

**EES PTO Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2023**

Spanish translator always available

Principal Update - Dr Devaric

Weda Testing in k-5th grade for English learning students – families receive progress reports

Dibbles testing all k and select 1-3 grade – phonics and phonemic awareness – progress reports also

PBIS incentive – snow slime

Pre-K – read in with pj's

K – making slime

1st grade – snow

2nd –

3rd – winter bingo

Public art display – working with MD state art

Nate Rafco (sp??) – community partner – received basket from high school culinary students – has gardens that grow lettuce and herbs in classrooms – working with kindergarten to create community garden

Dr Thompson – assigned as EES board representative – received a gift from EES and invited to tour

EES is a Community School (only school in Talbot Co)– Katie Fox is program manager – sending surveys out to 4th and 5th grade – Devaric and Fox visiting 2 other schools

Newborn – glow up girls for 4th-5th grade– 35 girls

Katie Fox – parent surveys and focus groups to take needs assessment of whole community – what do families and students need

- Blueprint – based on free and reduced meal number – EES is at 78%
- Media – English class with babysitting in Judy Center

Internet Safety - Sherif Gamble

Joe Gamble – state trooper for 28 years with 24 as detective (homicide detective)

SRO program – only one of 2 counties that didn't have

Cell phone – the most dangerous things your child will ever have – drugs can be ordered online – postal is biggest delivery of drugs in US – kids in TCPS caught with those things

- A lot of apps that you can control your child's phone with
- Almost weekly seeing at TCPS schools where young kids take pics and sending to someone they know or don't know who is targeting them – get extorted for \$\$

- 2 cases in the last month with middle school children – in insta and snap chat and gotten inappropriate pictures – people will keep asking for more \$\$
- Parental controls –
 - o Bark – see locations; can see what your child sees; finds hidden apps
- We are raising children at a time our country has never seen before
- If we do let our children have devices, we need to monitor them
- Kids can hide apps behind apps
- Do your research on the app your kids have

School resource officer – doesn't cover EES currently

- Write the county council to put it in the budget – full time in EES, Trappe and Cordova and one for St Michael's/Tilghman
- Advantages – safe disclosure space
- Most SRO's are retired police force
- Or email Joe to get in touch with council

Someone in county/DOD - develop an app that kids can go to on their phone for threats of mass violence – it happens in TCPS schools – any kind of violence can be reported

Shed

purchased and on property – code for the box where there is a key

- If anyone has shelves or bins of any sort please consider donating.

GiveButter

- Donation website that Lauren has found that is a hub for payments and we can use for free for a long time
- Testing for the dance – dance flier has a QR code that we can give through via Venmo, PayPal, credit card, Apple and Google pay.

Sweet Heart Dance

- Feb 10 from 6-8 in gym
- Suggested donation of \$5 per family
- Bottom portion to send in with number attending
- Pre Register – will receive a free raffle ticket to win a movie themed raffle basket
- Looking for someone to paint an oversized box like a popcorn box (red and white) and they will fill with balloons – 2 boxes right now with goal of 4
- DJ – spouse of a teacher
- Cafeteria – quiet hang out room with snacks and a movie
- Raffle baskets – each grade has a specific theme and teachers are asking families to donate items – must be present to win – younger kids raffle baskets drawn an hour in
- Katie Frase recommended checking with Devil Dogs Treasure hunters

Maui Jacks Waterpark

- Outdoor waterpark in Chincoteague – give you a pile of tickets and can sell at a discounted rate – we get \$5 back for every ticket we don't sell – we don't lose out – can return the extra tickets we don't sell
- Promote through flyers and other communication
- Can't send them home with children
- Good for the whole 2023 summer season

Teacher appreciation May 1-5

- Trying to come up with a theme and looking for ideas for each of the days

Fun Day

- April 22 from 10am-2pm
- Lauren and Carolyn taking the lead and will be sending requests

Junior Achievements (Shelby Lewis)

- For 3rd or 4th grade – can be teacher or volunteer taught
- Provides financial literacy
- Volunteered at a jr achievement in Baltimore
- 2 different curriculum kits with work books – lesson plans laid out word for word and easy
- Traditional is 5 days with 45 minutes each day
- Inspire students to prepare for their future
- High school students
- Time commitment:
 - o Training over zoom – 45 minutes
 - o Preparation at home 10-20 min
- Teachers pick the time of day
- JA inspire invent at Wicomico civic center – for 8th grade students – March 14-16
- Business cards left
- Classes scheduled week of Jan 30 for some EES classes
- Been around since 1985, Dr Pepukayi on board, Shore United has typically come, but they are short staffed
- Need volunteers for the week of January 30
- Contact Shelby to volunteer shelby.lewis@ja.org

Easton Elementary	4th	Danielle White	Jan 30- Feb 3rd	10:45-11:30
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Easton Elementary	3rd	Brittany Aita		10:00-10:45
Easton Elementary	3rd	Katie Dunsworth		12:30-1:15
Easton Elementary	3rd	Mellinee Casale		1:15-2:00
Easton Elementary	3rd	Matthew Donahue		10:45-11:30