

Ames PTA Meeting

Tuesday, November 2, 2010

A motion was put forward to approve PTA minutes from the October 5, 2010 meeting. The minutes were approved.

Administration Report, Principal Lieggi –

- **Principal Lieggi provided the teacher's report. The teachers appreciate the Medieval Math program and thank the committee for providing the tracking sheet. The teachers agree with the decision to not provide a Halloween snack to the students.**
- **The first PUMPED celebration was a "Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament" held on November 1st. All children without conduct referrals participated and the event was a great success.**
- **Executives from Apple will meet with some of the District 96 faculty at Hauser School on November 10th to discuss the Laptop Initiative and technology in the classrooms. Principal Lieggi will participate in the Q & A session. Mr. Harvalis will be the teacher representative from Ames.**
- **The Illinois School Report Card for Ames Elementary School was presented by Principal Lieggi. The scores were very good overall with some highlights being 100% of students meeting or exceeding standards in 3rd grade mathematics, and 97.9% of students meeting or exceeding standards in both math and science for the 4th grade. Principal Lieggi credits a viable curriculum delivered by high quality teachers and students coming to school ready to learn with the overall high performance at Ames.**

Flexible Boundary Committee Report, Mary Stimming –

- The committee met two times per week over the past year to discuss the District 96 flexible boundary policy which was implemented in 2002. One parent from each school along with other interested parents comprised the committee. They also met once during the year with Dr. Lamberson and other District 96 Administrators. The findings of the committee will be presented at a meeting on Thursday, November 11th at 7:00 p.m. at Hauser.

Officer's Report, Jen Kaiser and Lisa Freel –

- Medieval Math, the new Ames math incentive program, was announced on E-backpack and a flyer was also sent home to parents. Some grades will also receive flashcards to use at home.
- Submissions for the PTA Reflections program are due by November 29, 2010.
- PTA sent a gift and care package to our kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Burks. She will return to work on November 15th.
- PTA Fundraisers
 - Market Day did well, but not quite as well as we had hoped. This may have been due to higher costs compared to the monthly program. But Ames school does receive 40% of proceeds from the Taste of Market Day program versus only 10% of the monthly program proceeds. The PTA Board is considering offering Taste of Market Day one more time later this year.
 - Square One Art Note Card Sale will offer a great variety of products. Orders are due November 15th.
 - The Poinsetta Sale will offer high quality poinsettias at various price points. Orders are due December 3rd.

- **The Ames Craft Fair is November 18th from 2:00 – 7:00 p.m.. Many great vendors are participating. This event is a wonderful time to do your holiday shopping!**

Thank You –

- **Lisa Hennelly for organizing the refreshments for the Jeanie Kustock Dedication Memorial**
- **Christine Kawiecki, Michelle Udelson, and Angie Reilley for working with Ames staff and implementing our new Medieval Math Program**
- **Kate Nolan for our fantastic new online newsletter**
- **Tracy Stanard for recruiting bakers and organizing our Election Day Bake Sale**
- **Vicki Manchen for getting coverage for the front doors on Election Day**
- **Lisa Carlson for another successful Innisbrook Gift Wrap fundraiser**
- **Susan Georgopulos for another fabulous Grandparent’s Day**
- **Lisa Swicionis and Tiffany Agne for their work on Market Day**
- **Joan Kanatas for organizing our Halloween Assembly entertainment**

Announcements –

- **Veteran’s Day Program** **Thursday,**
November 11th at 9:00 PM
- **Board of Education Meeting – Blythe** **Tuesday,**
November 16th at 7:30 PM
- **Ames Craft Fair** **Thursday,**
November 18th 2:00 – 7:00 PM
- **Spirit Day/Bank at School** **Friday,**
November 19

- **NO SCHOOL – Parent/Teacher Conferences
November 22** **Monday,**
- **NO SCHOOL – Teacher Institute Day
November 23** **Tuesday,**
- **NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Holiday
24th – 26th** **November**
- **PTA Reflections Deadline
November 29** **Monday,**
- **Fifth Grade Holiday Concert – Hauser
December 1 at 6:30 PM** **Wednesday,**
- **Ames PTA Meeting
December 7 at 8:45** **Tuesday,**
- **Holiday Gift Shop
December 10** **Friday,**
- **Holiday Festival (K-3 only)
December 17 at 7:00 PM** **Thursday,**
- **Spirit Day/Bank at School
December 17** **Friday,**
- **NO SCHOOL – CHRISTMAS BREAK
– December 31** **December 20**
- **Ames Aimes deadline
January 7** **Friday,**
- **PTA/PTO Guest Speaker – Hauser
January 12** **Wednesday,**
- **NO SCHOOL – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
January 17** **Monday,**