April 18 PTO Highlights

Events Update:

- PTO's Annual Book Swap was a huge success. Each child walked away with multiple books. Thanks to Kate Griffiths, Katie Oliver and many volunteers who made this event a great success.
- Our first Arts Fundraiser was a great success. About 200 kids' artwork was ordered and we will be receiving the finished products in the last week of April. PTO receives 30% of the sale and that will be ~\$3000 this year.

Upcoming Events:

- Informal Meet & Greet with Superintendent, Vonda Tencza on 4/20 from 5-6 pm during April PTO meeting followed by a free family Math Night from 6-8pm (in collaboration with Mathnasium).
- Spring Book Fair from 4/24-4/28 with a family night on 4/26.
- Teacher Appreciation Week from May 8-May 12. PTO is planning to treat the Beecher staff with special treats for the whole week.
- Beecher PTO celebrates an exclusive evening at Quassy amusement park with Bethany Community School. Mark the calendars for 5/19 from 4:30-8:30 pm.
- Arts Week Celebration from 5/22-5/26 with a family night on 5/25. PTO organizes the family night and funds the special performances during the week at the school.

Financial Update:

 Each year PTO budgets \$16000 (2k per grade) towards special events that covers in-school field trips. This year, we approved the leftover budget under this line item to cover the cost for field trips, in order to defray that cost from the family cost. Grades who could benefit from this opportunity are Grade 1 (\$1000), Grade 2 (\$1500), Grade 3 (\$400), Grade 6 (\$700) & MAG (\$1300).

Nominations for 2023-24 PTO board positions are open. Elections will be taking place during May PTO meeting on May 18. Please be involved and contact us at brsptoinfo@gmail.com to learn more about it.

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