

Walnut Avenue School

PTA Meeting

- 7:05PM Call to order by Andrea. Agenda provided with Facebook LIVE feed
- Guest Speaker, Linda Strand of Lice Be Gone:
 - Welcome. Introduction.
 - Head lice are tiny, wingless insects that live on the human scalp. They are not a health concern, but instead a nuisance. They are about as big as sesame seeds. Head lice sustain themselves by sucking blood—just as mosquitoes do. However, unlike mosquitoes, lice cannot fly or jump from one person to another; they can only crawl.
 - In order to have nits, you had live louse, nits do not spread. Lice is spread thru direct contact via head to head and shared items.
 - Routine screenings (1x week) are recommended, especially during an outbreak as lice can spread rapidly. A female louse lays an average of 3-5 eggs per day.
 - For screening, wet hair and comb thru with conditioner in sections. Metal fine tooth combs are best. Wipe with each pass through the hair onto a paper towel and look for nits and/or lice.
 - Nits are very small, white to brown in color and will stick to the hair shaft. Hard to remove, unlike hair casts and dandruff.
 - It is important to check your entire family, especially if your child has lice because re-infestation is very common. You must be diligent.
 - Pro-tip for killing lice— apply crisco to the hair, and leave on for 6hrs+, then wash out. Will suffocate and kill lice. Be sure to comb hair, to remove nits.
 - Best method for prevention is routing screenings with a metal comb.
- Treasurer Report
 - About 10K in account (+expenses)
 - \$8,600 in fundraising to date
 - \$3,600 in membership to date

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- PreK Liaison: Courtney
 - Email Communications: Frequently for information
 - Preschool Corner: Updated
- Membership: Kristin Cohen
 - 340 members to date
 - Welcome to join at anytime, no deadline.
- Fundraising: Kathy & Ali
 - Gertrude Hawk
 - Orders are in! Located across from main office in hallway. Please come to pick up.
 - You have 3 days to report any issues.
 - KidStuff Books
 - 250 Books (\$12.50 profit per book)
 - Pink Ribbon: Kim & Karen
 - \$372.00 raised, thank you for donations!
 - Spirit Wear
 - Open until November 17th
 - Shop via Paper or Online
 - Orders will be distributed in your child's book bag
 - Square One Art
 - Order forms will be sent home in your child's folder
 - Order artwork your child has created
 - Turkey Feathers
 - \$0.25 per feather
 - Donations to benefit Cranford Family Cares

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- Class with the most donations will win a gift card to purchase books for their classroom library.
- Holiday Boutique
 - please donate 20-30 items
 - in need of Dad gifts, Grandpa, Brother...
 - does not have to be expensive, small items are great.
- Pretzel Sale
 - September/October sales a success (\$165/\$175), next sale is November 17th
 - Addition of PreSchool Door: Courtney
 - 2 Volunteers needed for each door (2:45-3:15 max*)
- Old Business
 - Family Picnic
 - Book Fair
 - \$1,900 profit
 - Mum Sale
 - \$342.30 profit
 - Walk to School
 - School Photos
 - Backpacks by Friday
 - Retakes: Wednesday, December 6th
 - Trick or Trunk
 - Halloween Parade
 - Kids Vote
 - Winter for the win!
 - Breast Cancer Foundation

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- Help with finding foundations appreciated. Contact Karen Bradley
- Questions
 - None
- Next PTA Meeting January 11, 2017
- Adjourn: 8:23pm, thank you!