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

- Renovations are going well. Beginning to see the footprint of new building.
- The change to the kiss & ride drop-off/pickup went smoothly - thanks to everyone.
- Construction staff contacted in regards to the crew coming/going during arrival and dismissal times at the 3-way stop at Nutley St & Knoll St when children are present. A construction supervisors will also be spot checking to make sure no deliveries are happening during that time as well.
- End of 1st Quarter is next Friday. Early release at 2pm as well as a Teacher Work Day the following Monday when teacher-parents conferences will be held.
- Progress reports will be coming out the 7th or 8th of November. Paper copies will be sent home on November 9th.
- Pop-up party for staff (Friday, Oct 21) which will incorporate pumpkin painting and relaxation activities for staff.
- Book fair is coming back, November 7-21st, and will be virtual due to construction. Librarian, June Simpson, will be talking to kids about books and previewing many to help them get excited to read.
- Communication is key. Teachers and staff are sharing as much info with everyone as possible. School Newsletter goes out every two weeks on Fridays.
- Most of the beginning of year assessments for students are complete. The i-Ready (diagnostic screening in reading and math), will be available in ParentVue for grades 4-6 by December. For grades 1-3 a letter will be mailed by Thanksgiving break.

Treasurer's Report - Presented by: Steve Soliday

- 2022-23 Budget update:
 - \$225 profit from Rita's Dining for Dollars (September)

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

- Join the PTA - different membership levels available; join this year at <https://louisearcherpta.org/>:
 - **Open positions** – we still have a couple open positions for this year, including:
 - **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS:** Pizza Bingo Event Chairs (x2) and Silent Auction for Pizza Bingo Chairs (x2). If we can't find any chairs by Friday, November 4, we'll have to look into canceling event this year.
 - **Scheduled Events:**
 - **Book Fair** - More details coming soon. Keep an eye out for information on the Facebook page and the Sunbeam newsletter.
 - **Teacher Pop-up Parties** –
 - Thank you to everyone that helped with the September party.

- For the October pop-up the PTA will be providing mini pumpkins, coffee, treats, etc. for Friday, October 21
- **Stock the Fridge** - At the end of every quarter the PTA stocks the refrigerator in the teachers lounge. On Monday, October 31 a sign-up genius will be sent out for people to help donate goods. Keep an eye out for link.
- **Loyalty Programs:**
 - **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.
 - **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.

Reflections - Presented by: Lisa Munoz

- National PTA sponsored arts competition is now officially closed for submissions. About 40 submissions were received.
- Artwork will be passed along to and judged by outside expert judges who judge in every category.
- All students and family who participated, please mark your calendars for Thursday, November 17th for in-person reception.

Cultural Arts - Presented by: April Brown

- First cultural arts assembly scheduled for the morning of Monday, November 21.
- Another assembly will be planned for the Spring. Details to come.

Sunshine Committee - Presented by: Alice Tran Suh

- As new committee chairs, caught up on all August - October events (birthday and appreciation).

Sock Hop - Presented by: Reshma Patel

- Thursday, November 10th 6pm-8:30pm. 6th graders will hop the tables so all are encouraged to bring cash for tips. (Tips will go toward their 6th grade celebration party.)
- Online presale tickets are available as well as cash tickets at door.
- Items still needed (ie. coolers, ingredients, etc.), please reach out to committee who will coordinate a pickup, if needed.
- Volunteers still needed throughout event. Currently a lot of volunteers are scheduled for the beginning of event, need more for the last hours also.

Yearbook - Presented by: Anita Hou

- Yearbook cover contest open - please encourage kids to submit artwork.
- Goal : get a picture of all classes throughout year for yearbook

Mini Grants - Presented by: Cathy Chen

- Grant funding made possible by all the fundraising we do. This year the PTA has budgeted \$12k for grants.
- Grant application sent to all the teachers and will be available on PTA website.
- If you're a parent please encourage your teachers to submit a grant request.
- Hoping to award the first round of grants in mid-November so would like to have all the applications submitted by the end of October.

Questions

1) Are the parent-teacher conference mandatory or optional?

- Always optional: For the 1st quarter, since the teachers are just getting to know the students, they'll reach out to parents and offer an option to meet. Never required.

Note: Next PTA meeting November 30 (after Thanksgiving holiday)

Call meeting to close - 8:35 pm