



Royalview PTA

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Monthly Meetings

1st Thursday of the month @ 6:30

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2015-2016 PTA Board

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Treasurer: Laura Rieder

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SAVE THE DATES

Dec 11

Popcorn Day

Dec 15 - 16

Marco's Pizza Days

Dec 21 - Jan 1

Winter Break

Jan 4

Cookie Dough Fundraiser

Jan 7

PTA Meeting

Membership Update

Membership Total: 321
Faculty PTA Members: 48

PTA Membership can be obtained all year and when you send in your form you will receive one CP's Cooler Coin...good towards your next ice cream treat!

The PTA Packet can be downloaded anytime from the PTA website at www.RoyalviewPTA.org.

Have a safe & happy Winter Break!!!

PTA Monthly Meeting

THURSDAY, January 7
6:30pm
Oak Room

January Drawing

Scholastic Book Fair Credit
Book Fair: January 25-29

December's Drawing Winner

The Morbeto Family

Marco's Pizza Night Update

Online Order Request

We received great news from the Marco's manager that Royalview has the greatest number of orders out of all the NE Ohio schools participating – Thank you for your continued support! We were also told that in order to move up in the rankings for the Marco's School challenge to earn end of the year cash prizes we need to increase our ONLINE orders. So if you are able to place online, please help us out. Any cash award we earn at the end, the local Marco's shop will meet! The top prize is \$10,000!

December Pizza Update

Royalview's next Marco's Pizza Days are December 15 & 16. Families can order from Marco's on any of the designated days. Phone or walk-in orders earn 15% while online orders earn 20%. Order online (www.marcos.com) any day and 20% will be earned. Be sure to mention or select Royalview Elementary and your child's teacher. Each month the class with the most orders will earn a free pizza party from Marco's.



November Earnings

\$445.43

Free Pizza Party

Miss Zappola - 4th

December Pizza Date

November 15 & 16

Choose your day!

KidStuff Coupon Books Update

Thank you to everyone who either sold, bought or returned the KidStuff Coupon book that was sent out. We sold 385 books and earned \$4812.50. Thank you to the teachers for their help with tracking their student's books. If you still have a book out please either return the book (in any condition) or send in the \$25 to purchase it ASAP. Winners for the movie gift cards were: Madelyn F., MacKenzie M., Braylon B.

Holiday Extravaganza Success!

Thank you for another successful and fun evening at the 4th Annual Holiday Extravaganza on December 4. We hope everyone had fun and were able to complete some of their holiday shopping. All raffles items have been delivered to students... congratulations and enjoy your gifts. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped set up, tear down and managed tables! Thank you to the National Honor Society students for being Personal Elf Shoppers! Thank you to all the vendors who participated! We look forward to it next year!

Food Bank Donations – thank you to everyone who brought food items for the local food bank to earn an extra raffle ticket. Local families will be helped through these donations.

Cookie Dough Fundraiser - Coming in January

The annual Cookie Dough Fundraiser is coming in January. Catalogs and order forms will come home with students the week of January 4. More information and prize selection to be announced soon!

Fundraising Goals = \$20K

The PTA Board has set our fundraising goal to **\$20,000**. A continued thanks to everyone for their support. As we continue through the year, we are looking to raise at least \$20,000 to put towards our short term and long terms outlined below. Short Term goals are in progress and updates will be made. Stay tuned!!

2015-2016 Fundraising Goals

Below we have identified some short term and long term goals to strive towards.

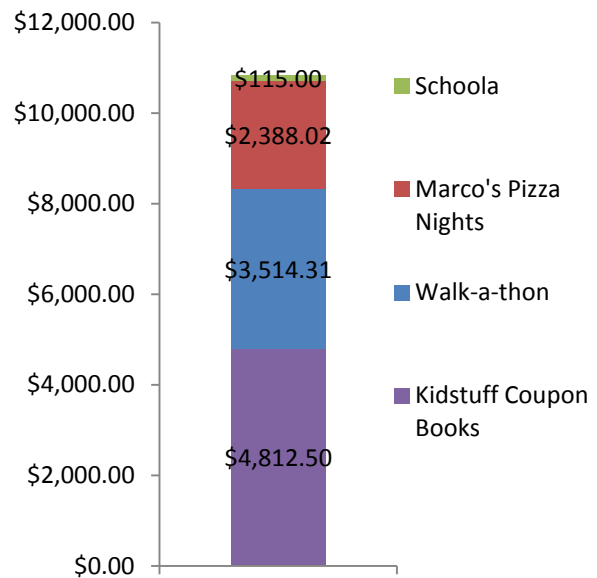
• Short Term Goals

- New Sound System – needed for music concerts and school events
- Playground Maintenance – upkeep of the current playground sets

• Long Term Goals

- Playground Improvement & Addition – improve the overall grounds area of playground (steps, mulch or other ground substance). Add additional play systems or recreational toys. Improve black top area for playing.
- Technology – purchase more tablet/laptop carts

Royalview PTA Fundraising 2015 YTD (Dec 2015)



Support Programs for Royalview PTA

Schoola.com Program – Donate Gently Used Clothing

Schoola is an online store where families can send their gently used children and women's clothing to be sold with a percentage of earnings coming back to the registered school. Once signed up, Schoola will mail you a bag for your clothes. This bag is already postage paid, so it's FREE to mail back. Pack your clothes in the bag and send it off.

To sign up and start helping Royalview earn money visit: www.schoola.com.
To learn more about the program visit: <https://www.schoola.com/how-it-works>.
View the FAQ's here: <https://www.schoola.com/stitch/faq>.





ROYALVIEW ELEMENTARY PTA MEETING MINUTES – December 2015

OPENING (Laura Kramer):

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

November's meeting minutes were approved by: Coletta Hirsch & Joyce Keough

TREASURER'S REPORT (Carol Bard):

- Savings account balance \$25,506.45.
- Checking account balance \$27,718.62.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Amanda Mitchell & Carol Card):

- The PTA received a Thank You Card from the Special Education Teachers who won the 2nd Faculty membership drawing card to the Cheesecake Factory. They were able to bless Miss Zagari with a dinner while on a sick leave.

LCC DELEGATE REPORT (Angela Buemi):

- There was a lot of information discussed at the meeting last week and below are some key highlights:
 - Founders Day is tentatively set for February 23rd.
 - The PTA needs to make a raffle basket for the LCC. If anyone has something they would like to donate for another basket please let Angela know.
 - The Ohio PTA Conference is April 8-10 in Columbus. LCC always has money budgeted to give to chapters to send people however how one has ever attended. If you would like to attend, please let Angela know.
 - There was extensive discussions regarding ethical standards and having a good standing with the Ohio PTA. They are changing things to require chapters to follow specific procedures and turn in paperwork reflecting that those procedures were followed. The reason for this is because there have been issues in the past in which treasures have collected dues but never turned them into the state. They are doing something to where if you have good standings with the PTA and run into some tax trouble, they will try to help.
 - There are a lot of resources for PTA board members as well.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT (Rena Perchinske):

- Mr. Woody and Jen Palmer presented at Willowick Middle to integrate a "Problem Based Learning" as well as "Project Based Learning". Problem Based – student works on specific large scale challenges which often ends in a piece of technology. Project Based - Figuring out how or why something works. For example using algebra problems to figure out a science experiment. It is hands on and explains what is happening versus learning by reading it in a book. This is exciting because they start to master the concepts right away and it combines ELA, Math and Science all together.
- Willowick middle also introduced Science Academic Challenge for the 8th grade in 2012 in which only 80 students participated. 140 students participated in 2013 they added Math concepts where they designed marble rollercoasters, pendulum projects, and balloon powered race cars. In 2014 they added design challenges and redesigning challenges like spaghetti bridges so you can see how much stress you can put on it. In 2015 they are going to introduce this school wide. This is exciting because they said that Willowick Middle school is 2nd to Soy in how many teachers they have trained in STEM and Project Based Learning.
- Willowick Middle is also incorporating the Capstone Project. This is like Project Based Learning but it takes longer than 2-3 days. It usually lasts 2-3 weeks. Soy generally lasts a quarter. Each grade level will focus on a Capstone Project:
 - 6th Grade – Finding out more about the flu and what healthy behaviors can we incorporate at the school to increase the attendance during flu season. They will use ELA to create a public service announcement and science to understand the cells and bacteria.
 - 7th Grade – Explore looking at schools across the country to find more extra-curricular activities that they can come up with beside just music and sports so they can integrate it into the school.
 - 8th Grade – Look at heating and cooling issues on proposals on how to keep their building cool.
 - Overall some teachers are excited whereas others are nervous to be teaching like this and it is difficult because it is something new.

PRINCIPALS REPORT (Ms. Cantwell):

- Ms. Cantwell thanked the teachers for their strong attendance in tonight's meeting.
- Second round of MAP testing started December 1st.
- 3rd graders will take AIR reading tests next week. These will be broken up into 2 days. 90 minute parts.
- 4th and 5th graders will be taking the IOWA Algebra Aptitude tests in 2 weeks.
- PBIS winners for the month of November are getting a lunch reward tomorrow with the Police and Fire Firefighters from the city of Willowick. 5 names were pulled from every grade level.
- Shop with a Cop – Normally police are not allowed to have beards, however they were allowed to grow beards if they donated \$50 towards this. Other areas participated and matched donations (i.e. Cala's Pizza and a Limousine service). They came up with enough money to take 9 kids shopping with \$200 at Wal-Mart on December 11th. They will be picked up at 3:00 at the school by a Limo and taken to Wal-Mart with the police. They will be returned to the Police department where they will have a

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pizza party and their parents can pick them up. The children chosen were the children who generally would not have much for Christmas. The Police are very excited for this involvement.

- Lifetouch Classroom pictures on December 10th. Retake pics will be Dec 15th.
- Band concert on December 9th at 7:00 p.m.
- 3rd Grade Music program Dec 16th at 7:00 p.m.
- 5th Grade D.A.R.E. graduation Dec 17th at 7:00 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT'S

- MEMBERSHIP (Joyce Keough): 6 new members. Total members 321. It was suggested to have PTA membership forms available at the Extravaganza tomorrow.
- SPIRIT WEAR (Laura Kramer): Total sales \$2650. There will be a table at the extravaganza as well. Secret Santa orders were done so the kids don't know they were ordered.
- KIDSTUFF COUPON BOOKS (Kristen Morbeto): 386 books sold. 3 students received the \$25 movie night gift cards. The kids received raffle tickets for every 5 books sold as well as for returning their book if not purchased. Total profit \$4750. Only 40 books have been unaccounted and the PTA is not responsible to pay for them. The teachers did a great job helping log what books were returned.
- MARCO'S PIZZA NIGHT NOVEMBER (Stephanie DiFranco): 112.5 orders were placed with a total profit of \$445.43 for November. Miss. Zappola's class won the pizza party last month. The Manager at Marco's said Royalview has the most orders but in order to get more points towards winning the \$10,000 we need more online orders. Online orders can be placed any day, not just on pizza nights. Orders can also be placed in advance online. Laura ordered 17 ½ sheet pizzas for the Extravaganza and placed each order individually to get more points. We need to promote more online orders.
- SKATING PARTY (Amanda Mitchell): Amanda went slightly over budget on raffle prizes (budget \$300 actually spent \$313). \$406 was received from United Skates to the PTA from the event. General admission is \$2 and PTA receives half back. The next Skating Party will be on Thursday, February 18th. There were kids waiting in line for 30 minutes to enter the arena, the arena ran out of skates and skate mates. The arena suggested splitting the event into 2 separate nights to run more smoothly. The arena can accommodate 200-250 kids comfortably. It was suggested to split the days up by grades (could be issue for parents of multiple kids), or by names (could be an issue for kids going with friends), or do presale tickets for the 2 days. This will need discussed further and an alternate date will need selected if decided to do 2 days. The PTA receives 100% of the admission proceeds from the 2nd skating party of the school year.
- HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA Fri Dec 4 (Rena Perchinske): Friday December 4th 4p-8p. 20 vendors are coming in with 30-50 items priced \$5 or less so kids are able to purchase gifts for family members. The vendors with more masculine or boy items return more frequently due the limited vendor options. 3 Vendors dropped out this week and Rena is always looking for more vendors. There will be high school kids available to take your child shopping to give the kids a chance to purchase what they want (just give a list of who to buy for and how much to spend). This also allows the parents to shop for children as well. Santa will arrive at 4:30 for pictures with the kids. Volunteers are still needed for set up which starts at 12:40. Please enter the doors by the library due to latchkey.
 - If the kids bring a canned good item to the SPIRIT wear table it will go to the End 68 Hours of Hunger Food Bank and the student will receive a few extra raffle ticket for the Chinese auction. Each student will receive a raffle ticket at each table in which they purchase an item as well. The food bank makes a weekend bag (cereal, peanut butter, jelly, canned good, etc.) for kids, some of which at Royalview benefit from as well. The children are sent to the office discretely with their book bags and they are so grateful and excited to see what items they receive.
- COOKIE DOUGH (Rena Perchinske): Sales start immediately after Christmas break. This is a great fundraiser for the PTA.

WAYS & MEANS:

- POPCORN (Amanda Mitchell): Last month \$34.79 was spent on supplies which was discounted and 458 bags were popped. There were a few classrooms with confusion last month which will be corrected this month. December 11th is the next date for popcorn.
- SCHOOLA CLOTHING FUNDRAISER (Laura Kramer): The total profit so far is approximately \$115 which is not much of an increase from last month. If anyone would like to donate items, Laura has extra bags which postage is paid for already. The PTA receives a certain profit off all items sent and sold. You can send in children and women's clothing (no pajamas). 100% of our clothing that was possible to sell has been sold.
- FUNDRAISING TOTAL (Laura Kramer): \$10,654.83 is the total funds raised so far.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Holiday Extravaganza: Friday Dec 4
- Popcorn: Friday Dec 11
- Marco's Pizza Tuesday Dec 15 and Wednesday Dec 16
- Holiday Sing-a-long: Friday Dec 18. This is the last day before winter break.

NEW BUSINESS:

- W-E Academic Booster (Joelle Geiger): Cluster Kids are kids that test slightly higher and have a little bit of higher learning ability. These kids are already recognized for their abilities and we would like to recognize the ones who are struggling as well. We want to be sure they show growth and are taught at a higher level. There is a lot of money to offer with these academic boosters (i.e. \$1,000 enrichment high school, middle school they gave \$400 YTD); however more marketing and fundraising is necessary. They give \$2,800 towards scholarships. Anyone who joins their membership (fee \$10) your child can receive up to \$200 to do some of the summer programs (i.e. science programs, vet clinic programs, etc.). Their membership form states

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“Our Athletically talented students have an athletic boosters, our musically talented students have band boosters...it’s time for academically challenged students to have academic boosters!” Problem with this as a teacher is what about the kids that get that 70% and have been striving for it we need to boost them up too. We don’t want to take away from the academic boosters, but we need to recognize the others as well. The W-E Academic Boosters would love to do a program like this at our school. They will come to the next PTA meeting to present. Joelle will also go to their next meeting and work with them on fundraiser ideas. They need the help of PTA to help to try to raise money for these programs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Winter Break: December 21 – Jan 1. Classes resume on Monday January 4th.
- We are asking Chairperson(s) for the following:
 - Carnival Kitchen Head
 - Spirit Wear
 - Flower Sale – Someone needs to Shadow Michelle and Cheryl for this year. A new vendor is needed as well.
- Next PTA Meeting is January 7th at 6:30
- Meeting Raffle Winner for Toys R Us Gift Card: Kristen Morbeto

Respectfully Submitted By:
Leslie Lynch,
Recording Secretary

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