

Spruce PTO Meeting Thursday February 2nd 2017 7-8pm

PTO: (2) Gen Kysar, Amanda Faasee

Staff: (4) Emily Moore, Loretta Willwerth, Frances Gregory, and Emma Rodriguez

Parents: 2

Gen:

- Movie night a success! \$262 in profit, lots of smiling faces, happy families, quick event
- No Sweetheart Bingo this month. Not enough volunteers / resources
- March 3rd will be the Book Swap with Dr Seuss theme
 - Reading nooks / corners
 - Parents to volunteer to read in their native languages (Spanish, Arabic, Vietnamese, Korean)
 - 6th Grade classes to do bake sale for treats (bottled water too)
- Able to reimburse a good handful of teachers
- We've been getting steady profit from Fred Meyers and other grocery rewards programs.
 - Please remember to register your frequent shopper / loyalty member number online and select Spruce Elementary for your charity / school of choice. Most stores who have loyalty programs do this now. Super easy way for us to earn money.
- Box Tops in November was a success! We had Mrs. Williams and Mr. Hodder as our top classes and they each got a popcorn party.
 - Doing another Box Top push the last two weeks of February.

Loretta:

- Food Drive Feb 1st – 8th! Prizes for bringing in items!

Emily:

- Superintendent has made Emily officially Spruce's Principal! (GENERAL CONGRATS! ☺)
- Thanks for movie night! Great success! Students were well behaved, families enjoyed the movie, and the event was just great.
- Busses; we now have 7 busses, had a bus orientation with students (expected behavior), have had success to and from with bus routes since.
- Water main break on 1/18 and missing school Thursday 1/19. No damage other than the parking lot. Serious crack that had to be fixed. Couldn't have students on site without consistent running water and there were other safety concerns.
- Follow up to students running out of lunch money and getting the "safety net lunch:"
 - 1st time when student gets to the front of the line and doesn't have enough funds, they will get their choice of hot lunch paid for by 'the principal account'
 - A call will be made to their home by the kitchen staff
 - 2nd time they will get the 'safety net lunch' and normal district procedure will take place.

- I think it's a lot for a young student to have on their shoulders – financial burden
- Good to have this buffer
- Currently making about 4 calls a day
- **Gen:** We have decided that the PTO will help contribute to the 'principal fund' to help keep this going.

Frances:

- Digital Citizenship
 - Common Sense Media presentation (hand out)
 - Incorporated into Library curriculum
- Also note, all library fines are now paid through the office

Emma:

- Family Academy Wednesdays 6-8pm
- Topics: Student and parent rights, how to support & advocate for your student, high school and after high school, discipline practices in your district, and bullying.
- Hand out

Gen:

- Reminder that we have Coffee & Cookies with Principal Emily Moore on Wednesday February 15th at 9:15am.
- Thank you all for coming! ☺