**What We Have Done So Far**

After-School Programs:

* So far this year we have offered an art club, a robotics club, a lego club and a martial arts class as after school programs.
* Each program offers a portion of the tuition to the PTO. Most give us $10 per student and UMAC who runs our martial arts program gives us the full $40 fee.
* We will be offering the same classes again in January.
* We are looking into changing our insurance so that in the Spring we can offer sports programs.
* If anyone knows anyone who would be interested in running an after-school program to add some variety, please feel free to reach out to us.

Boo Grams

* Boo Grams were a great success.
* For $2 per Booo Gram, students were given a mini-Halloween slinky and a mini-Halloween squishy in a Halloween themed bag.
* We sold approximately 1,000 boo grams.
* A big thank you to our Chairs Julie and Michelle for sorting and bagging everything. It took a great deal of work off our plates.
* We usually do Valentine’s Day grams but we are thinking about changing that this year since so many classes exchange Valentine’s.
* We are thinking about a graduation or end of the year gram.
* If anyone has any thoughts or ideas, feel free to reach out to us and we will relay them to our Chair Hilary.

Field Trips

* Every year we give each grade $5,000 to spend on their field trips.
* They usually split the amount up so they are able to plan a Fall and Spring Field Trip.
* This year Kindergarten went to Dogwood Acres Family Farm in Middletown to do pumpkin picking and other activities. They spent $1,950.40 of their budget.
* First Grade went to Lawrence Farms Orchards in Newburgh to go pumpkin picking. They spent $2,544 of their budget.
* Second Grade went to Social Island in Goshen to go pumpkin picking. They spent $3,440 of their budget.

Miss Chocolate Fundraiser

* This year we once again had a Miss Chocolate fundraiser at the start of the school year.
* Students had the opportunity to sell a wide range of products and win prizes.
* There were two prizes missing – once received all prizes will be distributed.
* Miss Chocolate donates 40% of the profit back to the PTO.
* This year we raised approximately $6,000!
* Thank you so much to our chair Amanda for running this!

Toiletry Drive

* This year in conjunction with the Goshen Food Pantry, we sponsored a district wide toiletry drive. All four schools were given a donation bin and for two weeks students brought in a variety of items.
* We donated hundreds of items to the Food Pantry and we were able to put aside some items to go home with our Weekend Backpack Families at both SAS and GIS.
* Thank you so much to all who participated!

Trunk of Treat

* This year we had about 25 cars decorate their trunks and we received a bunch of candy donations which we are extremely appreciative of.
* We spent about another $400 on candy ourselves.
* The Village police were able to provide lighting which is extremely helpful.
* We had a TON of trick or treaters with the line wrapping all the way down to the side playground entrance by the 2nd grade wing!
* This year we had our members vote on their favorite trunks.
* First place was the Pirate trunk which won a $20 gift certificate to Amore’s.
* Second place was the Alice in Wonderland trunk which won a $15 Dunkin gift card.
* We had a three-way tie for third place so using a raffle generator, the Movie trunk won and they were able to pick out a t-shirt of their choice from our website.
* Pictures of all our trunks can be found on our Facebook page for those interested.
* A big thank you to our co-chair Lysette who helped run the show extremely well the day of (and our Chair Sandra who coordinated everything beforehand).
* A thank you to our honor society volunteers and the school hired security officer who also helped the day of!

Yearbook

* The 10% off sale for our yearbook ended on October 31st.
* We sold 88 books so far.
* Based on the prior two years of sales, we expect to sell about 300.
* The link for our yearbook will be emailed out throughout the year and a final chance flyer will go home in March. The QR code can also be found on the back of the lunch menus.
* In January, 2nd grade families will have an opportunity to buy a yearbook ad so we will have more on that at our next meeting.

**What We Have Coming Up**

Dogwood Acres Family Farm

* The farm in Middletown where our Kindergarten students had their field trip reached out to us to run a Winter Wonderland fundraiser.
* On weekends throughout December they offer wagon rides through Christmas lights, holiday movies, games, smores, a chance to see farm animals, etc.
* For each ticket sold through their website that mentions our fundraiser code, we will receive $5.
* We are awaiting on district approval and then we will have flyers sent home with our students and promote via Social Media.
* Per a member in attendance, it was great last year so we are looking forward to promoting this to our families.

Holiday Boutique

* This year we will having our Holiday Boutique the first week of December.
* Students will get a chance to come down with their classes to shop for their family members.
* Gifts range from $2 to $6.
* Students are given an envelope for parents to mark down who they are shopping for and what their estimated budget should be per person.
* Once the schedule is made, we will put out a sign-up genius for volunteers. We need SEVERAL volunteers as the students need help making sure they stay within budget!
* Our chairs would also like to get volunteers to help with wrapping this year.
* Mrs. Mullane will reach out to the honor society to discuss.
* The chairs are looking into a company that provides a full-service shop from items to signs, etc.
* The boutique will be held in the conference room as it’s the only available space.
* One of our Chairs had a chance to look at the space and felt it would work.

Parent Teacher Conference Lunch

* Parent / Teacher conferences are coming up Thursday December 7th at night, Friday December 8th in the afternoon and Monday December 11th in the afternoon.
* The PTO will provide a meal for Faculty and Staff for one of the conference days.
* We usually do either pizzas and salad or subs.
* Per a discussion with Mrs. Mullane at the meeting, either day works and the teachers are appreciative but Thursday might work better since the teachers don’t really have time to leave the building to grab anything for dinner before the conferences begin.
* On a sidenote it was brought up that we also had extra money from the bus drive appreciation breakfast last school year so on a day during Bus Driver Safety Week in October we were able to provide the bus garage with pizza, salads and soda.

Picture Day

* Picture day is coming up on Thursday November 16th at both SAS and GIS.
* These are the pictures that will appear in the yearbook.
* If a family is unhappy with their child’s photo, they will have an opportunity for retakes in January.
* Once we have final approval of the picture day schedule, we will be reaching out to members for picture day appearance checkers. We need a group of parents in the morning and a group of parents in the afternoon to make sure that faces are clean and hair doesn’t look too wild!
* Please keep your eyes open for that sign-up genius.

PTO Membership Contest

* Our PTO Membership contest will be coming to an end on November 15th.
* The classroom with the most parent sign ups will win a treat on us from the cafeteria. So far Boles, Doyle and Milazzo are in the lead but we have a few other classes very close to being in the top 3.
* Only one class will win so there is time to sign up and put your class in the lead!
* Faculty and staff who sign up will be entered to win a raffle item of their choice. Using scholastic dollars that were going to expire, we purchased a rainbow bean bag and a bouncy desk band. We also have a $10 Amazon gift card.
* Per Mrs. Driscoll sign up sheets will be given to staff tomorrow.
* So far, we have 93 members and we are hoping to expand upon that before the end of the year.

Scholastic Book Fair

* We will be having our first Scholastic book fair Friday December 7th during parent / teacher conferences and Saturday December 8th.
* We will be looking for volunteers to man the registers and help families.
* Please keep an eye out for that sign up genius.
* In the Spring we will have another book fair where students will have the opportunity to shop during the day with their classmates.

Scottie Sock Sale

* We are selling Scottie and Goshen Strong socks through November 15th.
* The design is sown into the sock – not printed on them.
* Each pair of socks cost $7.
* Delivery is expected at the beginning of December so these would make a great holiday gift!
* We have posted the sales link on social media but will be sending out via email soon.

Weekend Backpack Program Donations

* Every year the school identifies students in need of weekend meals.
* The students’ identities are kept anonymous from us so that only admin knows who is receiving them.
* Throughout the year volunteers bag food which is then given to these students.
* Last year we sponsored 6 students which costs approximately $300 per student.
* This year we bumped up to 10 students.
* So that we can continue this program in the future and expand it if needed, we have added a donation button to our Cheddar Up.
* We have yet to advertise this but have already received $520 in donations so thank you to all who have contributed!

**Budget Report From Treasurer**

* Most of the figures were talked about as we went through our agenda.
* We used about $1,000 from last year’s Read-A-Thon money for stools and displays for the library. The librarian has some bigger purchases in mind, which hopefully will come up soon.
* Every teacher (including AIS, social worker, psychologist, etc.) had the opportunity to apply for a $50 grant from us for a classroom purchase at the beginning of the school year. They haven’t all been cashed yet but we gave out about $2,400 in total.
* We increased our Trunk or Treat budget from $300 to $500. Prior years we asked people decorating their trunks to provide two bags of their own candy. We did away with that but maybe cars still brought their own which was very helpful and ensured we did not run out.

**Principals Report**

* Thank you to everyone who participated in the Trunk or Treat. It was a really nice event. Mrs. Driscoll attended last year and this year and there was a ton of people. Everyone really seemed to enjoy it so thank you to the PTO for running it.
* We had our Halloween parade and a lot of Halloween parties. We collect gently used costumes for students who don’t have a costume for our parade. If you have any gently used Halloween costumes, we would be happy to take them. They are stored in Mrs. Roper’s room and then students without costumes have a chance to come down and pick one out to wear for the yearly parade.
* Next week is another Kindness Week. Monday is fall themed (wear red, yellow orange, etc.), etc. This will go out to families shortly. One of the days will be writing something kind to someone on a leaf and they will be hung in the hallway for kids to see.
* We have an early dismissal the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Last year it was a half-day so parents should be aware that will be coming up. We have not received the official time yet but once we know that we will let you know.
* Parent/Teacher conferences are coming up. PickATime will be going up shortly (per an audience member it will be active the evening of November 8th). Make sure you are signing up for the correct teacher as we had some issues with that last year. Parents will also have the opportunity to sign up to meet with special teachers / AIS teachers, etc. If you are having a hard time, please reach out to your teacher as they can help you sign up from their side as well.
* Atlas Security – we got all new cameras in the building. We have a view of basically everything within the building and most of outside. We are getting swipe access to the building so teachers will be able to swipe in. The building will therefore be on lockdown mode with access granted upon time of day that staff is supposed to have access to the building. We are getting all new radios to make communication between the buildings easier.

Any questions? No

**Missed Items:**

Box Tops for Education

* Since July 2023 we have only raised $22.70 through the Box Tops program.
* This is a simple way to help us raise money.
* All you have to do is scan or upload your grocery receipts after shopping using the Box Tops app.
* Box Top eligible items will result in donations automatically going into our Box Top account.
* We get 10 cents per Box Top.
* There are several bonus options available at various times (for example, earn 4 Bonus Box Tops on Pillsbury Pie Crust when you buy two in November). So we would earn 60 cents total.

Five Below Fundraiser

* We are planning on having a fundraiser through Five Below
* We will have four days (within a 7 day period) each with a four hour time slot.
* Five Below will print us flyers.
* Shoppers have to bring the flyers with them when they shop.
* In return, Five Below will give us 10% of the purchase (before taxes).
* Money will go towards our raffle baskets at our family fun day\*.

\*When and what our family fun day is, is to be determined! Also, Angela Koval is continuing to chair but would love a co-chair if anyone is interested.