

COUNTRYSIDE PTO

September 12, 2018 @ 8:05-9:30am

Attendance: 36

PRINCIPAL REPORT Dr. Korb

- ★ Thank you for all of those who have volunteered. The numbers are amazing.
- ★ Safety the week of 9/24. There will be fire, tornado and lock down drills. There will be a focus on prevention and health using PBIS and the Wildcat Way. The Barrington Countryside Fire Department will be at the school on Friday the 28th.

TEACHER REPORT Nicole Gorges

- ★ Teachers welcome everyone back and really enjoyed the ice cream social.
- ★ Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

GUEST SPEAKER Dr. Brian Harris

- ★ The new bus system is up and running and the digital system on the buses is close. The app is also available for tracking your child's route.
 - The district is seeking financial compensation for the busing system errors at the beginning of the year which caused much confusion and frustration. The district went with the most comprehensive company available (Tyler Technologies) and will continue to work with them and feel all systems will run much smoother going forward.
 - The goal is to have all bus routes under 45 minutes but due to land mass and dual language at Countryside this can be difficult. The cost to the district is \$40,000 to add a new route so it is not a decision that is made lightly.
- ★ The week of September 24th is safety week for the district.
 - New locks were placed on all the doors this summer so teachers can now lock them from the inside.
 - There will be a community meeting on the 25th at 7:00 pm at BHS to discuss school safety. This meeting will also be live streamed.
 - Not all safety measures will be shared with the community for security purposes.
- ★ Blue Print 220
 - There will be a referendum for community vote asking for tax dollars to fund Blue Print 220.



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- Countryside top priorities are Safety and traffic/parking.

PRESIDENT Nicole Koviak koviak@hotmail.com

- Wildcat Welcome & Attendance Raffle
 - ★ Order of VP's speaking will rotate so those who have to leave early can have a chance to hear everyone.
 - ★ Amy Chavous won our first raffle and received a voucher for Spiritwear.

TREASURER Beth Wiggenhorn eswiggenhorn@gmail.com

- ★ Vote on Budget Approval
 - All in Favor. Budget Approved.
- ★ Website Demonstration
- ★ PTO Purchases--Infinite Campus/Payments Fees & Lunch/Shop/PTO
 - PTO Membership Dues (\$25 per student)
 - Membership is up from this time last year.
 - Grade Level T-shirts (\$5 per shirt)
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ of the student body has ordered their shirts. Order will be placed in 2 weeks.
 - Yearbook (\$20 per yearbook)
 - Orders are up from this time last year.

VP STANDING Heidi Doyle heidimdoyle@gmail.com

- ★ Blessings In a Backpack, Thursdays 9:00-10:30, Sunny Hill
- ★ Room Parent Assignments, Meeting September 25, 8:00am
 - A page will be added to the Website with room parent information.
- ★ Countryside Cares, First Meeting October 9
 - Meeting is open to 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. Topic will be the food drive. Club will be going to Blessings in a Backpack.

VP FUNDRAISING Kaycee Coles kayceecoales@gmail.com

- Time to place your Spiritwear Order
- Dine n Share: Meatheads
 - Wednesday the 12th and Thursday the 13th. Need to show flyer.
- Countryside Parent Mixer! New Event!
- Charleston Wrap orders due however ordering is ongoing throughout the year. Free shipping for purchases over \$85.



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VP SPECIALS Cindy Galley cfgalley@yahoo.com

- Countryside Committed Week
 - Takes place next week. Need lunchtime volunteers Tuesday and Thursday.
- Family Fit Night
 - Thursday the 20th from 5-7. Drop in anytime. A healthy snack will be provided at the end. There is a Facebook page with information.

VP ENVIRONMENTAL Lauren McDowell lemcd2@gmail.com

- Upcoming Green Club Meeting
 - First meeting is Thursday the 13th at 2:45.
 - Spooky Kooky with be October 11th at 5:00.
- Garden Committee Update
 - In the process of writing Grant's to Lowe's for the outdoor classroom.
- Sign up on the website to help with recycling during lunch.

COMING UP AT COUNTRYSIDE...

Meatheads Dine & Share	9/12 & 9/13
Green Club Meeting	Thursday 9/13 @ 2:45pm
Countryside Committed Week	9/17-9/21
Family Fit Night	Thursday 9/20, 5:00pm-7:00pm
Countryside Parent Mixer	Friday 9/21
Room Parent Meeting	Tuesday 9/25 @ 8:00am
PTO Meeting	Wednesday 10/10

Did you know..?



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Did you know of the \$25 paid in PTO dues, \$10 per student goes to room parents to help cover game and craft expenses of (Halloween, Winter & Valentine) classroom parties? We wanted to sincerely thank everyone who has paid their PTO membership dues.

2

Did you know that we have 69 parent volunteer positions FILLED on our PTO Board and we have 54 room parent volunteers? What wonderful support from our parents! We have many more volunteer opportunities, please contact anyone on the Executive Committee if you'd like to join us.

3

Did you know that Countryside has 14 new staff members joining our school for the 2018-2019 school year? Welcome--we feel lucky to have you here!

