

PTO GENERAL MEETING 7PM – September 7, 2011

Introduction of Marilyn Ezrin & Alpa Bhas and explanation of name change to PTO from Parents Club. The new website is cliffordpto.org.

Mr. Lind: School budget is stable for now.
STAR Testing results were down 10% from last year (803 vs. 813)

Enrichment Classes: (Lisa A.) 14 programs available

Kim Faus (PTO Treasurer): New possible budget item, Clifford play. This year it would involve all class levels. (kindergarten through 8th grade). The upfront cost is \$7200, but we expect the cost to be about \$3K. To offset the cost, we would need to charge the students who participate. Any child will be eligible, with scholarships available for those unable to contribute. Parents would have to volunteer. We would hope to break even. Adelante school charges \$100 for main characters, \$50 for ensemble parts. Auditions would be in November and play is Feb. 24-26. It was voted on and approved to use PTO money towards play.

Michele Haussler/Parcel Tax: A possible Parcel Tax measure is coming in the spring. Nothing is set yet. Possibly \$60 tax. We are the lowest funded District in the county. Seeing more children with less money. Looking for volunteers to do phone banking. District needs to have volunteer base by Thanksgiving. Need 100 volunteers from each school. If it passes, it would raise \$5 million over 5 years. 500 hours total needed from each school. It would be approximately 5 hours total per volunteer. Contact Michele Haussler at mthaussler@gmail.com

Lisa Chad (Volunteer Coordinator): The Direct Donation Program's goal is \$75K. We have raised \$35K so far. Need help with grant writing and green team. Movie Night will be coming back.

Christina Sullivan (Room Rep Coordinator): Need more Room Rep. Coordinators. It involves getting the information from PTO to each classroom. Meetings would be once a month.

Thomas Sperrow (Fathers Group): This is a new group this year. One possible project is with Mosaic tile. Great way for Father's to get involved. Fundraising as well.

Ruth Brosius (CARE): Clifford Alliances for Relief Emergency: Focus is on Clifford families that need Emergency services.

Ann Berljafa (Come Out and Play Night): This is for socializing and fun. Date Friday, Sept. 23rd.

Art in Action (Amy Donovan): Bringing art into classroom. Volunteers will be trained (3 hours training by Art in Action). Need more volunteers.

Sheila Bailey (Clifford Garden): Garden classes, learning through gardening. One parent volunteer per classroom who will teach with a box/materials provided by Hidden Villa. 1.5 hours prep time. K-5 grades.