

*Come join us at our next PTO meeting.
Babysitting available at every meeting—everyone is welcome!*

**Cherry View Elementary
PTO Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 7, 2014
6:30PM**

Call to order and introductions

- Introductions of the PTO board and introductions of everyone in attendance

Routine Business:

Paul needs time next month (20 min)
Sign on door

Walk-a-thon

- PTO cabinet staff lounge
- Met goal
- Kid safety concern
 - Primary leave earlier (kindergarten and first grade)
 - Kids colors

Spirit Wear

- 50 to date
- People like it

Box tops

- Box tops expire
- Turn in and cut properly
- Jamie and Terry

Jodi - Volunteer Coordinator

- Get expectations for Nature week (Mike to send Paul an email)

Book fair

- Oct 20 - 24th
- Give away, readers into classrooms
- Theme, "Sir read a lots castle"
- Grand breakfast on Thursday morning 8:30 - 9:45 am
- Gale in the kitchen, janitors

- \$13,997 / \$14,700 goal
- Need volunteer for Reading morning the 23rd

Principal's Report- Paul Helberg

Since we met last time:

- Walk-a-thon – We made our goal! Thank you to the many parents, families, and staff who supported our 2014 walk-a-thon. Thank you to Mindy Falter and Kim Young for coordinating this year's walk-a-thon. I wore the red suit with a lot of pride!
- Panther Pride Talks – I've visited almost every classroom and spoke about school-wide expectations called Panther Pride. Very simply described as Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible. We reviewed what it would look, feel and sound like to be safe, respectful and responsible throughout the school (lunchroom, hallways, classroom, bathrooms, playground, bus, etc.) I added doing Panther Pride evening when know one is watching means you have integrity.
- Bus Evacuations – We participated in the mandatory bus evacuation training, which occurs each fall in every school in the state.
- MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) - We completed testing for all students in grades 2-5. In addition to measuring students' academic growth, a very important reason for administering this test is to provide information for teachers to inform and focus their instruction. It is important to remember that the results of this test, like all assessments, are just one indication of your child's performance on a given day. Information your child's teacher gains from informal classroom assessments, given on a daily or weekly basis, are also very important data in understanding your child's academic progress. I would caution parents from just looking at their student's percentile score and using that as a measure.
- School Continuous Improvement Plan (SCIP) – I will be presenting our SCIP plan tomorrow to a panel comprised of Cabinet members and the Superintendent. I would like to share SCIP at the November meeting.

Things that are coming up:

- Parent/Teacher Conferences – are coming up on Thursday, Oct. 9 and Tuesday, Oct. 14. Please let your child's teacher know in advance if you need to reschedule. They spend many hours preparing and planning for conferences. Our goal is to have 100% participation. Please be prepared with questions, or email your child's teacher in advance so you might cover some concerns prior to the conference.
- Schoology – We will have the computer lab open on both conference nights for parents to get their Schoology account set up. Staff will be available to assist.

- Early Dismissal – Student will have an early dismissal tomorrow, Wednesday, October 8. Teachers will be participating in a teacher evaluation activity (Peer Observations) and Thinking Maps Training.
- Education MN Convention – There will be no school for students on Thursday and Friday, October 16 and 17 because of the Ed. MN Convention.
- Book Fair – The Scholastic Book Fair will be here at CVE the week of October 20 through October 24. The committee has added a few new items to the book fair this year in an effort to increase sales. They are adding a grandparent/special friend's day and will have the book fair open for longer period in the evenings and school day.
- Harvest Parties – The fall harvest parties will take place on Friday, October 31. As a reminder students do not wear costumes to school,

Other items for discussion:

Questions or comments: