

Walnut Avenue School

PTA Meeting

- 7:02PM call to order by Andrea—agenda and 2018-2019 budget provided with Facebook LIVE feed.
- Quorum count for budget approval: 26.
- Shoprite Garwood RDN Guest Speaker: Victoria Coglianesese
 - Back to School, Healthy Lunch Ideas
 - Start with balanced snacks: apple sauce, granola bars
 - Balance protein and carbs (pair one each): e.g. pb and banana
 - Stick with nutrients they enjoy and add in veggies
 - Banza Pasta: chickpea pasta, full serving of beans, great alternative for mac + cheese.
 - Healthy Fats: avocado, salmon, nuts/seeds, chicken
- Treasurer Report:
 - Net Cash as of 9/1/18: \$16,620.21
 - Local Membership Revenue: \$1,650.00
 - Fundraising: \$16,703.79
 - Administrative Expenses: \$2,514.00
 - PTA: \$1,575.00
 - WAS Events: \$30,885.00
 - Total Operative Expenses: \$34,974.00
 - Motion to Approve—7:22PM
 - Approved!
- Committee Report
 - VP Membership: Kristen Cohen

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- 358 members last year
 - \$9/per adult for membership, please join!
 - Send in forms in child's folder
 - Family members welcome to join
 - You MUST be a PTA Member to volunteer
- Scholastic Book Fair: Big success. \$1320.00. Kids had a blast, love to shop. Always a favorite.
 - KidStuff: Coupon book. Went home in backpacks. Please return if not interested in purchasing.
 - Picture Day: Order online or thru form (bring day of). Featuring NEW blue screen technology therefore child can wear whatever color they'd like! No restrictions. Retakes will be available in early November if unsatisfied or out sick.
 - Mum Sale: Forms went home September 18th. \$5.25/ea. Please send in forms to order by 10/2/18. Mums will be in for pick-up on 10/11/18. They will be sorted by class. Please consider a new option of donating to our Garden Club as well!
 - Pretzel Sale: last Friday of every month. Pretzels sold for \$1/ea at each dismissal door. Volunteers needed!
 - Gertrude Hawk: Chocolates! Forms will go out 10/1/18. You may order online or by form by 11/5/18. Deliveries will be made on 12/3/18.
 - Walk to School: October 3rd. Need volunteers—two at each door. Every child receives a sticker for walking. Same day as Crossing Guard Appreciation. 1st + 2nd grade participating in coloring contest for their card. Crossing Guards will receive a special gift from the school.
 - Crayola Color Cycle: Recycling old markers. We're collecting all old markers to recycle into energy! Doesn't have to be Crayola brand.
 - Holiday Boutique: Shopping event for kids! They get to shop for loved ones gifts. Dec 3rd. Volunteers needed. Chairs: Karyn Bradley and Kim Murphy. Many donations needed for gifts. Especially for Dad's and Grandparents. Bins will be provided for donations. 20-30 small items. More information to come in November.

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- Trunk or Treat: Fun outdoor event for kids! Cars set-up in our faculty lot for children to trick or treat. 25 car max so be sure to sign-up early! Children will be able to vote for their favorite trunks and trophies will be awards to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. There will no longer be gym activities. A sign-up genius will be going out for volunteers: before after and during shifts needed. We're asking for each family to donate one large bag of candy and one large bag of trinkets. Bins will be provided for donations.
 - Square One: Artwork made by students which can be transferred into keepsake gifts of their artwork. More information to come in November/December.
 - Spirit Wear: Cougar Store shopping fundraiser for Walnut forms will go out 11/12.
- Preschool Liaison: Courtney
 - Thank you to all volunteers. Everyone will be contacted for shortly. More information will be going out regarding fundraising efforts.
 - Corresponding Secretary: Lyndsay
 - Thank you to all volunteers for Class/Grade Parents. Everyone has been selected via lottery and contacted accordingly. There will be NO Class/Grade Parent Tea this year, however, you will receive information soon. Class donation forms will be going out if not received yet, please return to your class parent ASAP. All money will be kept within each individual classroom. The 1st grade bagel breakfast is being changed to an ice cream party.
 - Miss McNally:
 - Welcome to a new school year! Excited to have everyone back.
 - With the talk of upcoming events, just a confirmation that there are only 4 food celebrations at Walnut.
 - A BIG thank you to Deshe Landscaping for their excellent work on the school grounds and generous donations.
 - Forms were requested via Power School for approval of your children's photographs, please contact us if you have any concerns with that.
 - Concerns regarding PTA and District School Blasts. PTA blasts are sent via Remind and can be initiated via the PTA Website. Walnut Avenue School and District information is set-up via Power School thru Swift K-12. If you have any

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difficulty or are not receiving that information, please contact Miss McNally directly.

- A very special THANK YOU to all the families who donated the storybook chairs to the school. If anyone would still like to contribute, please contact Ali McNulty.
 - Back to School Night follow-up questionnaire will be going out. Please be sure to respond with any suggestions.
 - Thank you for your support and patience with all the new security measures. Appointments are necessary to enter the school, but please know all are still welcome. For appointments, please call ahead before visiting.
- THANK YOU! Meeting adjourned: 8:26pm