

Harry S. Truman PTO
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PTO MEETING – Monday, April 9, 2018

Call to Order by Board President: 7:00 PM

Roll Call of Officers: Jen Knecht, Treasurer excused

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Lisa C. Approved the March Minutes, 2ND BY Ann G.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer excused from meeting

Principal's Report:

On Tuesday, April 3rd, HST hosted the Cops N Kids Closing Assembly. Thanks to all the HST families and staff for collecting over 1,634 books. We reached our goal! Great job everyone! As a result of reaching our goal the Salisbury Falcon smashed a pie in Mr. Brem's face!

This week PSSA testing will begin. ELA testing is for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade and will be Tuesday, April 10th through Thursday, April 12th. The Math PSSA's will also be for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade and will be Tuesday, April 17th and Wednesday, April 18th. Science PSSA's are for 4th grade only will take place Monday, April 23rd and Tuesday, 24th. Students will be provided with snacks, and water. Please remind your child to get a good night's sleep and eat a good breakfast.

T-shirt days are Thursday, April 12th and Thursday, April 26th. Please have your students wear their HST gear!

On Thursday, April 26th HST Kindergarten students will be traveling to the Lehigh Valley Zoo! Students will learn about the adaptations, habitats, behaviors, and conservation statuses of resident Lehigh Valley Zoo animals on a professionally-guided tour with an education staff member.

Monday, April 30th will be Kindergarten Invitation to Lunch. Parents and family members will be invited to share a school lunch experience and a fun time with their students!

The K'nex STEM Design Competition will take place on Tuesday, May 1st. The contest encourages 4th and 5th grade students to apply "STEM" skills (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) and use K'NEX building products to accomplish a goal. Good luck to all students who are participating!

On Monday, May 7th we will begin our new dismissal procedures. A letter will be sent home with students tomorrow outlining the changes in detail.

Teacher's Report:

Kindergarten: Many thanks for funding our upcoming field trip to the LV Zoo. Always appreciate your hard work and dedication to our school!

1st: We are very much looking forward to our upcoming field trip to the LV Zoo. Thank you!

2nd: We are going to the DaVinci center next week, thank you for supporting us to be able to go.

3rd: We are getting ready for the PSSA!! We have 2 upcoming field trips: Quiet Valley and ImagiNation. Thank you!

4th: Since the field trip to Harrisburg was cancelled due to weather, we have scheduled a new field trip to the DaVinci center on May 14th. Mrs. O'Dor and I (Sue) are going on Tuesday to choose a program for the kids. I will get an invoice and put it in the PTO mailbox. Thank you for all you do for our kids!

5th: 5th grade is ready for the PSSA! The students are starting to ask questions about the middle school, and they look forward to their tour on May 21st.

Specialists/Other: 10 Families attended our parent 'make and take' workshop. Parents created activities to reinforce skills in reading and math.

Third grade Gifted Students have been researching and planning their dream vacations, and 4th and 5th graders have been designing and building Rube Goldberg machines. Watch for their videos on the HST Broadcast.

Picnic Day-Thank you for you're getting the DJ for this fun day for all of our students.

Candy Bingo- Fun event for all of the students. The attendance was 147 which is lower than past years. Thank you to Mr. Gnall for calling the numbers.

The walk-a-thon will be on June 1st. The donations go towards flowers for the front walkway.

Talent Show forms were sent home for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. The performances will be June 4th and 5th.

Committee Reports/Fundraisers/Events-

***Candy Bingo:** 137-147 people attended this fabulous school event; Mr. Brem & Dr. Zeigenfuss both stated how great this affordable family event is.

***Smencil Sale:** sold 45 at the Candy bingo, they will sell again at the back to dinner

***Flower Sale:** papers went out, money & orders due April 23rd, to be picked up the week of Mothers day

***Color Run:** May 18th from 5:30-6:15 PM; packets are going out, \$30.00 per child/adult who participates

***Yearbook Sale:** order forms went out, \$15.00 per book

***Staff Appreciation:** is scheduled for May 9th, 2018, a menu/festivities are being planned

***Ice Cream Festival:** planning is right on schedule & a WOW amount of entertainment & characters coming along with some surprises included.

***Bowling:** TBA, if not bowling, other give back options are being explored, Possibly movie night

***T-Shirts:** Lisa Crocus will send out flyer to get sizes etc. as a gift to our 5th graders going onto 6th grade, they can get them signed my friends, staff etc.

OPEN BOARD POSITIONS: 2018/2019 President & Secretary

Review Activity Calendar- 4/9-4/13 PSSA Testing Grades 3-5, 4/9 PTO Meeting 7 PM, 4/12 T-Shirt Day & 4/5th Grade Chorus 3:15 PM, 4/16-4/20 PSSA Testing Grades 3-5, 4/18 School Board Meeting 7:30 PM, 4/19 4/5th Grade Chorus 3:15 PM, 4/23-4/27 PSSA Testing Grade 4, 4/23 - Curriculum Technology Meeting 7 PM, 4/26 T-Shirt Day, 4/27 Early Dismissal 1 PM & Yearbook Sales End, 4/30 PSSA Makeups & Kindergarten Invitation to Lunch 12 PM

*Discussion Concerning Public Education Advocacy & Our Budget with Dr. Ziegenfus & Mrs. Fuini-Hetten (TO BE RESCHEDULED FOR THE MAY 7TH MEETING)

Next Meeting is May 7 at 7 PM

Respectively Submitted: Robin L. Daw, Secretary