

**Ames PTA Meeting**  
**Tuesday, December 1, 2009**

Call to order 8:53 am

Discussion of E-Backpack and communication guides

- Mixed reaction from parents. We need to stress that FeedBlitz is the way we are communicating at Ames.

Approval of the minutes from November 3, 2009 - Motion put forward, seconded and approved.

Principal Lieggi

- Parent-Teacher conferences went well. Thank you for teachers' dinner during conferences
- The Holiday Concert will take place on December 17 at 6pm for grades K-2 and at 7:15 pm for grades 3-5
- The teachers have been working on keeping up with their web site pages

Officers Reports

- There will be a Craft Fair on Thursday, December 3 in the Ames Gym
- Readers R Leaders forms are due this week. Forty-one percent of the kids are participating, which is a good improvement over participation in previous years.
- Ames Rocks for Ethan will take place on Friday, December 11 in the gym. Donation forms are due on Wednesday, December 9
- Geography Night will be moved to February 24, 2010
- The new Village of Riverside budget proposes eliminating all Crossing Guards. This is a public safety issue, and concerned parents should attend the next Village meeting and/or email the Village Board of Trustees. Dr. Lamberson and the District 96 Board of Education should respond to this at their upcoming meeting on December 15<sup>th</sup>
- Kelly Cienas needs volunteers for the Holiday Gift Shop
- Thank you to Debbie Alm, Vicki Manchen, Susan Georgopoulos and Brooke Schwarz for the Fall Festival and Auction. The total amount raised was \$19,219.40. (Raffle tickets raised \$7,000)
- Thanks also to Mary Lescher, Michelle Udelson, Lisa Muldowney, Sheila Gentile and everyone else who helped make the Fall festival a great success
- Thank you to Joan Kanatas for providing the teachers' dinner during Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Artist in Residence Bill Buczinsky will be at Ames from January 11-15 and will focus on poetry
- Budget approval needed for purchasing additional laminate (\$500). Purchase approved
- Mrs. Bieschke is having knee surgery and will be out until after Winter Break
- Ms. Friel will be on extended medical leave through Winter Break
- The PTA is making a donation to the Diabetes Foundation in memory of Ms. Allen's mother

Meeting adjourned 9:45 am

**Announcements:**

Ames Craft Fair

Holiday Gift Shop

Ames Rocks for Ethan

School Spirit/Bank at School

Board of Education Meeting at Hauser

Holiday Festival

Early Release (AM Kindergarten only)

Winter Break

Science in a Bag begins

PTA Parent Program at Hauser

Reading Assessments

Artist in Residence; Bill Buczinsky, Poetry Residency

Little Symphony

Board of Education Meeting at Hauser

Ames Aims Deadline

Early Release (PM Kindergarten only)

Roller Skating Party

Thursday, December 3 from 3:05 - 7 pm

Wednesday, December 9 from 3:05 to 5 pm

Friday, December 11 from 7-9 pm

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Tuesday, December 15 at 7:30 pm

Thursday, December 17,

Grades K-2 at 6pm

Grades 3-5 at 7:15 pm

Friday, December 18

December 21-January 4

Tuesday, January 5

Wednesday, January 6 at 7:30 pm

Monday, January 11 to Friday, January 15

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Wednesday, January 13

Tuesday, January 19 at 7:30 pm

Wednesday, January 20

Friday, January 29

Friday, January 29 from 1-3 pm