



What happened at the May 30th , 2012 PTO meeting?

Next PTO meeting June 13th @ 7:00 Bishop Library ***

This meeting will include a VOTE on 2012-2013 Budget as well as discussion and VOTE on use of budget surplus.

The PTO is seeking nominations for Jr. Co-president, Senior and Jr. Co-treasurers, and Recording Secretary. An e-mail ballot will be sent out June 7-8 if there are more than one nominee for any position. Contact Brecky Peabody for additional information or to nominate yourself or a friend.

The May 19th **Bishop Fair** was a very fun day and a HUGE fundraising success. Thank you to all who helped to organize and staff the event, especially Barbara Dumery and the chairs of each Bishop Fair Committee.

The funds raised exceeded all expectations, resulting in a **PTO budget surplus** for this year. Plans are underway to identify the best way to apply these resources to enrich and enhance the efforts of teachers and staff. There will be a vote on budget for 2012-2013 Budget at the June 13 PTO meeting, along with discussion of priorities for spending of surplus funds such as Technology, Theater/drama program, Library, Grants to teachers.

Enrichment Update: Since the last meeting, Bay Colony Educators came and presented to 3rd and 5th grades, the Museum of Science brought the States of Matter presentation to 5th grade, and 1st grade had the Habitat Soil program.

Surveys to Parents and Teachers: In May, the PTO sent out a survey to both parents and teachers to get input on current and planned PTO activities. This will guide fundraising efforts (fewer fundraisers, no wrapping paper fundraiser planned), as well as community event planning (suggested talent show and movie nights got many votes).

Room Parents Proposals: The PTO proposed two changes to how room parents are organized. Each change was discussed at the meeting.

Proposal 1: Include classroom slush funds in PTO budget and have the PTO treasurer manage disbursement of funds. The PTO membership present did not have enough information about how classroom supplies are ordered and managed by teachers. This, along with concerns about how to assign funds to classroom led to the proposal being tabled at the meeting with no vote.

Proposal 2: Room parents will be asked, by grade, to support one major PTO event (e.g. pumpkin sale, chili/game night, skating party, art/culture night). This will involve communicating with all parents in their class to coordinate volunteers and coordinate with PTO. After discussion, this proposal passed with unanimous vote.

Upcoming Events:

May 31st, Art and Culture Evening at Bishop

June 1st Field day at school during the day.

June 5th, the storyteller Odds Bodkin will share his 'Golden Rule' presentation with students in two assemblies at school.

June 5th, Theater/Drama program meeting 6:00 at Bishop. Anybody interested is welcome to join.

June 11th – 15th Teacher Appreciation Week at Bishop. Coordinator Needed.