

AMES PTA MEETING
Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Call to order 7:07 pm

A motion was put forward to approve PTA minutes from October 6, 2009. The minutes were approved.

Administration Report:

Principal Lieggi -

- Thank you for the Halloween program and snacks
- CoGat testing - results should be in by the Parent/Teacher conferences. Report cards will come home on Friday, November 20. Conferences are on Monday, November 23. Thank you for providing teachers' dinner that night.
- The Rock/Paper/Scissors Tournament will take place on November 4. This is part of the PUMPED program. The grade level winners will face off in 12:45 assembly. If a student has a conduct referral they can't participate. So far this year there have only been three conduct referrals!
- Reading assessment wall - Teachers are implementing the reading assessment wall in their classrooms. This is a good way to track the students' reading progress using a benchmark system. Visually the teachers can see the students' progress.
- H1N1 flu - There have been no confirmed cases of the H1N1 flu at Ames School. The school has hand sanitizer in all classrooms, hallways, the lunchroom, and office. The custodians are wiping down the school nightly.
- Wood chips for the playground will be delivered Saturday.
- The Fall Festival and Auction is coming up!

Jane Lauritsen -

- The Veteran's Day Program will take place on November 11 at 2 pm.
- Holiday program - There is a new idea for 2010. The music department is thinking of having the Holiday program be for kids in Kindergarten through third grade. There would be a Spring Program for students in fourth and fifth grade. The Spring Program would tie in with and extend the fourth and fifth grade curriculum.

Brooke Schwarz -

- The Fall Festival and Auction is coming up next week Friday, November 13. Please come and support the cultural arts programs at Ames!

E-Backpack - Teachers, please ask the students to write "Check E-Backpack" in their assignment books.

Amy Scott -

- Amy is petitioning for a crosswalk at the Bartram/Northwood/Louden intersection. All Ames kids living on Northwood, and those on the north end of Bartram must cross here on their way to/from school. Her son was hit at this intersection and broke his leg. Please sign the petition if you would like to see the village install a crosswalk. Contact Amy Scott for more information.

Patti Ackerman -

- Patti has an idea for an easy PTA fundraiser. If you use NanoFlash, an online picture web site, for your holiday cards, Thirty-three percent of the sale goes to Ames School. Patti will email the PTA board with more information.

Officers Reports - Jen Kaiser and Steph Schulte

- Brick pavers - We are making another push to get brick paver orders.
- New playground equipment
- Special Education committee update -
 - The committee is acting as a link between the school and the special ed parents to find after school activities for special ed kids
 - If you have any questions on the progress of this committee, please contact Becky Levine
- Lisa Muldowney needs Art Guide volunteers
- The first Ames Craft Fair is December 3. Crafter registration is due on November 20
- Readers R Leaders October forms are due. Please check out the new bulletin board on the second floor.
- Hauser is putting on the musical, The Music Man, on November 18 and 19 at 7 pm

- Thank you's
 - Joan Kanatas for a fun Halloween program, and Vicky Schander for the classroom snacks afterwards
 - Jette Georgopoulos and everyone else who helped with Fun Lunch
 - Susan Georgopoulos for a special Grandparents' Day
 - Patti Ackerman for handling the Kid's Art note cards
 - Darcy Lewis for organizing the Library Volunteers
 - Crestway Carpets in Lyons (442-7250) for donating the carpet for Ms. Allen's classroom

Mary Stimming -

- There is a board committee being formed to review the Flexible Boundary Plan. Faculty and parent involvement and participation are welcome. The first meeting will take place on November 12 at 7 pm

Stephanie Schulte -

- Please sign up to attend the Board of Education meetings and report back on what was discussed. A sign up sheet is being circulated. The Committee meetings are also important.
- Dr. Lamberson wants parents to know that testing is not done for the entire two weeks on the calendar. The two weeks are shown for district planning purposes.
- Hollywood is a pilot school for the 5th grade to bring their laptops home. The laptops will be brought home on weekdays only and only for specific assignments as directed by teachers for evening work

Calendar:

Veteran's Day Program	Wednesday, November 11 at 2pm
School Spirit/Bank at School	Friday, November 13
Fall Festival and Auction	Friday, November 13 at 7pm
Board of Education meeting at Blythe Park	November 17 at 7 pm
Ames Aims Deadline	Wednesday, November 18
Report Cards/Early Release Day (PM Kindergarten only)	Friday, November 20
**NO SCHOOL (Parent/Teacher Conferences)	Monday, November 23
**NO SCHOOL (Teacher Institute Day)	Tuesday, November 24
**NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Holiday)	Wednesday-Friday, November 25-28
Reflections Deadline	Monday, November 30
PTA Meeting	Tuesday, December 1 at 8:45 am
Ames Craft Fair	Thursday, December 3 from 3:05 - 7 pm
Holiday Gift Shop	Wednesday, December 9 from 3:05 - 5 pm
School Spirit/Bank at School	Friday, December 11
Holiday Festival	Thursday, December 17
	Grade K-2, 6pm
	Grade 3-5, 7:15 pm
Early release (AM Kindergarten only)	Friday, December 18
Winter Break	December 21-January 4

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm