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Principal's Report - Presented by: Michelle Makrigiorgos & Jennifer Condra

- Thrilled to have so much consistency among the staff. The school has only one new hire as a classroom teacher, and all the rest are returning teachers. Also been able to add in some great additional staff members in some of the specialist areas.
- If you weren't able to attend Back to School Night, the teachers and specialists are sending out their slide deck from their presentations which will give a little bit more information such as what their roles are and how you can reach them, which was added this year.
- Renovations are underway. Construction teams are removing all the tiles from the ceiling all around the building for the next phase, and getting everything prepped for starting the new two story building in the back and new cafeteria.
 - Starting in the beginning of October they're going to have to close off the back exit of the school where kiss and ride goes into. Therefore they're going to have a new exit door, exit 6, which is on the side back of the school which will be used for access to the playground and kiss and ride in the interim. This is the biggest impact which isn't bad at all.
 - Construction completion date will be the fall of 2024.
- Tomorrow morning (09/14/22) the school will be conducting a lockdown drill
- Students are being assessed in core subjects throughout the school to get an understanding on where they are. Results will be posted in ParentVue.

Treasurer's Report - Presented by: Steve Soliday

- 2022-23 Budget review
 - Some budget estimates are based on the last time the PTA had in-person pre-COVID events.
 - Approved budget will be available on the PTA website
- The 2022-23 budget was voted on and approved

President's Report & Program Announcements – Presented by : Lynde Herzbach

- Beginning of school year - thank you to all of the new and continuing volunteers
- PTA is in need of a new Secretary. New parent to LAE, Katie Nevitt, volunteers for the position.
 - Katie Nevitt as the PTA Secretary was voted on and passed
- Join the PTA - different membership levels available; join this year at <https://louisearcherpta.org/>:

- o **Open positions** – we still have a couple open positions for this year, including
 - Pizza Bingo Event Chairs (x2) and Silent Auction for Pizza Bingo Chairs (x2)
 - Faculty Volleyball Chair (or Co-chairs)
 - Reflections co-chair
 - Yearbook co-chair
 - Louise Archer 5K co-chair (race event planning)
 - Please email Mrs. Lynde Herzbach for more information at president@louisearcherpta.org
- o **Scheduled Events:**
 - **Dining for Dollars** – Our first Dining for Dollars is at Rita’s on September 28th from 2-9 pm, so please come out and show your support for the Louise Archer PTA. Don’t forget to mention Louise Archer when you order.
 - **Teacher Pop-up Parties** – We’re excited to help with Pop-up parties again this year for the teachers and staff. The first one will be September 23 so keep an eye out for a chance to help with donations.
- **Loyalty Programs:**
 - o **Amazon Smile Loyalty Program** - the PTA has received generous donations due to members choosing the Louise Archer PTA as their charity of choice on both the smile.amazon.com website and the amazon app. Don’t forget to add the Louise Archer PTA to your amazon app! It’s easy, first choose the three parallel bars at the bottom right to open the settings menu, then under the “Gifting & Charity” menu heading, select Amazon Smile. On the next page, you can search for and choose the Louise Archer Elementary PTA.
 - o **Harris Teeter Loyalty Program** The Harris Teeter Together in Education Program has started – Please link Louise Archer to your VIC card! Earn money for Louise Archer when you shop at Harris Teeter. With 13 families participating last year, we earned \$180.27 for the 2021-2022 school year! Next time you step into a Harris Teeter, just remember to ask at check-out or at the customer service desk to link your card to Louise Archer ES #6189.
- **Spirit Wear:**
 - o Two weeks of FREE SPIRIT WEAR SHIPPING is coming! All items purchased on our spirit wear website (<https://www.louisearcherspiritwear.com/>) will be shipped for FREE from September 16th – October 3rd. It is a great way to show your Louise Archer spirit, and earn additional funds for the school.
- **Before/After School Activities** –

- o Reminder - Last days to register for Before and After School Activities!
Registration will close for most classes tomorrow, Wednesday, September 14, at 9:00pm. Activities will start September 19th and emails will go out prior to the start date for all participating families. We need a few more registrations to keep the HipHop class going. Also for 5th and 6th grade parents SciOly and MathCounts information is posted for this year sponsored by Mrs. Sahai and Ms. Heltberg. If you have questions, please email programcoordinator@louisearcherpta.org

Reflections - Presented by: Lisa Munoz

- Reflections is a National PTA sponsored arts competition comprised of six categories (visual arts, photography, writing, music, film, & dance choreography)
- This years theme is Show Your Voice
- Deadline for enrollment is tentatively for October 12 (waiting for details from county, ie. digital submissions)
- Never too early to start projects. Go to <https://louisearcherpta.org/reflections/> to view the Reflections page with all the important information
- Participants from all levels/all grades are welcome.
- Volunteers Needed:
 - o Co-chair seat available
 - o Helpers for the reception which will be going back to in-person again this year.
- Planning an in-person celebration for all participants in November.

Mini Grants - Presented by: Cathy Chen

- Each year the PTA awards between \$5,000 to \$10,000 in grants for teachers.
 - o For Example (in the past) :
 - Technology lab: one-click mouse
 - Library : diversity and equality books
 - Gym : mini golf
 - Field trips
- In order to give teachers more time to think of ideas and work with the PTA in fulfilling them, the grant process will move to twice a year instead of one. We'd like to propose the end of the 1st and 2nd quarter as deadlines.
- Volunteers Needed:
 - o Reviewing proposals as they come in
 - o Get the news out that the Mini Grants exists and the budget this year has increased
- Developing Projects:

- o Typically the PTA hosts the supply drive during Teacher Appreciation Week in the Spring however some teachers have expressed that it would be more convenient to have it earlier in the year which gives us an opportunity to fund something to have supplies earlier in the year, and then replenish it again for Teacher Appreciation Week or make donations at the end of the 3rd quarter.
- Remind your classroom teachers that the PTA has \$100 in classroom funds
- We want to find more ways to utilize the mini grant program in order to get the money back into the school and help the teachers, staff, and students

Audit - Presented by: Jerry Alexandratos

- Required by the National and State PTA to make sure that we can provide evidence and documentation to ensure that we are tracking all of our funds properly
- 2021-22 Audit report review
- The 2021-22 Audit report was voted on and passed

Yearbook - Presented by: Anita Hou

- LifeTouch Meeting :
 - o Renewed LifeTouch contract
 - o Discussed timeline
 - Currently a theme needs to be decided
- Fall Picture Day is October 19th, makeup scheduled for Nov 18.
- Volunteers Needed:
 - o Still looking for a 1st grade representative to take photos, the rest of the grades have representatives

Questions

- 1)** What can we do to boost participation during PTA meetings?
 - A) It's more of a personal choice for the staff
 - B) Historically low participation but with Zoom it's been a good avenue to increase attendance. We try to schedule our meetings at different times to make it easier.
- 2)** Are teachers encouraged to participate in the PTA meetings? It is advertised to the staff that its Parents AND Teacher. We also are able to advertise PTA meetings through webmaster@louisearcherpta.org or Sunbeam so its part of our weekly announcements. Additionally, WlaTV is a great resource to advertise.

Call meeting to close - 8:57 pm