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PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION



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UPCOMING EVENTS

12/22/2015	Winter Parties
12/22/2015	Early Release 2:20
12/23/2015	Begin Winter Break
1/4/2016	Return to School
1/12/2016	PTA Meeting
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
2/1-5/2016	Book Fair
2/4/2016	Book Fair Dinner
2/5/2016	Special Person Breakfast
4/8/2016	Trivia Night



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Important Reminders: SAFETY must come first

We have had some “close calls” recently both in our parking lot and on Crow Creek with vehicles nearly missing children that are not using the crosswalk, both with and without parents’ supervision. We have staff assigned to assist with such procedures. However, please be kind to the staff as they enforce our school wide procedures for safety. They are only looking out for you and your child’s safety. We want to be sure to model ARMOR (Active listening, respect, manners, organization, and responsibility) as adults as well.

- Students may enter the building at 8:10. Please do not drop your students off prior to 8:10, as there is no supervision available for your student prior to 8:10. We have been experiencing large numbers of students being dropped off early, which means they must wait in the cold and unsupervised. This is simply an unsafe practice. Please plan accordingly.
- Breakfast is served from 7:50-8:10. Students eating breakfast at school may arrive at 7:50 for breakfast.
- We go outside for recess unless it is below 0 degrees windchill. Please be sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather conditions.
- Please observe and follow the signs posted. Do NOT enter the circle drive. During drop off and pick up times, this area is reserved for buses and daycare vans only. During the school day, this area serves as our fire/emergency area. It is imperative that emergency vehicles be able to access this area in the case of an emergency. It is most important during bad weather and during our party days; as these are times that some individuals feel the rules do not apply to them. These are actually the times we most NEED people to follow the rules. Your students’ safety is at stake!
- Be sure you have a designated meeting place for you to meet your child after school. If you wish to meet your child on the Crow Creek side of the school, students needing to cross the street MUST use the crosswalk. Please be sure to use the crosswalks when walking with your children and encourage them to do so when they must walk on their own. This is a city ordinance, not just a school rule. For safety’s sake, please serve as good role models when needing to cross the street.
- Please remember that siblings are not allowed to attend field trips or school parties. This includes younger and older siblings. The events are designed to support those in the classroom and not additional guests.



We thank you, in advance, for your cooperation. Please remember such rules and procedures exist for the safety of our students, staff, and guests.

Julie Trepka, Principal

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PRESIDENTS' NOTES

President's Notes

The PTA wants to wish everyone a safe and Happy Winter Break! Stacie and I have had a great time getting to know many of you at the PTA meetings and with the new year coming we would like to try some new things with our PTA meetings. Stacie and I took on this position to help continue making Paul Norton an amazing place for our students. We know the only way that will continue to happen is by us parents working closely with our children's teachers.

The first thing we are going to try new is place a teacher/staff wish board in the office workroom. Our goal is to grant a couple wishes each month. We want to keep the surprises coming throughout the year to let the teachers know we appreciate them! We have already granted wish #1: Staff lounge received paper products to accommodate their lunches.

The second thing we are going to try is make our January PTA meeting more of an open forum. We would like to hear suggestions of future possibilities and how we can make them happen. We would also like to address and help find resolutions of concerns that are in our control. We really hope to see everyone back and more at our January 12th PTA meeting at 7pm in the school's library!

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 December's meeting are attached.

Paul Norton PTA Meeting

December 8, 2015

The December meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by PTA Co-Presidents Stacie Giesecke and Debbie Potts.

Those in attendance were: Debbie Potts, Stacie Giesecke, Renae Huesmann, Lisa Fiedler, Kristin Winkler, Lynn Schulte, Angela Farmer and Mrs. Trepa. Our special guests tonight included: Emily Boblett (Music Teacher), Jocelyn Kyte (Academic Coach), and Heather Hiatt (Academic Coach).

REPORT OF OFFICES

Principal's Report: Mrs. Trepa 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. If you are unable to attend, there will be an all-district meeting at a later date to be held at the PAC. ARMOR t-shirts will be distributed and all kids are asked to wear them on December 15th. Light bulb replacement will take place over winter break and the cost is being covered by the district. These new bulbs will help students with sensory issues and those prone to migraines. This summer, Paul Norton is slated for playground repairs/improvements. Resurfacing of the front playground could take place at a cost of \$73,000. New equipment and resurfacing of the back playground would cost \$125,000. Funding for these projects is being pursued. The Iowa legislature has voted and passed the Smarter Balanced testing as a replacement to ITBS. It will start in the spring of 2017. For more information on Smarter Balanced, please visit smarterbalanced.org.

President's Report: Stacie Giesecke reported that the January PTA meeting will center around a town hall meeting forum. All are welcome to bring their concerns, but only if you have possible solutions to go with them. It is our hope that we can brainstorm these concerns. A teacher's wish board will be added to the teacher's lounge. Teachers will be encouraged to add items as they need them.

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

Secretary's Report: Renae Huesmann presented minutes from the November meeting for approval. Stacie Giesecke motioned to approve and Angela Farmer seconded the motion. Student directories are available in the office for \$5 each.

V.P. of Fundraising: Lisa Fiedler reported that the recent Monkey Joe's night made \$83.90. A Buffalo Wild Wings Dining night is scheduled for January 13 and will run all day long. The canvas prints fundraiser is due December 14 and will be ready for pick up at school on December 18th. Thank you to PrecisionSignz for making this fundraiser possible. 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

Trivia Night: Debbie Potts reported for Jody Murray. Trivia Night will be held on April 8th at the Knights of Columbus. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of medals for Run Into Summer. More details will follow as the event draws near.

Snowstar: Debbie Potts reported for Jody Schneider. This year's Snowstar Tubing Night will be on Saturday, January 23rd. A flyer to sign up will go home with your child soon.

CML: Angela Farmer reported the possibility of a Coding Club that would be run through the CML club. Angela will look into it and report back.

Book Fair: Renae Huesmann and Kristin Winkler reported 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 and the Special Person's Breakfast will be on Friday the 5th. If you wish to help, please contact Renae @ rhuesmann35@mchsi.com.

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

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

Debbie Potts motioned that the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p.m. and Stacie Giesecke seconded the motion.

Please join us on January 12 at 7 p.m. for our next PTA meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Renae Huesmann, Paul Norton PTA Secretary

VP NORTON NIGHT NOTES

VP FUNDRAISING NOTES

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Year-to-Date Statement

2014-2015

30-Nov

INCOME-			2015/2016	2015/2016
Fundraisers & Activities:	Income	Expenses	Actual	Budget
Book Fair Dinner	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$100.00
Box Tops	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$1,200.00
Dining Tour Books	\$6,137.00	(\$2,182.00)	\$3,955.00	\$1,500.00
Fundraisers - D.N./Foundation etc	\$208.33		\$208.33	\$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	\$1,448.00	(\$750.50)	\$697.50	\$700.00
Norton Night	\$16,251.64	(\$3,859.32)	\$12,392.32	\$10,000.00
Schnucks	\$127.39		\$127.39	\$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	\$31,093.64	(\$3,156.21)	\$17,109.61	\$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	\$-	(\$1,527.04)	\$1,527.04	(\$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	\$-	\$-	\$-	(\$400.00)
Family Events	\$-	\$-	\$-	(\$500.00)
Fifth Grade Event/Memory Book	\$-	\$-	\$-	(\$900.00)
Gifts		\$-	\$-	(\$150.00)
Grant Funds			\$-	(\$250.00)
Grounds 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)
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$31,313.64	(\$5,996.61)	\$25,317.03	(\$20,750.00)

Paul Norton PTA

15-Nov

Bank Rec

Description	Deposits	Acct code	Code	Code totals
Starting balance	\$29,393.48			1 \$103.04 2 \$960 3 \$8,559.33
29-Oct Norton Night	\$200.00		2	4 \$29.37
29-Oct Norton Night	\$175.00		2	5
29-Oct Norton Night	\$430.00		2	Bank Transfer \$510.19
29-Oct Norton Night	\$120.00		2	
3-Nov Norton Night	\$35.00		2	\$10,161.93
9-Nov Bank Fee Reversal	\$78.00		1	
9-Nov Bank Fee Reversal	\$5.46		1	
9-Nov Bank Fee Reversal	\$18.30		1	
9-Nov Bank Fee Reversal	\$1.28		1	
9-Nov Dining Tour	\$2,090.00		3	
9-Nov Dining Tour	\$112.00		3	
17-Nov Schunks	\$29.37		4	
18-Nov Fall Fundraiser/Dining Night	\$6,332.33		3	
23-Nov Adjustment for 11/18 Dep	\$20.00		3	
24-Nov Directory/Membership	\$5.00		3	
18-Nov Bank Transfer	\$510.19			
Total Dep	10161.93	\$39,555.41		

Ck #	Description	Withdrawals	Cleared	Acct code	Code	Code totals
1011	Norton Night	(\$420.00)	(\$420.00)		7	7 \$8,779.72
1015	Norton Night	(\$32.04)	(\$32.04)		7	11 \$504.55
1003	Classroom Start Up	(\$155.63)	(\$155.63)		11	13 \$31.33
1016	Norton Night	(\$72.22)	(\$72.22)		7	
1014	Norton Night	(\$342.41)	(\$342.41)		7	\$9,315.60
1017	Yearbooks	(\$3,043.17)	(\$3,043.17)		7	
1020	PTA Office Supplies	(\$31.33)	(\$31.33)		13	
1018	Norton Night	(\$17.56)	(\$17.56)		7	
1019	Norton Night	(\$138.90)	(\$138.90)		7	
1010	Norton Night	(\$294.25)	(\$294.25)		7	
1027	Fall Fundraiser	(\$4,036.00)	(\$4,036.00)		7	
1025	Norton Night	(\$216.80)	(\$216.80)		7	
1028	Classroom Start Up	(\$141.10)	(\$141.10)		11	
1021	Membership Dues	(\$790.50)				
1022	Norton Night	(\$37.56)				
1023	Dining Tour	(\$2,070.00)				
29-Oct	Dining Tour	(\$100.00)	(\$100.00)		7	
29-Oct	Dining Tour	(\$12.00)	(\$12.00)		7	
CK 1002	Norton Night	(\$54.37)	(\$54.37)		7	
CK 1013	Classroom Start Up	(\$207.82)	(\$207.82)		11	
Total withdrawl		-12173.66	-9315.6	-9315.6		

Ck #	Description	Withdrawals	Cleared	Acct code	Code	Code totals
						Ck outstanding (subtract)
1021	Membership	(\$790.50)				
1022	Norton Night	(\$37.56)				
1023	Dining Tour	(\$2,070.00)				
Total outstanding		-2858.06				-2858.06
Ending bank balance						30239.81
Subtract total outstanding						(\$2,858.06)
Ck register balance						27381.75

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.