

PTO Meeting
January 8, 2020

Welcome: Lauren Harton, PTO President

Community Guest Speaker: For All Seasons/ Abby Tyner

Overview of community and school based services. Services are available in the community *regardless* of ability to pay; accepts all insurance providers. Provides on campus services to students at EES-Moton & Dobson. There is a waitlist; urgent care appointments available. Services include: therapy services, psychiatric care, sexual assault services, rape hotline, center for learning (education and outreach). Neurofeedback therapy offered in the Easton and Chestertown offices. Center for Learning offers workshops and trainings on a variety of topics, please visit the website <http://forallseasonsinc.org/center-for-learning/> for additional information.

Abby Tyner: Full-time School-based therapist at Dobson. Currently serves about 45 student at EES-Dobson and 7 students at EES-Moton. Referrals can be made from the school and community (based on needs).

PTO Board Introductions: Lauren Harton-President, Christina Drostin- Treasurer, Candace Henry- Secretary, Michelle Mackall- Teacher Liaison, and Danielle Goodman-Fundraising Coordinator

Principal's Update

Dr. Deveric-Dobson Update

Moving from traditional discipline to the Conscious Discipline model. Students begin the day with the "We wish you well" poem. Ensures that every student in the class has a "job" (encouraging inclusion and belonging). Also incorporating various breathing exercises. Future presentation on Conscious Discipline.

Mrs. Sherry Bowen- Moton Update

Starting the process of moving into "Communities"; teachers will be split into 3 communities. Each community will have 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade teachers. When your child enters in the 2nd grade, they will remain in their "community" of teachers until they complete the 5th grade. Students and parents will be able to form relationships with teachers of all grades. Siblings will be in the same communities, so that parents are familiar with the teachers and routines. Additional information will be shared with parents over the summer. Sedexo's "Future Chef Competition" the theme is: Your most memorable cafeteria lunch. The school will pick the top recipes in February, and purchase all of the ingredients. The event will be judged by a panel. The winners go on to compete in the finals at EHS in March. Additional information to follow.

Construction Update:

On track to move in over Spring Break. Students will be sent home with all of their supplies the Friday before Spring Break, they will bring everything back to school on 4/14. Playground may be completed over the summer if not hopefully by early next school year. Safety plan will be prepared before student return on 4/14. There will be an opportunity for the community and parents to tour the school.

Reminders:

4th Friday Food Pantry at EES-Moton (Gym)-FREE; there is no limit. Come in and shop for yourself or someone else.

EES Band/Chorus Concert at EHS on January 30th

Flapjack Breakfast at Applebee's on February 1st. Tickets are \$7 (can be purchased in advance or at the event).

February 3-7 is National School Counselor week- schools will be honoring and highlighting the work of school counselors at EES-Moton & Dobson. Cards and notes of thanks are welcome.

2020-2021 Calendar: – Calendar “D” was approved. Which includes the before Labor Day start, long Christmas break, long spring break, and early out. Posted on the website. Will be included in Mrs. Bowen's next weekly updates to families.

PTO Overview

Treasurer's Update

As of the end of December 2019:

- “Support a class” Account: \$3,477
- General account: \$10, 640

“Support a class”, we are currently at about 40% of our goal for the year.

Breakfast with Santa- Received positive feedback from teachers, principals, and parents. Had 110 attendees. Thank for you to Rise Up for donating coffee all of the volunteers who assisted with the event.

Appreciation Breakfast- Thank you to Hills for donating breakfast for our teachers and staff.

Parent's Night Out- Just a reminder Parent's Night Out previously scheduled for February 15th has been cancelled.

Upcoming Events

January

10: Family Fiesta 6-9:00pm (Moton Gym)

February

12: General Meeting 6:30 pm (Dobson Library)

March

6: Quarter Auction 6-8 pm (Moton Gym)

Next meeting: February 12, 2020