

**President's Report**

2015-16 has been a mellow, really nice year! The dances have been successful and the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Step Up dance is coming along.

New officers are needed for next year! Positions for President and Treasurer are open. Our Secretary, Michelle Stein will stay on for the next school year. Co-positions are an option for President. If you are interested in being part of the PTO board next year, please contact any of the current board members!

**Committee Reports**

Step-Up dance- Coming along. Decorations are being purchased/donated. Information for students and 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents about the particulars will come home in the 4<sup>th</sup> marking period...probably in early-mid May. A Honeywell will be sent as well as via the students mailboxes. The dance will be in the EMS auditorium/cafeteria from 7-9pm on Monday, June 20 after the Step-Up ceremony. Donation requests will be coming out to parents for the dance (snacks, water bottles, candy, etc.). If you are interested in helping with the dance, the next Step-Up meeting will be on May 3 at the Roxbury Library at 7:30pm. Michelle Danielson is chair.

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Teacher Appreciation Luncheon- plans are coming along for this event which will take place on Friday, May 6.

Ella Wink Scholarship- all essays have been submitted and are pending review.

**Treasurer's Report**

Not much to report aside from the \$400 that was donated by EMS PTO for Project Graduation.

**Principal's Report**

PARCC is underway this week (April 12-14). ELA is in the morning, followed by leisure time and lunch, Math is in the afternoon. The students will be able to use the outdoor cafeteria area during "leisure time" with the nice weather. At 11:30am on Tuesday, EMS was notified that we are a "field test site". PARCC has added questions...it's

gone from 3 to 4 sections of testing so Friday will be added as a day of testing now. Math will conclude on Friday morning. PARCC refusals this year amount to about 60.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade will go to the High School for the Mini-thon on Friday afternoon from about 1-2pm.

Teacher's contract will be voted on Wednesday/Thursday (April 13, 14). There was a mixed reaction on Monday at the Board meeting. Salary guide is still the main sticking point.

EMS will present the BOE with a new schedule for next year soon. It was hoped to happen on April 18, but will have to wait a bit longer. This relates to A-B days, electives, length of classes, etc. There is a strong possibility of a Dance elective next year for 8<sup>th</sup> graders. A survey will come out to kids and parents.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade picnic at Jeff Lakes Camp will be on Friday, June 3.

Tuesday, April 19 starts the 4<sup>th</sup> marking period.

### **Open Items**

The 15<sup>th</sup> annual Children's Carnival is tentatively scheduled for June 26 at Horseshoe Lake from 2-5pm. Volunteers are needed to help make this wonderful event take place! Booths, games, photography, etc. are needed. The event benefits Roxbury Social Services. There are usually about 30 games and a raffle and the committee asks families to run a booth, a game, etc. The cost per game is 25 cents and small prizes are given to all children who play. For more information, contact Alana Hayford.

Continue sending in your Box Tops! Shipments are made periodically.

Shoparoo is still up and running.

Labels For Education is winding down nationwide, so get them in while you can.

The next PTO meeting will be on Tuesday, May 10 at 7:30 in Main Office

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