



October 13, 2022
PTA Member Meeting
6:45 PM, Casa Chirilagua

1. English Classes

- a. Pre pandemic, now bringing back. Megan teaching an ENglish class for parents
- b. THursdays, 12:30 PM
- c. Free, informal, relaxed

2. Events

- a. Reflections Art Contest
 - i. Live through 10/15
 - ii. Theme = "Show your Voice"
 - iii. Friday, 10/14: Art making time, 5 - 6:30 PM Duncan library staff there to support
 - iv. Deadline or submissions is Sat. 10,15
 - v. Link for entries via Thursday folder
- b. Pumpkin Patch
 - i. 10/21, 3-5pm
 - ii. More volunteers needed, call out in Thursday folder esp. Coordinator of bake sale
- c. Fab Fall Fundraiser
 - i. Saturday, Nov 5,
 - ii. Location at Farmers Market Extension
 - iii. Food, auction, bands, adult bev
 - iv. Raffle items - see Debbie
 - v. 3 bands, battle of the bands situation
 - vi. VIP ticket comes with bourbon, + pays for staff to come; standard *50* and pay what you can (want to attend/can't attend/etc)
 - vii. Currently sold 30 tickets
 - viii. Focus of fundraiser = field trips, community events, teacher wish lists
 - ix. Need for volunteers, pre, day of
 - 1. See Debbie and Mickey for volunteer opportunities
 - x. Sponsors - a few big sponsors, but no realtors
- d. Blessings in a Backpack
 - i. Supporting 120 students, # may increase

- ii. Packing held first Sat of each month at Alive!, 9-10 am starting Sat. 10/15
- iii. Volunteers needed for packing + delivery of backpacks (from Alive! To School)
- iv. Sign up genius via email
- e. Keep MVCS Warm - Winter Coat Drive
 - i. Supply warm weather gear - either in kind or \$, accept used/excellent condition

3. Finance

- a. Balance as of meeting \$54,362
- b. Spending \$33, 437
 - i. Most (appx 13k) = school enrichment
 - 1. Field trips (Jamestown), Scholastic magazines, theater performance for HHM, phonic kits - 1st grade
 - ii. Community building
 - 1. B2School food
 - 2. Chirilagua rental, ELL classes
 - iii. Membership
- c. Receipts (Fundraising) \$16, 853
 - i. Most = Spirit wear
 - ii. Pumpkin sales

4. Nurse Report, Jennifer Malone

- a. Still need to prevent spread of illness- viruses on the move
 - i. Immunity down, re exposure
 - ii. Reminders to wash hands, wear masks - esp. If have a cold
 - iii. If your student has been sick, esp. with a fever, keep them home
 - 1. Keep them home until symptom free for 24 hours
 - iv. Stomach bug, wash with soap and water, not just hand sanitizer
 - v. School follows ACPS wellness guidelines - School board policy JHCF
 - vi. When nurse calls home, unless specifically calls out need to pick up, letting you know , if you can pick up - yes; however, understand the challenge of picking up mid day and school.
- b. Lice as an issue - lice becoming immune from shampoos, etc
 - i. Check proactively
 - ii. Look behind ear, on neck, on scalp
 - iii. Look for little white bubbles that don't move when you touch them. Those are nits - Lice don't fly, but can transfer head to head. Dandruff moves, nits don't; Nits tend to be white
 - iv. Treatments: Chemical shampoos, oils, prof. Professional Treatments (\$)
 - 1. PTA gives \$ for prof. Treatment support
 - v. Lice clinics of America, Falls Church
 - vi. Students in need \$99
 - vii. Combing essential to get rid of lice
 - viii. If there is a multiple # of cases in one classroom over a short period of time, nurse will let families know

- ix. Checks from school don't happen b/c of social and educational reasons for pulling out of class for checks. '
- c. When you email teachers about a health issue, please cc nurse Malone to keep her in the loop. Can also email Nurse Malonge independently
- d. Resources for families: Wow Bus (Dental) - 18 students signed up currently
- e. Alexandria City also has services, including for adults + Neighborhood Health

5. Ms. Burrell

- a. Kudos to Ms. Malone, taken on so much and came in right as Covid started, with retirement of Ms. Plaza extra work to tackle, esp. With such a big student population
- b. Ms. Malone cannot administer medication by law, limits on what she's able to give
- c. Form available online via ACPS for doctor to fill out, medication must meet form, ALL medications
- d. Each school year you need a new authorization form
- e. Ms Burrell out last several days due to trainings (keeping up for accreditation, etc)
- f. Arrival and dismissal issues
 - i. Cars = requesting traffic guards, but limits
 - ii. Don't get out of car, be extremely cautious, follow guidelines
 - iii. Responsibilities of parents and responsibilities of staff
- g. Assemblies coming up + field trips, appreciation towards PTA for support and volunteering
- h. Parent teacher conferences coming up in November, flexibility via Zoom and phone call, or in person (default in person)