**WESTCHESTER ES PTA**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR THE APRIL 14, 2015 MEETING**

**Green School update:**

\*The Pollinator Garden is emerging from spring and we are recruiting volunteers to help with maintenance for the upcoming spring, summer and fall. Duties will include weeding, watering and mulching. We will soon have a way for volunteers to sign up online so be looking for that post.

\*Saturday April 26th will be our Earth Day / Spring Cleanup and Beautification day. 11-1. Get your pre-approval now for Service Hours and come on out to help make our campus beautiful! Duties include raking, trimming, mulching and flower planting.

\*We will have a second clean up on June 13th. This one will focus on weeding and preparing the grounds for the summer season.

**Yearbook update:**

The yearbook has been submitted to the publisher and is due to arrive at the end of May. Families can order yearbooks by going to the PTA website. Payments can be placed in the PTA safe in the front office. $19 per copy.

**Cultural Committee update:**

We have completed the process for a grant from the Baltimore County Department of Health, Bureau of Behavioral Health for a Tobacco Education School Grant.  The Children's' Theater has a production on the subject suitable for 3rd - 5th graders to be held on the afternoon of April 30th. There will also be some take home materials for each student to bring home. I am still working on securing one last assembly for the year.  Either for pre-k through 2nd only, or for all grades.

**Beach Night update:**

Beach Night is in need of a new chair for next year.   Please contact Tessa Ropp at mommyropp@verizon.net if you would be interested in taking over this event.  The event is not difficult to coordinate since it has been running for so many years.  I have a folder of information to pass along to the next chair.

**Book Fair update:**

Volunteers needed in the following areas:

Set Up: 4/17 After School (4-6 pm)

Preview Days:  assisting students with previewing the fair (4/20-4/23)

Buy Days:  helping students find their selections/count their money, working cash registers, arranging books (4/24-4/29)

Book Night: working registers, helping families find books, arranging books (4/28 5-8:30 pm - any time you can help is appreciated)

Clean Up: 4/29 After School

You are welcome to volunteer during your student's preview and buy times.  The schedule is available on our Book Fair page.

Please visit <http://westchesterespta.weebly.com/book-fair.html> and e-mail Jenn Taylor at westchester21228@gmail.com for further information

**Kids' Club update:**

Remaining Dates have been e-mailed to participating families.  Enrollment for a 7-week Spring Chess is open through Friday, April 24th.  Visit <http://westchesterespta.weebly.com/kids-club.html> for more information and to register.

**Picture Parent Committee Update:**

Picture Parent has Volunteers for all grades now.  The Teachers of the younger grades show most interest in this program.

**Teacher appreciation update:**

Several families donated pies to pi day and the teachers loved the tshirts, pies and pizza in addition to enhancing the educational message. Admin professional day, nurses day and library (and tech) teacher days are in April and already taken care of. Volunteers needed in May, for teacher appreciation week; they will also be asking WES families to donate k cups for the teachers lounge as well as $5 -$10 gift cards.

**Parents Night Out:**

Event was a success, despite having low ticket sales (50).  Very profitable: just over $3364. Recommending having every other year, in the future, because CMS is starting a similar event.

**Food Nights:**

May 20th Lima’s Chicken 3-10pm

Sweet Frog June 10th 3-10pm

Applebee’s: We had 116 people attend. Thanks Bunches, this event turned out to be a great success. I believe we made over $500.00.

**Kindergarten Round-Up etc:**

Over 45 families registered for next year.  If you see any of these individuals, please thank them for volunteering: Jenn Taylor, Pete Fitzpatrick, Rebecca Albritton, Patti Schwartz, Carrie Lazorchak, Leigh Fischer, Robin Mitchell, Tess Ballinger

Thank you as well for marketing suggestions raised during  the last PTA meeting.  I think posting signs at the local preschools helped with our response.

The back to school playdate/ lunch date that Ms. Lapriola suggested has not been scheduled.  Peggy did not confirm the date before she left and asked that I wait for the new administration.I will touch base with the office in July. Boo Breakfast is tentatively scheduled for Fri, August 28, but again I was asked to wait for the new administration to confirm the date.