



### **MICS PTO Meeting**

**Meeting Time: Monthly, First Thursday of the Month beginning October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Initial Meeting for 2018- Meeting Date: 08/28/18**

### **Upcoming Events**

- **Raptor Run Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:30am**- Kick off beginning September 6<sup>th</sup> with a pep rally for all elementary students. Packets will come home in Thursday folders. Extra forms are available through the Raptor Run Website located on the SOAR Foundations webpage <https://www.micssoar.org/raptor-run.html> and will be available via Parent Square. Parents can set up their own online website to use for raising donations, and each family that signs up for an online account will get their own link to share with family and friends. Business sponsor names will be included on the 2018 Raptor Run T-shirt. Student prizes include: light up bracelet, tattoos, string bag, coupon page that includes 2 NUT (no uniform today) passes and various other coupons. Any student raising \$500.00 or more will have the opportunity to go in to the cash booth. The Top 3 teachers from ES and MS and 1 teacher from HS will also receive the opportunity to spend time in the cash booth. K-8 students as well as ALL teachers will receive t-shirts, students in grades from 9-12 will need to raise a minimum of \$25.00 to receive a t-shirt. Volunteers working on the day of the run will receive a t-shirt that can be picked up the morning of the race. There are many volunteer opportunities available prior to the event, and the sign up can be located via Parent Square under the PTO Group. This event raised approx. 80K in September of 2017.
- **Staff Appreciation Committee-**
  - October 31<sup>st</sup>-Fall treats
    - Sign up through Parent Square
  - December 20<sup>th</sup>-Breakfast & Cookie Walk
    - Biscuits, granola bars, fruit and juice. Sign up through Parent Square
  - February 1<sup>st</sup>-Pre-Super Bowl Tailgate Luncheon
    - Wing bar catered by Sports Page. PTO Sponsored
  - April-Stock the Freezers. Popsicles and Ice cream
    - PTO Sponsored
  - May 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Teacher Appreciation Week
    - Catered lunch Zoe's Kitchen- PTO Sponsored
    - Gift Card pull/raffle. Sign up through Parent Square
    - Elementary School-Daily
    - MS/HS- Monday -ELA, Tuesday- Math, etc.
  - May 27<sup>th</sup>-Stock the Teacher Lounges for EOG's
    - Depending on budget, possibly PTO sponsored

- **Book Fair October 24<sup>th</sup>-November 2<sup>nd</sup> (these dates include delivery and set-up and aren't the dates that the fair will be open)**- Nicole Swanson will be looking for co-chairs to assist with running the Book Fair. Please be on the lookout for a sign up.
- **Fall Festival Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**- Various committees are being formed, and more details will be shared after the Raptor Run. If you are interested in helping, please contact Eileen Blackburn directly. The festival will be like last year's festival with a few, fun additions including additional bounce houses. Island Ice is looking to set up 2 separate food trucks to help ease congestion. At this point we are unsure if the Haunted Hallways event will be held on the same night. Please be on the lookout for a link to the volunteer sign up via Parent Square. More details to come.
- **Grade/Room Parents**- MS/HS Grade Level parents have been established. We have about 25 parents willing to assist. All teacher favorites will be captured through Parent Square and easily accessible. Senior breakfast will be held on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Once per quarter we will be celebrating HS Birthdays. All MS and HS Honor Roll recipients will be recognized quarterly, and recipients will receive a special treat.
- **New Parent Welcome Committee**- This program is still in the works. Lori Witham will be meeting with Mr. Reilly to obtain a list of new parents. Lori is seeking assistance with this project. If interested, please email Lori directly. Will work on a master committee contact sheet.
- **Father Daughter Dance TBD**- This is a new event that will be held in January or February for all girls in K-12. Anyone interested in joining the planning committee for this event should contact either Sharon Loomis or Tara Sears.
- **Spring Auction TBD**- We are still looking for a co-chair, if interested, please contact Molly Calvello. Last year we did 2 baskets per grade for k-8<sup>th</sup> grade. Local businesses and some parents were solicited and donated various items such as gift cards, vacations, sporting event tickets etc. HS students had a Penny War to fund 1 basket per grade. The auction made the school 40K in the Spring of 2018.
- **Everyday Fundraising**- Everyday Fundraising fliers were sent out in students Back to School information. Please remember to link your VIC Card through Harris Teeter. Publix, Amazon Smile and Shoparoo also participate. The annual Box Top contest is generally held between Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. Collections are taken bi-weekly during the contest period and then monthly throughout the rest of the year. The winning teachers in each grade will win an ice cream social for their classes. The top winner will receive bragging rights in addition to a trophy for their classroom. If you are interested in volunteering to help collect Box Tops, please contact either Doug Lampkin or Lori Witham.

- **Arts Committee-** We are still looking for someone to lead the Arts Committee. If interested, please contact Molly Calvello.
- **PTO Budget-** A portion of the fundraising goes directly to the PTO for events, incidentals, Staff Appreciation and the remainder goes towards buildings, fields etc. We have received some suggestions regarding school wide needs and the PTO is still trying to prioritize these needs.
- **Justin Matthews Update-** The school received \$500,000 in grants that will be used for added security and an additional Resource Officer. We also received a grant to fund mental health services. These funds have made it possible to add additional services for all our students. Many different extracurricular activities are available. Mr. Matthews appreciates our support, and asks that we continue to foster positivity throughout our school community.

#### **Open items and suggestions:**

- Consider changing monthly PTO meetings to Friday mornings as opposed to Thursday mornings. Although we would never be able to please all, often people seem to be more flexible on Fridays. This could possibly drum up additional participation.
- A suggestion came up to host a parent only outing along the lines of the Gala. More discussion needs to be had around this topic.
- In the next PTO Meeting Announcement, advertise that younger children are always welcome to attend PTO Meetings.

**Attendees: Sharon Loomis, Clarissa Phillips Bridgewater, Lisa McConnell, Lori Witham, Hilary Ross, Becky Swain (sp?), Tracie Booker, Laura Jung, Stephanie, Heil, Tara Sears, Nicole Swanson, Heather Juhasz, Greta Jones, Abby Knutson, Tara Bivens, Michelle Halterman, Beth Butlack, Molly Calvello, Donna Carpenter, Ally O'Regan, Mary Ledford**

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