

Ames PTA Meeting December 7, 2010

A motion was put forward to approve PTA minutes from the November 2, 2010 meeting. The minutes had not yet been viewed by Principal Lieggi so they will be approved at the next meeting on February 1, 2011.

Administration Report, Principal Lieggi -

- Principal Lieggi has created a new Principal's Page for the Ames School website. This page includes information on Principal Lieggi's educational experience as well as photos, podcasts and other examples of the high quality teaching taking place at Ames. Principal Lieggi will update her page regularly and encourages everyone to view it often.
- Principal Lieggi recognized Miss Bursich and Mrs. Hickey as leaders in technology at Ames.
- Miss Bursich discussed her fourth grade class's recent study of Ellis Island and climate geography as a part of their Social Studies curriculum. The students made i-movies to integrate what they learned with technology and advance their technology skills.
- Mrs. Hickey's third grade class wrote their memoirs and made memoir podcasts. Mrs. Hickey related that through this exercise, the students used various computer programs and greatly improved their self-editing skills while expanding their technological competence.

Officer's Report, PTA Co Presidents, Jen Kaiser and Lisa Freel -

- The PTA is adding a new Fundraising Chair which will be held by Lisa Swicionis. In this position, Lisa will oversee the fundraising calendar, monitor the effectiveness of our current fundraising efforts, be a resource for various Ames committees and research new fundraising ideas. Fundraising enables the PTA to enhance the educational experience of all Ames students, and the PTA is delighted to have Lisa in this new position.
- District 96 is creating a Global Education Committee comprised of both parents and teachers, and is looking for parent volunteers. The Global Committee Representative would ideally be someone with international interests, contacts and perspectives as well as technological expertise. Any interested individual should contact Jen Kaiser or Lisa Freel for additional information.
- PTA Fundraisers:
 - Square One Kids Art - This fundraiser was very successful. With 44% participation, Ames PTA raised \$2,400.00.
 - Ames Craft Fair - Another success, this fundraiser raised \$1,200.00. Thank you to everyone who participated.
 - Poinsettia Sales - The deadline for poinsettia sales has been extended to December 9, 2010.
 - Box Tops for Education - The November contest went well and Ames collected over 1,500 box tops. Please remember to send in box tops in bags of 10 with the child and teacher's name clearly labeled. Additionally, if anyone has party favors or small toys to donate as prizes, please contact Lisa Hennelly.
 - Holiday Gift Shop - New this year, Ames will receive 20% of the proceeds from this event. All items are under \$10.00, and the gift shop offers students a fun and safe opportunity to shop for gifts.
- Please remember to drive safely, turn off cell phones and follow parking rules at Ames.
- Ames Fall Auction will be held at a new location next fall, the Riverside Golf Club. The event will take place on November 11, 2011. Save the date!

THANK YOU TO:

- Meg Isenberg and her team of volunteers for another wonderful Craft Show
- Tracy Stanard for organizing our very successful Election Day Bake Sale
- Vicki Manchen for getting coverage for the front doors on Election Day
- Lisa Swicionis and Tiffany Agne for their work on Market Day
- Nancy Moyer for her work with PTA Reflections
- Jen Kaiser for providing a wonderful meal to our teachers during Parent Teacher Conferences
- Kelly Cicenas and Tracy Stanard for organizing Holiday Gift Shop

Announcements:

DECEMBER
Fifth Grade Holiday Concert -Hauser
Ames PTA Meeting
Holiday Gift Shop

Wednesday, December 1 at 6:30pm
Tuesday, December 7 at 8:45am
Friday, December 10

Holiday Festival - K-3
Spirit Day/Bank at School
NO SCHOOL- CHRISTMAS BREAK

JANUARY

NO PTA MEETING
Ames Aims deadline
PTA/PTO Guest Speaker – Hauser
NO SCHOOL Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

FEBRUARY

PTA Meeting 8:45am
Book Fair Begins
Book Fair Storyteller
Historical Perspectives for Children with Martin Luther King, Jr.
Early Release
Roller Skating Party
Spirit Day/Bank at School
Presidents Day – No School
Geography Night

Thursday, December 16 at 7:00pm
Friday, December 17
December 20- December 31

Friday, January 7
Wednesday, January 12
Monday, January 17

Tuesday, February 1
Wednesday, February 9
Wednesday, February 9 at 7:00pm
Friday, February 11 9:00(K-2), 10:00(3-5)
Friday, February 11 at 11:30
Friday, February 11 from 1-3pm
Friday, February 18
Monday, February 21
Wednesday, February 23

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