

PTA Meeting Minutes
1/24/18

Words from Ms. Hsu

Read-a-thon is off to a great start! New App online and registration info went home in backpacks. Great fundraiser for the school.

Today was first day of PS116 kickball club. Started by some 5th grade girls and coached by 3 dads. Wednesday morning program open to 4th and 5th graders.

The library will be re-opening soon. It will be a reference/resource center, not a lending library. Classes along with their teachers can utilize the library for projects and research. The library will be filled with non-fiction books and families will be able to donate books. Teachers are meeting with administration regarding their preferences.

We have had 2 soft lockdown drills already and there will be 2 more in the spring. The next drill will likely be in February before the break and information will be sent home prior to the drill.

On February 2nd the first set of report cards will go home in backpacks.

Some specialty schedules will switch for second semester. These changes apply more to the upper grades.

Our new art program with Studio in a School will end their first cycle for Pre K, K and 1st graders the end of January and art will be displayed in the hallways. 2nd-5th graders will start their new art program next in February.

Classroom Chess will start for the lower grades K and 1.

Words from PTA Presidents

Happy 2018!

K applications were submitted and Pre-K registration will be starting.

Movie Night was a success!

Chipotle fundraiser was good and raise \$237 for the school. We are looking into other businesses in the area that may do fundraisers and partner with our school. Possible restaurants and hair salons are just a few examples. In addition, we discussed plaques for store windows to show businesses that do support our local school.

On Monday nights from 7-9pm they will be starting a Dad's basketball night in the gym. \$20 a session per person and you must be a 116 parent. Money will go to the PTA.

Weekly newsletter emails vs. emails daily seems to be positive. We need to increase attendance at PTA meetings. All parents are part of the PTA. Please come and voice your ideas and opinions.

We discussed how to give families better updates on what's going on at PS 116. We can link PTA minutes to e-blast or have a possible "weekly wrap". Bullet points from the PTA meeting should be added to weekly newsletter emails. Can give updates on library renovations and money raised so far for the Read-a-thon.

A class parent at the PTA meeting brought up the No Homework policy in our school. It was explained that PS 116 uses a PDF based model (Playtime, Downtime, and Family Time) and that labeling the school No Homework is not accurate. We therefore, need to better communicate with the parents and explain to them how it's relevant. Parents can reach out to classroom teachers and administration with questions. We discussed possibly having an annual PDF meeting for parents.