

PTO Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 1, 2015

1. **Congratulations to our Beat-the-Carline Raffle Winners!** *(Monica Rivera)*

Front Car Line:

- Winner 1: Henlen/ticket #767941
- Winner 2: Arrazcaeta/ticket #767933
- Winner 3: Kondor/ticket #767934

Back Car Line:

- Winner 1: Menna/Ticket #767928
- Winner 2: Hall/Ticket #767930*
- Winner 3: Trader/Ticket #767927

*replaced TE erroneous purchase / ticket #767937

2. **Welcome and thanks for coming!** *(Monica Rivera)*

3. **Introduction of 2015-2016 PTO Board Members:** *(Monica Rivera)*

- Kathryn Gomez: President
- Monica Rivera: Vice President
- Deborah Croquart: Treasurer
- Barb Klepper: Secretary

4. **Calendar review of events planned: Mark your calendars! Also be on the lookout for volunteer opportunities to make these events the best they can be!** *(Monica Rivera)*

- 10/23: Boosterthon
- 11/14: Fall Festival
- 12/7-12/14: Candy Cane Lane
- 12/12: Cookies with Santa
- 2/19: Daddy/Daughter Dance *note: can be any male figure important to the child
- 3/18: Mother/Son Dance *note: can be any female figure important to the child

5. **Budget:** *(Monica Rivera)*

- PTO starting account budget is \$5,589.79.
- We will review financials at each meeting as the year progresses.

6. **Principal Collins update on important things:**

- **Attendance:** As a result of new guidelines, the absence policy for excused absences has been tightened. In order for an absence to qualify as excused, a doctor's note is required. All other absences (those not accompanying a dr. note) will be categorized as unexcused. In regards to truancy, if a student is late OR leaves early from school more than 6 times, it will count as 1 absence (unexcused unless there is an accompanying dr. note)
- **Botanical Science Lab:** We have initiated a wonderful new program this year in which each grade level will have an opportunity to grow something in the hydroponics garden. The gardens are located outside the portables onsite. The hope is the items will grow well and the students will eventually eat them in the cafeteria!
- **Band for Today:** CME is working toward becoming a STEAM school (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics). As part of the Arts portion, CME is partnering with local musicians to offer music lessons to our students. Available for k-5. Cost is \$69 per month (plus instrument rental, if applicable) and covers 30 minutes per week for the duration of the school year.

7. **Music/Theater Camp** *(Mrs. Kathy Rivadeneira)*

- **An after school theater camp** is offered at CME. It is available for those in grades 2-5. However, club leaders are looking for ways to 'spotlight' the students in the younger grades to provide them an opportunity to be involved. More info to come about that.
- **The show** for this year has not yet been announced, but they are going to have a fun contest to build up excitement! Students will hear information on the morning news and can go to www.capcoralplayhouse.com for clues as to the show. Each student can submit a guess entry identifying what they think the show will be....based on the clues. From that, correct answers will be entered into a raffle for 2 free show tickets (tentatively scheduled for February). The winners will be drawn on Friday, 9/4.
- **Auditions for the show** will start soon – 9/17, after school until 5pm. There will also be a Saturday audition in which students can sign up for a designated 15-minute slot.
- **Rehearsals** after cast selection will take place on Wed. and/or Thur. and will be communicated to the cast.
- **If you have any questions,** please email the fearless camp leader:
Kathy.Rivadeneira@capecharterschools.org

8. **Watch D.O.G.S** *(Mrs. Meehan)*

- **Watch D.O.G.S** = Dads Of Great Students, and pertains to all male role models who play an influential role in a student's life (dad, grandpa, uncle, etc.). Essentially, each of these dads will commit to 1 full day of volunteering at CME during the school year.
- **Pizza Kickoff** to take place on 9/10 @ 7pm – please have students join as well. So far, 400 'dads' have signed up! Wow!
- **Bobby M is the 'Top Dog'** and urges all 'dads' to come to the kickoff even if they don't think they can commit to 1 day of volunteering due to conflicting work schedule!

9. Botanical/Hydroponics Garden Thank-You's (*Mr. Laubhan*)

- **The botanical/hydroponics garden is in place** – 7 gardens in total (1 per grade level).
- **Thanks was extended to some key local businesses** that helped make this project possible! Included: Hydroponic Supplies, Horseman's Landscape, Everyday Maintenance Inc, Lowes, Cape Recycling.
- **Special recognition to CME Family members Daryl Teblum and Britton Ellis** who played a critical role in building the gardens and making this project happen. Many thanks to all involved!

10. Boosterthon Fundraiser (*Boosterthon Representative*)

- **Over 110 schools in South Florida** alone have signed up to participate in Boosterthon this school year – CME is one of those!
- **Boosterthon raises funds via an online pledging platform.** More than 67% of all the pledges come from outside the parent group!
- **The focus of Boosterthon is** to engage children in healthy activity while highlighting important positive character traits.
- **CME's goal is to raise \$30,000** – which will be used to purchase more technology tools for our school
- 2015-2016 Boosterthon **Theme is Big World Recess**
- **Pep Rally scheduled for 10/14.** Information will be shared on this day about how to logon, explore the site, and send out emails for pledge requests.
- **Team Days scheduled week of 10/22.** This is when the students will watch videos from around the world in which different sports and character traits will be observed and discussed. This is the timeframe when pledges will be open.
- **Big event scheduled for 10/23** at Jim Jeffers Park. At the big event, students will be asked to do 30-35 laps which equals 2 miles (note: lower grades will have smaller lap routes). Students will do the laps in different FUN ways including skipping, dancing, etc...and will be shocked to find out how far they actually went! To add to the fun, 'mascots' have been secured to accompany the big event: K-1st Chic Fil A cow, 2nd-3rd Miracles Dog, 4th-5th Swampee. Parents welcome & volunteer help will be needed!
- **Visit funrun.com** for more information!

11. Flat's Fishing Tournament: (*Mr. Brown*)

- **Mr. Brown introduced himself** as the full time Vice Principal dedicated to CME. He has been with the Charter School System for 11 years, and shared Vice Principal responsibility last school year between CME and OES.
- **Flats Fishing Tournament is a fundraising drive** for the Charter School System and Ronald McDonald Charities of SWFL. The tournament will kickoff on 9/4 with a captains dinner and texas hold-em poker tournament. Then on 9/5, the fishing tourney begins at 7:30am.
- **Volunteers are needed on Friday, 9/4!** Earn DOUBLE HOURS! Time slots available include 10-2 (setup) and 4-8 (checkin/work event).

- **Raffle tickets are available for \$100 a piece.** Only 250 tickets will be sold - there are four left. See Mr. Brown if you are interested. As part of the raffle purchase, you will receive dinner Friday evening and open bar on both Friday and Saturday evening. Raffle prize: You can win one of 2 spruced up golf carts!
- **Students under age 12:** Tourney is being held on 9/5 from 10-2. Entry is \$20. Signup is limited to 100 students. Students will receive a tshirt, fishing pole, and lunch with Ronald McDonald.
- **Visit www.mcflats.com for more information.**

12. Questions? (*Monica Rivera*)

- Thank you for coming!
- Please remember to sign in for your hours for attending tonight's' meeting.
- Be sure to like CME Families on Facebook!
- Email cme.pto@capecharterschools.org with any questions you have!
- Have a great evening!