

# TARA PTO MEETING

Date: November 1, 2022 Time: 6:15 pm until 7:20 pm Location: Media Center

## Topic 1: Welcome to Tara Elementary PTO

- Introduction of our Board
  - ❖ President: Lisa Jobst
  - ❖ Vice-President: Amanda Hall
  - ❖ Treasurer: Angela Sauro Davis
  - ❖ Co-Secretaries: Dannin Grosso and Rebecca Shoun
  - ❖ Teacher Liaison: Luci McGee
  
- Meetings and Involvement
  - ❖ Childcare is now available at our meetings for all ages. Bring your students and younger siblings and attend SAC and PTO monthly meetings in person!
  - ❖ Thank you to Lakewood Ranch High School Key Club Volunteers for providing childcare at our meetings.
  - ❖ Fill out a District Volunteer Application to volunteer at school events this year.
  - ❖ We have a new email system to keep everyone up to date with all PTO news. E-mail [taraptorocks@gmail.com](mailto:taraptorocks@gmail.com) if you are not yet on our email list, and we will add you!

- ❖ We need volunteers for fundraiser distribution starting at 12:45 pm on Wednesday. Check in at office and meet in the cafeteria.

## Topic 2: Past Events- Thank you for participating!

- Goldfish Swim School exclusive Family Swim for Tara Families was Friday, October 14th.
  - ❖ Sign up for lessons in the next two weeks and mention Tara for additional money to go back to our school.
- Costume themed Spirit Night at Freddy's was Wednesday, October 26th. We earned \$234.00 for our school with \$1500 in sales! Great job!
- Fall Festival was Friday, October 28th.
  - ❖ Thank you to all of our volunteers and teachers!
  - ❖ Everyone loved the trunk or treat, spooky forest, activities, and bake sale!

For next year, we need to move the food tents because of issues with the bugs and lack of lighting. The volunteers and the layout were very great utilizing the outside and it was nice to be spread out.

## Topic 3: Treasurer's Report

- Big news: Order your Tara Drinkware at our new website [tarapto.com](http://tarapto.com)

- Please sign up for Amazon Smile!

#### Topic 4: Upcoming Events and Making Connections at Tara Elementary

- Fundraiser Distribution is Wednesday, November 2nd. ❖ Everyone needs to pick up your child's orders after school that day.
- Chicken Salad Chick PTO Spirit Day
  - ❖ Saturday, November 12th from 11-2 pm.
- Blaze Pizza Tara Elementary PTO Spirit Night
  - ❖ Wednesday, December 7th 4-8 pm.
  - ❖ See the holiday lights, while you eat pizza.
- We are looking at hosting the popular "Playground Play Date" again.
- PTO will again offer families the opportunity to be part of our Family Connection Digital Student Directory.
  - ❖ Will be divided by grade level and list student's first name and last initial, teacher's name, parent's first name and email.
  - ❖ It is to be used for organizing play dates and helping families make more connections.
  - ❖ More information about how to opt-in to being part of the Family Connection Digital Student Directory will go out later in November.

#### Topic 5: Fall Fundraiser

- We met our big goal of \$30,000!

- Students and staff enjoyed icy treats from Carousel's from the PTO to celebrate meeting our goal.
- Distribution of ordered fundraising items will be on November 2nd, an early release day. Pick up the items your child sold after school.
- We earned a BMX show for meeting our fundraising goal. We will be scheduling the BMX show soon.

## Topic 6: Winter Wonderland

- Friday, December 16th at 6-8 pm.

Ideas from meeting for Candy Wonderland!

To have it be more spread out than last year, more similar to the layout as how the Fall Festival was done.

Activities could be in the hallways again, 3-4 activities per hallway.

Could show a pg Christmas movie like the classic Frosty the Snowman while kids are waiting in line to see Santa in the media center.

We need to remind parents to bring a bag for all of the craft station make and takes.

Dinner/dessert trucks outside the front of the school. Chick-fil-a? Bubba-q's?

No need for a D.J. at the Candy Wonderland, we will wait for the spring dance instead.

We need to have more than 1 cash register for the Christmas shop.

The Christmas shop needs to be in its own separate room.

Ask Mrs. Miranda to involve the kids in helping to make the Candy Wonderland.

We could have the kids make the squares with color that stick to the floor to follow the path to the next activities.

Would be nice to have a musical performance like Christmas Carols and possibly a dance.