in the school office.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Book Fair: Debbie Potts reported for Renae Huesmann and Kristin Winkler that plans are under way for this year's book fair. "Feelin' Groovy.....Peace, Love, Books" will be held from February 1-5th. The dinner will be on Thursday the 4th from 5:30-7:30 pm. and the Special Person's Breakfast will be on Friday the 5th starting at 7:20 am. This week long event takes MANY volunteers to make it a success. A signup genius was emailed out. If you wish to help, please contact Renae @ rhuesmann35@mchsi.com or 563-343-7182.

Newsletter submissions may be emailed to pnnewsletter@hotmail.com. The deadline for information to be included in the month's "Knightly News" is the Thursday following the meeting.

We are on Facebook! Search for and "like" The Paul Norton Elementary PTA. We will be sharing PTA news along with school and district information. Newsletters and other important information can be found at <http://pn.bettendorf.k12.ia.us/>.

Please remember to track your volunteer hours at home and turn them into the office. Thank you.

Please join us on February 9 at 7 p.m. for our next PTA meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Renae Huesmann, Paul Norton PTA Secretary

VP Norton Night Notes

None for this month.

VP Fundraising Notes

None for this month.

Treasurer's Report

Following are the treasury reports. More questions can be directed to PTA Treasurer.

BUDGET REPORT

Paul Norton PTA				Dec-15			
				Bank Rec			
Description	Deposits			Acct code	Code	Code totals	
					1		
Starting balance	30,239.81	0		30,239.81	2		
					3	1791.9	
2-Dec Monkey Joes	\$83.90				3	4 32.74	
16-Dec Schnucks	\$32.74				4	5	
21-Dec Fundraising	\$1,270.00				3	1824.64	
23-Dec Dining Tour, Fund, Di	\$396.00				3		
28-Dec Fundraising	\$42.00				3		
Total Dep	\$1,824.64			1824.64			
Ck #	Description	Withdrawals	Cleared	Acct code	Code	Code totals	
1023	Save Around	-2,070.00	(\$2,070.00)	16	7	471.73	
1022	Norton Night	(\$37.56)	(\$37.56)	7	11	461.67	
Debit	Gifts	(\$250.00)	(\$250.00)	11	13	750.5	
1030	Norton Night	(\$65.82)	(\$65.82)	7	16	3232.8	
1021	Iowa PTA Dues	(\$750.50)	(\$750.50)	13		4916.7	
1029	Norton Night	(\$15.80)	(\$15.80)	7			
1032	Classroom Startup	(\$211.67)	(\$211.67)	11			
1031	Norton Night	(\$33.33)	(\$33.33)	7			
1033	Fall Festival	(\$319.22)	(\$319.22)	7			
1034	Fundraising	(\$14.00)		16			
1035	Fundraising	(\$1,162.80)	(\$1,162.80)	16			
Total withdrawl		-4,930.70	(\$4,916.70)	(\$4,916.70)			
		Ck outstanding					
Ck #		(subtract)					
1034	Norton Night	(\$14.00)					
Total outstanding		(\$14.00)					
Ending bank balance		27,147.45		27,147.75			
Subtract total outstanding				(\$14.00)			
Ck register balance				27,133.75			

Treasurer's Report

Year-to-Date Statement				
2014-2015				
31-Dec				
INCOME-			2015/2016	2015/2016
Fundraisers & Activities:	Income	Expenses	Actual	Budget
Book Fair Dinner	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Box Tops	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
Dining Tour Books	\$ 6,487.00	\$ (2,182.00)	\$ 4,305.00	\$ 1,500.00
Fundraisers - D.N./Foundation e	\$ 1,645.23	\$ (1,162.80)	\$ 482.43	\$ 1,000.00
Fall Fundraiser	\$ 6,244.00	\$ (4,036.00)	\$ 2,208.00	\$ 1,000.00
K & K School Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30.00
Membership/Directories/Dues	\$ 1,453.00	\$ (750.50)	\$ 702.50	\$ 700.00
Norton Night	\$ 16,251.64	\$ (3,974.27)	\$ 12,277.37	\$ 10,000.00
Schnucks	\$ 160.13		\$ 160.13	\$ 300.00
Target	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00	\$ 2,000.00
Trivia Night	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Yearbook	\$ 15.00	\$ (3,043.17)	\$ (3,028.17)	\$ 200.00
Spiritwear	\$ 458.40	\$ -	\$ 458.40	\$ 500.00
Interest/Bank Charges	\$ 103.88	\$ (113.04)	\$ (9.16)	\$ 10.00
Total Income	\$ 32,918.28	\$ (3,156.21)	\$ 17,656.50	\$ 20,040.00
EXPENSES-			2015/2016	2015/2016
Academic:	Income	Expenses	Actual	Budget
Visiting Author	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,000.00)
Birthday Book Club		\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,250.00)
Resource Materials		\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,000.00)
Birthday Window			\$ -	\$ (50.00)
Class Room Start-up Gift	\$ -	\$ (1,739.01)	\$ (1,739.01)	\$ (6,600.00)
CML		\$ (345.00)	\$ (345.00)	\$ (400.00)
Directories		\$ (13.36)	\$ (13.36)	\$ (300.00)
Donations/Scholarships	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ (150.00)
End of Year Event		\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,300.00)
Fall Festival	\$ -	\$ (319.22)	\$ (319.22)	\$ (400.00)
Family Events	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (500.00)
Fifth Grade Event/Memory Book	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (900.00)
Gifts		\$ (250.00)	\$ (250.00)	\$ (150.00)
Grant Funds			\$ -	\$ (250.00)
Grounds/Atrium Beautification		\$ (42.62)	\$ (42.62)	\$ (100.00)
Hospitality		\$ (130.18)	\$ (130.18)	\$ (300.00)
Ice Cream Social	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (275.00)
Liability Insurance		\$ (290.00)	\$ (290.00)	\$ (350.00)
New Family Welcome			\$ -	\$ (75.00)
PTA Office Supplies	\$ 20.00	\$ (68.99)	\$ (48.99)	\$ (150.00)
PTA Program Expenses		\$ (423.21)	\$ (423.21)	\$ (750.00)
Patrol/Conflict Managers Party		\$ -	\$ -	\$ (100.00)
Playground Supplies			\$ -	\$ (400.00)
Science Fest		\$ -	\$ -	\$ (100.00)
Staff Appreciation		\$ -	\$ -	\$ (600.00)
Talent Show		\$ -	\$ -	\$ (300.00)

Total Other Expenses	\$ 220.00	\$ (3,621.59)	\$ (3,401.59)	\$ (20,750.00)
Total Expenses				
Net Change in Fund Balance			\$ 17,656.50	\$ 20,040.00

Teacher Notes



Knightly News Submissions and Editing:

For items to be included in the newsletter, please submit all items by the **THURSDAY following the PTA meeting** to the following address:

pnnewsletter@hotmail.com

This newsletter was assembled by Kara Mitvalsky. The PTA presidents and school principal provide final edits to the newsletter prior to posting online. An abbreviated newsletter will come home as a paper copy.