



General KPTO Meeting - January 9, 2025

Welcome: *Katie Hendershot*

School News: *Mrs. Toth*

- Office staff is back
- Halloween parade and parties were a success
- 5th grade Camp Allegheny went well
- Parent/teacher conferences went well
- Creative dramatic performances held on 12/13 for 4th and 5th graders with Pgh Public
- Singalong went well
- 4th grade had wax museum as part of new curriculum - went well
 - 3rd graders got to participate
- Quest students author share program went well
- Matt Price drum circle at the assembly was a hit
- Extra innings started
 - 3-5th graders who participate in intentions
- ASK and Used Book Sale starting soon
- Penny Wars starting at end of the month

Guest: *Dr. Stephen Edwards - Title 1*

- Kerr is a Title 1 school based on percentage of students who qualify for free or reduced lunch
- Federal funding received for reading, math, positive behavioral plans, and more
 - Funds used for supplies when needed
 - Funds used for support teacher salaries
 - Funded book vending machine last year
 - Helps PTO when needed
 - Purchases books for each student at Book Fair
 - Read Across America prizes
 - Purchasing books for ASK Book Club this year
 - Additional ideas of how to use funding
 - Book buddies
 - Mystery readers
 - Math playground activities
- Steering committee
 - Comprised of administrators, teachers and community members
 - Plan how to use funds

- Looking for ideas on how to get more exposure in community
 - Typically at Showcase Night at Kerr
 - First Fridays Sharpsburg
 - Megan suggested Easter egg hunt at Sharpsburg Church at Kennedy Park
 - Possibly something for incoming Kindergarten families
 - PTO off campus meeting
 - Playground meeting
 - Popsicles with Principal
 - Sharpsburg Library

Math Pentathlon: *Stacy Graham*

- Registration started last week
- K-3 full
- Volunteers needed
 - Be there at 3:30 pm
- Mrs. Toth working on rooms

ASK: *Erin Berdik for Tamra McClafferty*

- Registration over
- Volunteers needed mainly Tuesday and Friday

Fundraising: *Erin Berdik for Courtney Cerniglia*

- Winter flower sale report
 - Not much
- Dine and Donates
 - None as of right now - will email Melanie to set up
- Square 1 Art
 - \$1, 996.05
- Spiritwear sale
 - Made about \$300
 - Going to do another one in February
- Sarris
- Spring Flower soon
- Spring Raffle?

Valentine's Day Party: *Erin Berdik for Casey Schneider*

- 2/14
- 2-3 pm 1:45 arrival
- Planning underway
- Erin will send signup soon

Budget: *Katie Hendershot for Tamra McClafferty*

- Motion to approve: Erin Berdik

- Seconded: Stacy Graham

October Minutes: *Erin Berdik*

- Motion to approve: Katie Hendershot
- Seconded: Katie Searight

Misc.

- Nominating committee needed
 - Secretary, Treasurer and VP of Fundraising up for nominations
 - Erin will send email asking for volunteers
- Bingo night
 - Possibly in the Spring
 - Invite incoming Kindergarten families
- Possible fingerprinting event with other elementaries in late spring

Next Meeting: April 10 @6:30 pm

Motion to adjourn: Erin Berdik

Seconded: Katie Searight

In attendance: Erin Berdik, Stephen Edwards, Mrs. Toth, Katie Hendershot, Katie Searight, Stacy Graham, LaMont West, Megan Haggerty