

Harry S. Truman PTO
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PTO MEETING – Monday, March 5, 2018

Call to Order by Board President: 7:00 PM

Roll Call of Officers: all present

Approval of Meeting Minutes: no formal meeting in February, Dinner meeting.

PRINCIPAL REPORT FROM FEBRUARY: Prepared for: February 05, 2018 PTO Meeting

The 4th and 5th grade students are preparing for the 24 hour challenge competition. This contest will take place on Wednesday, March 14th. The 24 Challenge® is a tournament-style competition organized around the 24® Game.

Third grade invitation to lunch occurred today and the fourth grade parents attended last week. Family members were invited to share a school lunch experience with the students. This is always a fun time for all!

Falcon Proud Day is Wednesday February 14. T-shirt day is Thursday February 15th and March 1st. Please have your students wear their HST gear!

Kindergarten registration will be on Thursday, February 22. There will be two sessions. The 1st session will take place from 9:00am to 10:30am and the 2nd will be in the afternoon from 1:00pm to 2:30pm.

Looking forward, HST will have an early dismissal on Friday February 16th and Friday February 23rd. Students will be dismissed at 1:00pm. Also, School will be closed on Monday 2/19 in observance of Presidents' Day. Enjoy the day with your family.

On Monday, February 26th HST will have their class pictures.

The Kellyn Foundation will be here at HST to visit our 4th graders on Tuesday, February 27th. They will present to our students about making healthy choices. They will teach the students how to read labels and identify contents in food products. This program will also integrate into the math curriculum.

Treasurer's Report: Closing balance as of the February \$18,868.48.

Roller Skating made \$151.00 with 116 students/parents enjoying the evening and a surprise visit from Mr. Brem. This was more of a give back but we usually make some money on this special event.

Pizza Fundraiser brought in \$1375.00

Teacher's Report:

Kindergarten: We held the 100th day celebration that included crafts, centers, songs, and exercises. We just celebrated Dr. Seuss week that included making oobleck, reading stories, and dressing up as our favorite book characters.

1st: We had fun celebrating the 100th day in different ways with a fashion show, PJ day, and various activities in the classrooms.

2nd: We enjoyed celebrating Dr. Seuss week in various ways. One classroom had a reading sleepover, and the others had various activities. They also enjoyed the Seuss alerts throughout the day. This is when the whole school stops and reads for about 5-10 minutes. Student readers also say a line or two from a Dr. Seuss book over the loudspeaker. Thank you for sponsoring the Dino Dig where they heard from real paleontologists and got to dig up their own dinosaur fossils.

3rd: It was nice to have parent reader's coming in as Mystery Readers on Fridays in February. We appreciate you taking the time to come in. The garden will be starting up again please stay tuned. There will also be summer signups to help take care of the garden as well. 5th grade students will be helping plant flowers in the front walkway as soon as spring arrives.

4th: Valentine's Day went very well thanks to parent donations. We appreciate everything parents do for our classrooms. Dr. Seuss/Read across America day on Friday was a lot of fun. The students really enjoyed doing the Seuss alerts. We are looking forward to going to Harrisburg on Thursday, (Fingers crossed the weather holds out.) Thank you again for funding the trip. How should I pay for the museum? The students are looking forward to the upcoming spirit week. Thank you for your time and for all of your hard work to make HST a great place to be.

5th: Thank you for the parent donations for the Valentine's celebration, it was much appreciated. The students just selected jobs for this trimester and will be notified and trained for this trimester this week. We are looking forward to spirit week the week of March 19th. Green papers were sent home with the children. This year our lighthouse team students selected the different days.

3/19: dress like a HST teacher and no homework day

3/20: crazy hair/hat day

3/21: mismatch day

3/22: wear your favorite team apparel

3/23: wear your favorite PJ's and bring in your favorite stuffed animal into school day

Other: Truman Treasure spending day is this Wednesday.

If school is cancelled, it will be rescheduled. The activities day will be next week.

Also we held the kickoff for the Cops N Kids program this morning to the children. Mrs. Beverly Bradley, founder of the program came and spoke to the children. High school members of our key club and the falcon also came, talked with the student's whole group, and then read to individual homerooms books they either brought from home or suggested by the teacher. They will be bringing home information regarding the program. We are hoping that our HST students will bring in books to reach the goal of 1600. These books do not have to be new, they can be used. We hope it teaches our students to give back to others.

Last year we raised 1500 books. Part of our Lighthouse Leader in Me Program is to help the community. This is one project we do to help children receive free books from the program. Any student can visit the bookroom. The Cops 'n' Kids Reading Room is located on the fourth floor, room 403, Northampton Community College Fowler Family Southside Center, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Phone: 610-861-5526. The Cops 'n' Kids

Reading Room is open to the public every Wednesday, 11 AM - 7 PM, and for special Saturday programs. We also have posters hanging inside and on the front of our school about their specialty programs for students.

Principal's Report:

The 2nd grade invitation to lunch took place today. As usual the children had a great time with their families enjoying their lunch!

Today we launched the Cops N' Kids program with an exciting assembly that was enjoyed by all the students. This is a children's literacy program where we will begin to collect new or gently used books to donate to less fortunate families. We will continue to collect books until Monday, March 26th. Cops 'n' Kids and its many community partners are focused on providing free books and events that can be enjoyed by all of our community's children without cost.

Due to parent teacher conferences HST will have an early dismissal on Wednesday March 14th, Thursday March 15th, and Friday March 16th. Students will be dismissed at 1:00pm. Also, school will be closed on Friday, March 30th and Monday April 2nd for spring break.

T-shirt day is Thursday March 15th and Falcon Proud Day is Wednesday March 28th. Please have your students wear their HST gear!

Thursday March 22, students will have school dental exams.

Kindergarten physicals will take place on Thursday, April 5th.

On Wednesday, March 28th HST Kindergarten students and their parents/guardians will have the pleasure of watching their student parade the school with their creative spring bonnets. This event will take place at 9:30am

Committee Reports/Fundraisers/Events-

***Pizza Fundraiser:** \$1,375 made

***Roller skating:** \$\$151.00 with 116 students/parents enjoying the evening and a surprise visit from Mr. Brem

***Bon Ton Fundraiser:** wrapping up at this time, figures for next meeting

***Gift Card Fundraiser:** \$2360.00, earnings were \$132.19 – shipping = \$119.00

***Candy Bingo/Smencil Sale:** April 6th

***Flower Sale:** Mother's Day Flower Sale only this year

***Color Run:** May 18th along with Western PTO President Ben;
5:30 pm registration; race starts at 6:30; 7 pm carnival

***Ice Cream Festival:** Coordinator is needed for next year; next meeting is

OPEN BOARD POSITIONS: 2018/2019 President & Secretary

Review Activity Calendar- 3/8 4th & 5th Grade Chorus @ 3:15 PM; 3/9 No School; 3/13-3/16 Early Dismissal 1 PM & Parent/Teacher Conferences; 3/15 Gift Card Fundraiser Pickup 5:30-7PM & T-Shirt Day; 3/22 K-2 Concert 9:30-10:30 AM & 4th/5th Grade Chorus 3:15 PM; 3/26 1st Grade Invitation to Lunch 11 AM; 3/28 Tshirt Day & Kindergarten Bonnet Parade; 3/29 Early Dismissal 1 PM; 3/30 No School

Next Meeting is April 9 at 7 PM

Respectively Submitted:

Robin L. Daw, Secretary