

CMS PTO Meeting March 7, 2013

Welcome by Co-Chairs, Megan Pickette and Nancy Grayson.

Guest Speaker, Monica Frender, Health Teacher Grades 5-8 at Chenery.

Ms. Frender informed parents to the curriculum of Health Education at CMS . Ms. Frender has been teaching at CMS for two years, and is also the choreographer of the CMS presentation of “Once Upon a Mattresses”. Ms. Frender meets with ALL students throughout the year, on a rotating schedule. A variety of topics are part of the curriculum and include but not limited to; Interpersonal Relationships, Mental Health, Consumer Health & Resource Management, Tobacco, Alcohol & Substance Use/Abuse Prevention., Reproduction/Sexuality and Growth & Development. Each subject is discussed on a grade level appropriateness.

Much of the classroom discussion revolves around role-playing and exchange of ideas between students and Ms. Frender. Recommended websites to visit; www.doe.mass.edu/frameworks/health/1999/1099.pdf also www.kidshealth.org

Principal Report

Kristen St. George reported for herself, Daniel Coplon-Newfield and Heidi Johnson.

MCAS is fast approaching and all grades are preparing. Security for the doors is still a work in progress. The electronic entry ID’s are not up to working standards as yet, they should be ready this summer.

The Lower School is in the beginning of the final stages of planning for Ferry Beach, the annual class trip for 5th Graders taken in early June. Bingo is quickly approaching and Star Night just past. A great time was appreciated by both students, parents and teachers.

The Upper School is in the final stages of preparing for the annual 8th grade trip to DC. The 7th grader parents met with Mr. Copland-Newfield last week to start preparations for their upcoming 2014 trip.

PTO Funding Requests – were discussed and approved by the attendees.

PTO Committee Chairs Updates

Volunteer Opportunities are available at the Lower School Office. Photocopying by parents would be a welcome break for teachers. Please contact Megan or Nancy if you are interested in helping out.

International Fair – April 25, 2013

This former annual event has been brought back by an enthused parent volunteer Lucy Yeghyayan. This evening is promised to be a lovely event which will included, music, food, maps, artifacts, clothing and the alphabet from a variety of countries, over 16 counties will be represented. Please contact Lucy at lucyPWL@hotmail.com to host a country or volunteer.

Cookie Dough Sale – currently on going.

5th Grade Activities – Bingo, and Ice Cream social are upcoming.

PTO Clubs – Winter clubs are wrapping up. Sign ups for Spring are quickly approaching. The Spring Session will be a bit shorter due to Ferry Beach and DC trips.

Teacher Appreciation Lunch – May 3rd!

On Going Business

Both the Treasurer's report and Secretary's report from last meeting were approved.

Adjournment at 8:30