

EMS PTO Meeting 11/15/16

Principal's Report

*The first marking period has ended...it's been a great start to the school year!

*Next Wednesday, November 23, EMS will have the first of many ALICE training assemblies. Each "Active Intruder Drill" will focus on a different aspect of dealing with an intruder in the building and will be presented one piece at a time. This piece will be a Barricade Drill. It will be about an hour in length and it's already a ½ day, so the students won't be missing much in the way of instruction. A Honeywell alert will go out on the Tuesday prior so that parents are aware.

*Suite 360 has been helpful in a few HIB situations.

*Congratulations to a number of staff members at EMS who are expecting! Interviews for interim positions will take place after Thanksgiving break.

*Spanish Club is cancelled until further notice.

*The 7th Grade students LOVED the Halloween Social! They showed off their costumes and had a great time dancing and socializing in the gym. Congratulations to our 7th graders for winning the canned food drive contest!

*The Veteran's Day assembly was a success. A number of veterans attended and they were shown tremendous respect by the students at EMS!

*Some things that we would really like to see happen at EMS are:

A new Gym floor! Our floor is old (c.1961) and has many issues. Mr. Miller has made this known and we are hoping to see a replacement floor soon! Any ideas for serious fundraising are welcome.

EMS can also use some proper outdoor lighting! It's really dark along Eyland Ave. and it would benefit walkers and drivers alike to have proper lighting. A lit sign out front is welcome too and would be very useful.

Treasurer's Report

Michelle Danielson presented the Treasurer's report. We would like to thank the many teachers who joined the PTO! Your support really means a lot.

Fall Fun Night

Our first "dance" was a great success. The students really enjoyed themselves. Thank you to all parents who chaperoned (as well as Mr. Miller, Ms. Omegna, and Mr. Gangiemi) and donated snacks, drinks, and goodies! It was really nice to see the kids in a comfortable, familiar place having a great time with each other. There was plenty to do even if they didn't want to dance...basketball, chess, cupstacking, games, Wii, and more.

Although the turn out was smaller than we hoped, it was still a fabulous time for all. The PTO made some money as well from those who are not PTO members.

Remember...joining the PTO is \$6. Fun nights are free with membership. Otherwise, our events are \$5 each.

Spirit Wear

Act fast! The spirit wear drive ends on Friday (November 18). It's online only at www.dezineline.com. Follow the links for EMS. Any questions can be directed to Nancy Loizou (973)632-1129 or nancyloizou@gmail.com

8th Grade Step Up Dance

Although we have a good number of volunteers for the step up dance in June, a chairperson is necessary. January is a good time to get the ball rolling with planning the step up dance, so if you can help, please let us know.

Mr. Miller is in the process of getting gowns for our 8th graders! These gowns will be the property of EMS and will be used for the step up ceremony (no caps!).