

# KNIGHTLY NEWS

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TEACHER ASSOCIATION*



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

9/23/2015 Early Release 1:10 pm

9/29/2015 Popcorn Sale

10/1/2015 BHS Homecoming Parade

10/5/2015 PN Skating Party 6-8pm

Look for Pie Sale Order forms in student folders

10/13/2015 PTA Meeting 7:00pm

10/13/2015 Panera Dine-Out Night

10/24/2015 Norton Night 3-6pm

10/29/2015 Fall Festival 6pm

10/30/2015 Pie Sale Order forms due

# PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

## Welcome Back!

We are off to a great start to the school year. We have many new families this year, so please be sure to say hello and introduce yourself to those you may not know. We currently have **461** students enrolled and counting!

## Raptor

For our new families, Raptor is a security system with which you will become very familiar. The process can take a few minutes if you haven't had your driver's license scanned already, so please plan accordingly when you plan to visit the building. If our system is down at any time, we will ask you to present your ID to check in, so please be sure to have your ID with you anytime you plan to visit the building. The security system checks the sex offender registry and will alert us to any court orders that would require the adult to not have contact with a child. This is just one more way we strive to provide a safe, learning environment for our students.

## ARMOR

This is an acronym that we are utilizing in our building with our students. We tell them "At Paul Norton, we use our ARMOR to Do the Right Thing and Treat People Right." What does ARMOR stand for? A (active listening), R (respect), M (manners), O (organization), and R (responsibility). Students are earning golden tickets when caught using their ARMOR. Any certified or classified staff member can pass out these golden tickets. Once each class reaches 50, they receive a classroom celebration. When each classroom has reached their celebration....the whole school will celebrate! We all need a pat on the back or a small gesture to validate all the great things we do. We have fabulous students and this is one way we can recognize all the great things they do on a regular basis!!

## THANK YOU

Thank you to the PTA for providing our school with numerous resources to help Paul Norton be a great place to learn! With the funds from Trivia Night last year and other fundraising ventures, we have ordered light filters for the entire building! These filters will benefit our kiddos that experience sensory issues and/or are more prone to migraines. They will also be pleasing to the eye, as they are blue with clouds and will let the classrooms feel like they have skylights. ☺ We have also ordered four soccer goals for our playground and will be sending home t-shirt order forms so that all students can have an ARMOR t-shirt free of charge. We thought it might be good to wait until this onslaught of t-shirt orders dies down! These are just a few of the things we are able to provide because of the support from our PTA! Your support covering recess duties, volunteering in our classrooms and supporting your student's education at home are all ways you help to make Paul Norton a great place to learn! THANK YOU!!!

Julie Trep  
Principal

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# PRESIDENTS' NOTES

Welcome to the 2015-2016 School Year! Stacie Giesecke and Debbie Potts are your new PTA Presidents!!! We are so excited to start this school year as your Presidents. We had an amazing turn out at our first PTA meeting. Don't worry if you could not make the meeting, because THE PAUL NORTON KNIGHTLY NEWS will contain a list of upcoming events, minutes from the most recent PTA Meeting courtesy of Mrs. Renae Huesmann, the Treasurer's Report courtesy of Mrs. Lori Hueser, a message from the PTA Presidents courtesy of Mrs. Stacie Giesecke and Mrs. Debbie Potts, and other important committee news courtesy of all our amazing committee chair people. An abridged paper copy will come home each month but the full version will be available ONLINE at <http://pn.bettendorf.k12.ia.us/>.

Paul Norton's new school year has been and will be filled with fun and new experiences. We are really hoping to meet and work with a lot of new and old friends. We hope those who joined us for the "Unpack Your Backpack" had a great experience meeting new and returning teachers, while you familiarized yourself in classrooms. We hope you enjoyed our new twist on our special treat Tropical Sno that evening. We are very excited for this new school year and we welcome everyone to come and be a part of PTA! Stacie and I have adopted the motto, "Let's help make our children and teacher's experience and memories AMAZING by working together as parents while having **FUN!!!!**"

## **With that being said...VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:**

Jennifer Walter is our volunteer coordinator for this school year. She has been busy inputting all of the volunteer information. If you have not yet signed up to assist with an event and would still like to, please contact Jennifer ([jawalter@q.com](mailto:jawalter@q.com)), the chair of that committee, or either President Stacie G./Debbie P. and they will gladly accept your volunteer time. It takes many, many hours of work to put on all of the great programming events for the children. **Please do not forget to track your volunteer hours done and home and turn them into the office!** Thank you.

The **2015-2016 Student Directory** is almost ready to go to the printer! We would like to give a HUGE shout out to Renae Huesmann for all of her efforts in creating this for our school. WOOT WOOT!!!!

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 /  
Renae Huesmann, Secretary**

# SECRETARY'S NOTES

## Paul Norton PTA Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2015

The September meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by PTA Co-President's Debbie Potts and Stacie Giesecke.

Those in attendance were: Debbie Potts, Stacie Giesecke, Renae Huesmann, Lori Hueser, Lisa Fiedler, Andrea Stellmach, Steve Geifman, Joelle McDermott, Angi Ballard, Kara Mitvalsky, Kim Day, Mary Jane Holmlund, Abbie Keibler, Jody Murray, Jennifer Walter, Katie Selden, Jean Moran, Linda Smithson, Heather Herring, Amy Smith, Kim Stevens, Erin Haynes, AneMarie Gauea, Allison Fritz, Kristin Winkler, Crystal Wagner and Julie Trepá. Our special guests tonight included: Debbie Miller (academic interventionist), Briana Jimmerson ( 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher), Kathy Pickett (5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher), and Christine Walker (art teacher).

### REPORT OF OFFICES

Principal's Report: Mrs. Trepá reported that the new air conditioning is in and after a few false starts, is working well. Over the summer, TV and audio systems were installed in the café. The audio system will be used in the gym as well. Also arriving soon and funded by the PTA are 4 soccer goals for the playground. Light filters (PTA funded) for all rooms will be installed to help students with sensory issues and those prone to migraines. Finally, t-shirts for all students and staff will be ordered shortly. They will display our ARMOR slogan.

The homecoming parade is coming up soon and Mrs. Trepá is looking for a truck and trailer to use for the Paul Norton float. If you know of someone willing to help out, please contact the Paul Norton office. The school is currently undergoing tuck-pointing to repair the weathered joints in the brick exterior. Parents are being asked if they can cover recess duty on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. The teachers kick off the school year picnic was rained out before school started. They are having their picnic on the 23<sup>rd</sup> at lunch time. In order for all to attend, the recess duty needs to be covered. If you wish to help out, please contact Debbie Potts @ [sddxpotts@msn.com](mailto:sddxpotts@msn.com) or Stacie Giesecke @ [stacieg@mchsi.com](mailto:stacieg@mchsi.com).

President's Report: Debbie Potts and Stacie Giesecke reported that a few committee positions remain open for this year. Those positions include: Popcorn, Family Events, Book Fair Dinner and Special Persons Breakfast. Please consider leading one of these committees. If no one does, they may have to be canceled. Kara Mitvalsky will coordinate the online newsletter. A reminder was made to log all volunteer hours. Spirit Wear will all be done online this year & delivery will be made to your home. Look for more information coming home soon. Please feel free to write down any questions or ideas that you have for the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Lori Hueser reported on our financial status for the month, which can be found within the newsletter. Tropical Sno was at Unpack your Backpack night and \$100 was

made. The first popcorn sale of the year made \$310.49 that will be used as startup funds for Norton Night.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the May meeting were presented for approval. Kara Mitvalsky motioned to approve and Stacie Giesecke seconded the motion.

Renaë Huesmann circulated Thank You notes from staff appreciation in May and the retirement party in May hosted by the PTA. A reminder was made to sign in at the start of the PTA meeting. This is used to log volunteer hours as well as document in the minutes, who attended the meeting. There is still time to turn in your information to be included in the Paul Norton Student Directory. All questions should be directed to Renaë @ [rhuesmann35@mchis.com](mailto:rhuesmann35@mchis.com).

V.P. of Fundraising: Lisa Fiedler along with Lori Hueser reported on "Why does the PTA Fundraise?" which can be found as an attachment in the newsletter. A reminder to all was made to use the code "NORTON" when ordering tickets at the IWireless Center. If you are attending the Monster Jam on May 16-17, please remember to use the code. 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. Remember to turn in Campbell's soup labels, box tops and old printer cartridges.

V.P. of Norton Night: Andrea Stellmach reported that plans for Norton Night are going well. Norton Night will be held on October 24, 2015. ***Please note a time change this year.*** It will be held from **3-6 pm** to accommodate those who wish to attend the Halloween Parade. There will be new games this year, balloon animals and the always popular bounce house. Many volunteers are still needed to make this event a success. Donations of pop, Gatorade, cakes, brownies, cookies, ""jars", Silent Auction items and gently used books are also needed. If you wish to donate these items please go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0849aeac2faa8-norton5> or email Kara Mitvalsky @ [kara\\_mitvalsky@yahoo.com](mailto:kara_mitvalsky@yahoo.com). This event can't be done without your help! If you have any questions about Norton Night, please contact Andrea @ [alstellmach@hotmail.com](mailto:alstellmach@hotmail.com).

## REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Fall Festival: Kim Stevens reported that plans are under way for the FREE evening of fun. There will be a movie, goodies and a parade of school appropriate costumes. The district calendar lists October 29 for the event date, but this may change. Information will follow when the date becomes set.

Playground/Grounds: Steve Geifman reported that he has met with Chris Andres (BCSD grounds maintenance) and addressed many grounds issues for Paul Norton. A tree was recently removed and cleanup of the fence lines will happen soon. A lawn service has been hired to mow and trim weeds on a bi-weekly basis.

Volunteer Coordinator: Jennifer Walter reported that if you wish to volunteer in any capacity, you may contact her @ [jeffjennwalter@gmail.com](mailto:jeffjennwalter@gmail.com). If you head a committee and need volunteers, please contact Jennifer for a list of helpers.

Room Parent Coordinator: Renae Huesmann reported for Lynn Schulte. We still need head room parents. There are many parents who want to help; we just need someone to coordinate each room. If you wish to do this, please contact Lynn @ [lmschulte@me.com](mailto:lmschulte@me.com).

Newsletter submissions may be emailed to [pnnewsletter@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was given by Debbie Potts at 8:02 p.m. and seconded by Lori Hueser.

**Please join us on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. for our next PTA meeting. This is a date change from the district calendar.**

Respectfully submitted by Renae Huesmann, Paul Norton PTA Secretary

# TREASURER'S REPORT

**Treasurer's Report  
Monthly Statement  
Aug-15**

		<b>Starting Balance</b>	
Checking		\$13,069.92	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,069.92</b>	
		<b>Funds Raised-Deposits</b>	<b>Expenses-Withdrawals</b>
Interest - checking		\$0.33	
Schnucks		\$43.85	
Target		\$100.00	\$0.00
Year Book from 15-16		\$15.00	\$0.00
Tropical Sno - Fundraisers		\$100.00	\$0.00
Insurance			\$190.00
CML			\$345.00
Hospitality			\$102.36
PTA Program Expenses			\$153.69
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$259.18</b>	<b>\$791.05</b>
		<b>Ending Balance</b>	
Checking account total		<b>\$12,538.05</b>	

## Year-to-Date Statement

2015-2016

31-Aug

<b>INCOME-</b>		2015/2016		2015/2016		
<b>Fundraisers &amp; Activities:</b>		Income	Expenses	Actual	Budget	Differential
	Book Fair Dinner				\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
	Box Tops				\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
	Cash For Caps			\$ -		\$ -
	Dining Tour Books				\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
	Fundraisers - D.N./Foundation etc	\$ 100.00			\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
	Fall Fundraiser				\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
	K & K School Reimbursement				\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
	Membership/Directories/Dues				\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
	Norton Night				\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
	Schnucks	\$ 43.85			\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
	Target	\$ 100.00			\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
	Trivia Night				\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
	Yearbook	\$ 15.00			\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
	<b>Total Fundraisers/Activities</b>	<b>\$ 258.85</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 19,530.00</b>	<b>\$ 19,530.00</b>
	<b>Other Income:</b>					
	Spiritwear				\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
	Interest/Bank Charges	\$ 0.33			\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
	c/o 14/15 funds			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$ 0.33</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 0.33</b>	<b>\$ 510.00</b>	<b>\$ 509.67</b>
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 259.18</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 0.33</b>	<b>\$ 20,040.00</b>	<b>\$ (20,039.67)</b>

<b>EXPENSES-</b>		2014/2015		2014/2015	Projected	
<b>Academic:</b>		Income	Expenses	Actual	Budget	Expenses
	Visiting Author				\$ (2,000.00)	\$ (2,000.00)
	Birthday Book Club				\$ (1,250.00)	\$ (1,250.00)
	Resource Materials				\$ (2,000.00)	\$ (2,000.00)
	<b>Total Academic</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (5,250.00)</b>	<b>\$ (5,250.00)</b>
	<b>Other:</b>					
	Birthday Window				\$ (50.00)	\$ (50.00)
	Class Room Start-up Gift				\$ (6,600.00)	\$ (6,600.00)
	CML		\$ 345.00		\$ (400.00)	\$ (400.00)
	Directories				\$ (300.00)	\$ (300.00)
	Donations/Scholarships				\$ (150.00)	\$ (150.00)
	End of Year Event				\$ (2,300.00)	\$ (2,300.00)
	Fall Festival				\$ (400.00)	\$ (400.00)
	Family Events				\$ (500.00)	\$ (500.00)
	Fifth Grade Event/Memory Book				\$ (900.00)	\$ (900.00)
	Gifts				\$ (150.00)	\$ (150.00)
	Grant Funds				\$ (250.00)	\$ (250.00)
	Grounds/Atrium Beautification		\$ 42.62		\$ (100.00)	\$ (100.00)
	Hospitality		\$ 102.36		\$ (300.00)	\$ (300.00)
	Ice Cream Social				\$ (275.00)	\$ (275.00)
	Liability Insurance				\$ (350.00)	\$ (350.00)
	New Family Welcome				\$ (75.00)	\$ (75.00)
	PTA Office Supplies				\$ (150.00)	\$ (150.00)
	PTA Program Expenses		\$ 200.68		\$ (750.00)	\$ (750.00)
	Patrol/Conflict Managers Party				\$ (100.00)	\$ (100.00)
	Playground Supplies				\$ (400.00)	\$ (400.00)
	Science Fest				\$ (100.00)	\$ (100.00)
	Staff Appreciation				\$ (600.00)	\$ (600.00)
	Talent Show			\$ -	\$ (300.00)	\$ (300.00)
	Year End Funds 14/15			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 690.66</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (15,500.00)</b>	<b>\$ (15,500.00)</b>
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 690.66</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (20,750.00)</b>	<b>\$ (20,750.00)</b>
	<b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>			<b>\$ 0.33</b>	<b>\$ (710.00)</b>	<b>\$ (710.33)</b>

# VP FUNDRAISING NOTES

## **Pie Sales**

Order forms distributed week of [10/5](#)

Orders due to school [on 10/30](#)

Orders due to TPC [on 11/5](#)

Pie/Cookie distribution [on Thursday, Nov. 19](#)

## **Upcoming dining/FUNdraiser nights....**

Panera night October 13

Monkey Joe's night November 13

## Why does PTA Fundraise?

Every year our PTA provides many fun events, experiences, and items for our Paul Norton students, families and staff. Here is a quick overview of what the money we raise every year goes to, and how much we budget for these events.

- Visiting Author \$2000  
Our PTA invites a children's author or illustrator to come to Paul Norton for a day-long experience with all students. Students are engaged during presentations and workshops, and then share their own writing during Young Writers Day in the afternoon.
- Birthday Book Club \$1250  
Our PTA helps supplement the library's Birthday Book program.
- Birthday Window \$50
- Classroom Start-up \$6600  
This year the PTA provided each teacher \$212 for classroom needs.
- Continental Math League \$400  
PTA purchases the licensure to provide the opportunity for 2-5<sup>th</sup> grade students to participate in higher level math skills through CML.
- Directories (Secretary) \$300
- Donations & Scholarships \$150  
For Mrs. Jackson to use at her discretion for families in need.
- Run into Summer \$2300  
Tshirts for all students and staff. Medals are donated.
- Fall Festival \$400
- Family Events (Committee not filled) \$500  
PTA Hosts a swim night and special persons breakfast.
- Fifth Grade Event (Fifth Grade Parents) \$900  
\*Dining Tour book sales also contribute an additional \$1000 to the Fifth Grade Event/Memory Books/Gift

• Gifts (Hospitality)	\$150
PTA provides a party and gift for any retirees.	
• Grant Funds	\$250
• Grounds/Atrium Beautification	\$100
• Hospitality	\$300
PTA provides food and drink for the Welcome Back Tea and Kindergarten Round-up.	
Organizes meals for teachers during parent/teacher conference week.	
• Liability Insurance	\$350
Various insurance that the PTA is required to carry.	
• New Family Welcome	\$75
• PTA Office Supplies/Program Expenses	\$900
Print cartridges, postage, envelopes and other expenses	
• Patrol/Conflict Managers Party	\$100
• Playground Supplies	\$400
• Resource Materials	\$2000
Laminating rolls, paper, copy machine ink, etc.	
• Science Fest	\$100
• Staff Appreciation	\$600
• Talent Show	\$300
 TOTAL EXPENSES	 \$20, 475

**So, how does PTA go about paying for all of this???**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Projected Money Raised</b>
• Book Fair	\$100
Most money made from the Book Fair is used as Scholastic dollars to purchase books for classrooms and the library. At the beginning of this year we had \$7000 in Scholastic dollars. Teachers earn Scholastic dollars for volunteering, etc.	
• Box Tops	\$1200
• Dining Tour/Entertainment Books	\$1500
• Fundraising – Dining Nights & Wireless, etc.	\$1000
• Pie Sales	\$1000
• Interest/Bank Charges	\$10
• K & K Reimbursement	\$30
• Membership/Directories/Dues	\$700
• Norton Night	<b>\$10,000 (!!!)</b>
• Schnucks	\$300
• Target	\$2000
• Spirit Wear	\$500
• Trivia Night	\$1500
• Yearbook	\$200
Total	\$20,040

Anything extra the PTA makes is donated to the school for needs that go beyond their budget. We donated \$15,000 to Paul Norton last year which helped to pay for the new soccer goals that are on order, ARMOR tshirts that all students and staff will be receiving, and light covers for all classrooms that help reduce/prevent glare/migraines.

What would we like to work towards raising extra funds for this year???

Bueller?

Bueller?

# VP NORTON NIGHT NOTES

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH 3:00 - 6:00 PM

**\*\*Please note the time change of our event\*\***

Paul Norton PTA holds a school carnival for its major fundraiser of the year. Bring your entire family to enjoy food, games, prizes, and auction items up for bid.

Spirit week is October 19th-23rd more info to follow.

We need you to help make Norton Night a success! Please consider donating your time or items. Follow the links below or email Andrea Stellmach at [alstellmach@hotmail.com](mailto:alstellmach@hotmail.com)

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0849aeac2faa8-norton5>

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0849aeac2faa8-norton6>

We still need volunteers to bring cake, cookies, "jars", pop, and Gatorade. We also have a need for volunteers during the event (games, food service, and ticket sales). We will have a strong youth volunteer staff (High school, middle school, Girl and Boy Scouts) but we need more adults. Those interested can contact Andrea Stellmach at [alstellmach@hotmail.com](mailto:alstellmach@hotmail.com)

We are also preparing items for the silent auction/raffle. A teaser sheet will be sent home listing some exciting prospects to be included. For items to be included on the teaser, they need to be donated by October 5th. The "Teacher Experiences" Raffle will be back again this year! Watch for new and exciting things including: new games, a bounce house, face painting, and balloon animals!

# TEACHER NOTES



## Art Room News

Dear Paul Norton Families,

I am looking for some materials to upcycle in the art room.

If you have any adult blue jeans that you are planning to give to goodwill, please consider sending them to the art room. Also, if you are a scrapbooker, please send me any of the scraps of paper that you would normally throw away. No scrap is too small!! We will be using them for a collage project if I get enough paper.

Thank you,  
Mrs. Walker