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Ferson Creek PTO Meeting

September 09, 2021

9:30 - 10:30 am

- I. Call to Order
- II. Attendance and Introductions
 - Rebecca Adams
 - Ashley Holdsworth
 - Melissa Kline
 - Shannon Puri
 - Kristi Bruns
 - Mindy Stricker
 - Jennifer Vogel
 - Brittany Walker
- III. Principal and Teacher's Report
 - A. Visitors are not able to enter the building during school hours at this time.
 - B. Open House
 - 1. Please sign up for a time to attend:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4DA4AE29AAF58-ferson2>
 - 2. 3rd & 5th Grades: Monday, Sept. 20th
 - 3. K & 2nd Grades: Tuesday, Sept. 21st
 - 4. 1st & 4th Grades: Thursday, Sept. 23rd
 - 5. Parents only, enter from classroom's outside door
 - 6. More information can be found here: [Ferson Open House - Parent Communication 8.2021 - Google Docs](#)
 - C. Conferences are October 7th and 8th. Parents will have the option of in-person and Zoom conferences.
- IV. Officers' Reports
 - A. Introduction of Board Nominees (election will be electronic and sent via email)
 - 1. Rebecca Adams
 - 2. Ashley Holdsworth
 - 3. Melissa Kline
 - 4. Clare Merritt
 - 5. Shannon Puri
 - B. Treasurer's Report
 - 1. Income
 - a) Mums Sale - \$7,915.00 so far from PushCoin (not profit)
 - b) Spirit Wear - \$355.00
 - c) Amazon Smile - \$113.49
 - d) Fund the Foxes - \$164.00
 - 2. Expenses
 - a) Cold Weather Bags - \$702.88
 - b) DirectorySpot - \$450.00
 - 3. Budget approval will be electronic and sent via email
 - 4. Bill Cho's generously paid for the Take Home folders for all students at Ferson Creek.
- V. Committee Reports
 - A. Mums - Brenda Lutz
 - 1. This was a record breaking sale - 1000 mums sold!

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2. Mums have been ordered from Shady Hill Gardens. Because this year's orders were almost double our usual order, we will be supplementing with some mums from Heinz Brothers.
 3. We will have multiple deliveries to accommodate the number of mums.
- B. Restaurant Nights - Vicky Ras
1. Information coming soon! Thank you for the suggestions on the DirectorySpot registration form. We are hoping to support even more local businesses this year.
- C. Spirit Wear - Kerrie Martin
1. order online https://stores.inksoft.com/ferson_creek
 2. Store is open until Sept 12
- D. DirectorySpot - Shannon Puri
1. Please complete this form to be included:
<https://FersonCreekPTO.tiny.us/2021-2022DirectoryRegistration>
 2. You can share as much or as little info as you'd like, but you need a minimum of one valid email address in order to log in to the system.
 3. Remember: If you were in DirectorySpot in the past, you still need to re-enter your family's information in order to have access to the directory this year. All data from the past has been cleared to make room for this year's information.
- E. Easy Fundraising Opportunities
1. Funds for Foxes (formerly known as Write A Check) - Tax deductible donation is used entirely to benefit our school directly without a 3rd party vendor.
 2. Business Sponsors - We are happy to partner with businesses to benefit Ferson. We have tiered sponsorship levels to help show our appreciation to the supporting businesses.
 3. Corporate Matching - Many employers offer a matching gift program as part of their employees benefits package. Find out if your company has a matching program and get the relevant corporate matching forms from their HR Department, if required. Submit any necessary forms to the PTO.
 4. Amazon Smile - smile.amazon.com is the fundraising site of Amazon. Log in and select "Parent Teacher Organization of Ferson Creek Elementary School Inc." to be the charity that you support. Shop like you normally do and Amazon will share proceeds with our PTO at no additional cost to you. You MUST be logged in to smile.amazon.com in order for purchases to benefit the PTO.
 5. Box Tops - Any clipped Box Tops that have not expired can still be submitted in exchange for money for Ferson. However, many products have converted to an electronic Box Top instead. Rather than clipping the packaging, simply download the free Box Top app, follow the easy steps to set up your account and select "Ferson Creek" as your school. Then, scan your receipt into the Box Tip app and it will automatically credit Ferson for your purchases.
 6. MarketDay - this is an online grocery catalog that returns a portion of the proceeds to the PTO. The store is always open - you can order at any time and your items are shipped to your home.

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- F. District PTO (DPTO) - Shannon Puri
1. First DPTO meeting of the year is September 15, 2021 at 9:30 am on Zoom.
 2. Meetings are scheduled to be the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 9:30 am on Zoom.
 3. Everyone is welcome to attend. Contact Shannon Puri (ShannonPuri@hotmail.com) for the Zoom link.
- VI. New Business
- A. Scentcerely Yours Candles - Rebecca Adams
1. We are working with the owner, Rob at Scentcerely Yours in Geneva and have chosen 6 fall/winter scents to sell.
Pumpkin Souffle, Hard Cider, Cinnamon Spice, Snickerdoodle, Candy Cane, and Frosted Juniper are the scents we selected. Rob and his website person are working to finalize sale dates, and we plan to purchase candles (5 of each) to use at a "Sniff and Sell" table before Open House and then again at conferences in October. We hope to run the sale from Sept. 20-Oct. 8th.
- B. Room Parents - A SignUpGenius for Room Parents and Classroom Helpers will be available on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 6:00 pm. The announcement will be in Mrs. McKnight's enews.
- C. PTO Recruitment
1. We had paper sign ups for volunteer opportunities available at Welcome Day. Next week, we will provide the same sign ups via SignUpGenius. If you signed up on Welcome Day, your name may already be included. Watch the enews for more information.
- VII. Adjourn

Ferson PTO updates are communicated through the weekly Ferson Creek e-news, our PTO Facebook www.facebook.com/Ferson-Creek-Elementary-PTO-1734006519985573 , PTO Instagram www.instagram.com/fersoncreekpto/ , and DirectorySpot emails as needed.

Upcoming PTO and Ferson Dates:

- Sept. 14 - Mums Delivery
- Sept. 15 - Fall Picture Day
- DPTO Meeting
- Sept. 20th - Open House 3rd & 5th Grades
- Sept. 21st - Open House K & 2nd Grades
- Sept. 23rd - Open House 1st & 4th Grades
- Sept. 29th - Early Release at 2:10 pm

Upcoming PTO Meeting:

Ferson's PTO meetings are generally scheduled for the 2nd Thursday of each month from 9:30 am - 10:30 am.

- September 9
- October 14
- November 8- Rescheduled to Monday due to Ferson's Veteran's Day special event
- December 9
- January 13 - Possibly a coffee / social event
- February 10
- March 10
- April 14
- May 12 - Paired with a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast