

**Howard Elementary PTO Board Minutes
Tuesday November 20th, 2018
Howard Elementary School Gym
6:00 PM**

1. Principal Report

- **Dates to remember**
 - 11/22 -11/23 Thanksgiving
 - 11/26 – Site Council
 - 11/28 – Picture Retakes
 - 12/01 – Winter Bazaar, 9 AM to 3 PM
 - 12/12 – Wacky Wednesday – PJ Day
 - 12/24 – Winter Break
 - 1/07 – No School
 - 1/08 – Students Return
- **The Hour of Code** – one hour of coding during this week. Working to demystify coding to engage kids at young age to think about as career. Resources: www.hourofcode.com , www.code.org , www.csedweek.org , www.khanacademy.org/hourofcode
- **Radon testing** – Radon is a natural occurring gas that can seep from the ground. All 4J schools are being tested. Testing is unobtrusive in classrooms.
- **4j Bond** – Bond slated for anti shatter, video camera – lobby for that ready to go just need hardware, not specified tech updates, cost of security cameras-no numbers
- **Artist in residence** –
 - “Functional Pottery” with Nicole Hummell – 1/08 to 2/08 - Parent volunteer needed to assist.
 - “Puppetry and storytelling” with Noah Mclain – 5/06 to 6/07

2. Thank you for feed the teachers

3. Community science

- Great success – huge thanks to all the volunteers.
- 396 rubber bands to explode pumpkin.
- The PTO would love more volunteers for the January 25th Family/Community Night.

4. Duer’s ATA Martial Arts Fundraiser

- November 30th, 2018 fliers are going out in Friday folders.
- \$49 gets: a month of classes and a uniform. This \$49 goes straight to the PTO.
- This makes a great Holiday gift for your child. Skills taught at Duer’s ATA build children’s confidence, helps them to do better in school, and helps your child respect themselves and others.

5. Bottle drop

- Signup Genius will be sent out for people to request the bags. Extra bags will also be available at school if more bags are needed.
- Now through December 9th bottle drop donations are being matched from 10% to 40%.
- You can bring cans and bottle to the Holiday Bazaar/Vendor Fair.
- Bottles do not have to be in bottle drop bag. We will take them however you bring them.

6. Upcoming events

- **Holiday Bazaar/Vendor Fair – December 1st, 2018** - Still need volunteers for concessions, set up and break down. There are a few tables left for vendors and we are still accepting applications.
- **PTO Meeting – January 15th, 2018**
- **Family Night – January 25th, 2018** – Harry Potter/Science theme. Still need volunteers. Still looking for ideas for the Spring Family Night.
- **Read-A-Thon – March 1st, 2018 to March 29th, 2018** – PTO did not reach the goal of \$20,000 so we continue to do fundraisers. Read-A-Thon begins right after book fair so you can get all your books for the whole month of reading.

7. Committees

- We still need people to sign up for committees
- Depending on the committee head you will receive an email, text or phone call notifying you of upcoming committee meetings.

8. Approve minutes

- Approved

9. The PTO is still looking for a board member who can serve as a **cultural liaison**.

10. Alice Presentation

- Principal Chinn shared training on how to prepare the children for emergency situations.
- All 4j procedures are visible and accessible in classrooms.