

Pierce Downer PTA General Meeting

Tuesday, November 8, 2016

Location: School Gymnasium

1. Call to Order: 7:00PM
2. Co- Presidents- Colleen Loftus & Laurie Hurst
 - a. Announcements
 - i. Treasurer's Report- Total Raised for the annual giving campaign was 17,219.00
 - ii. Fundraising- Chipotle Fundraiser \$723.50
 - iii. Social
 1. Sweetheart Dance TBD (end of Jan. or beginning Feb.)
 2. Dad Social @ Alter Brewing Thursday, January 19th
 3. Variety Show @ Tivoli February 25th
 4. Battle of the Bands Kids Show @ DGN, April 7th
 5. Battle of the Bands Adult Show TBD
 - iv. Academic Enrichment
 1. Service Learning Committee: The committee is hard at work putting together monthly service opportunities for Pierce Downer Families.
 - a. The Wellness House- November 18th, located in Hinsdale, is a home that supports, educates and empowers individuals and families affected by cancer.
 - b. Belmont/ Prairie Clean Up- November 19th, requires an RSVP by November 15th.
 - c. The West Suburban Community Pantry- planning a food/toy drive for the holidays and setting up an opportunity to come to their facility to sort and distribute items to those in need.
 2. STEM Committee: The following 3 classes will be starting November 28th on Mondays.
 - a. Stage Stars (k-6th)- 8 week session, 3pm-4pm
 - i. Students will participate in skits and theater games, performance on the last day of session.
 - b. Engineering for K-2nd grades- 6 week session, 4pm-5pm
 - i. Students will explore variety of new STEM activities and will build a new moving model each week.
 - c. Jr. Robotics for 3rd-6th grades- 6 week session, 4pm-5pm
 - i. Students will learn to turn their Lego creation into a robot

3. Chess Club (8 week session)- Will start after winter break January 24th on Tuesday from 4pm-5pm
 4. Spanish Classes
 - a. Offered Wednesday during lunch and recess with Language Labs (10 week sessions in fall and winter/spring)
 - b. Offered Tuesday before school with Language Stars.
 5. ***** FOR ALL ENRICHMENT CLASSES YOUR CHILD SIGNS UP FOR AT SCHOOL, WE WILL BE SENDING OUT AN ONLINE SURVEY. PLEASE FILL OUT. We want your feedback so we can make changes and better choices about classes that we offer.
 6. Sleep and STEM for girls: Friday night in January or February, girls come in pajamas, run by knowledgeable STEM parents, fee to cover supplies, secure check in/out, girls will learn about simple machines.
 7. Book Fair- November 16th and 17th from 3pm-8pm, during conferences, great time to browse in the lunchroom in between conferences.
- v. Mr. Sisul
1. Veterans Day Celebration and meet with PD families November 9th.
 2. Next week are Parent/ Teacher Conferences
 3. Coffee with Principal : Monday, November 14th at 2:00 PM or Tuesday, November 15th at 8:30 AM or 6:30 PM
- vi. Guest Speaker- Lisa Marsicano is an executive function skills specialist and coach and a leading expert in the Chicago area on executive function skills development. She provides trainings, materials, and consulting services for students of all ages. If you are interested in more information you can reach her at info@efscoach.com or website efscoach.com.
- vii. Meeting Adjourned: 8:00PM
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