

Johnny Appleseed School PTO

General Meeting

February 8, 2011

A. Patti welcomed all present.

B. Guest Speaker

1. Samantha Fonseca-Moreira - School Outreach Coordinator for Mass Rides with Mass DOT. Safe Routes to School Program. Currently in 118 communities. Goal is to increase activity, Improve air quality, teach students lifelong safety skills. This is a Student Targeted Education Program. Once the school is involved for 1 year it becomes eligible for infrastructure improvements.

2. JA Pedestrian Safety Training to be held 2-18-11, for approx. 3 hours.

3. Walk to School Day is planned for May 4th.

C. Italian Night

1. Over 600 meals served between 4:30 pm and 7 pm.

D. Yankee Candle

1. To run through 2-11-11. Payment due with order. Order to arrive in 2-4 weeks after it is submitted to Yankee Candle.

E. Mother/Son Basketball

1. For boys grades 3-5. To be held on 3-4-11 at 6pm. Form's have been sent out. Shirts are ready to go. Practice to be held at 5:30 pm that night.

F. Mother/Son Bingo

1. To be held on 3-18-11 at 6:30 pm. For boys in grads K-2. All boys participating will receive a book at end of the night. Notices to be sent home soon.

G. Father/Daughter Dance

1. Theme this year is Under The Sea. Dance to be held on 4-8-11 from 6-8 pm. For girls in all

grades. No dress code. Notices to be sent home in mid March.

H. Father/Son Event

1. To be held on 4-1-11 from 6-8 pm. This event is for all grades. Plan for Dodge Ball and Ice Cream Social. Plan to use foam balls for Dodge Ball. Notice to be sent home soon.

I. Lawn Party

1. To be held on 5-14-11. Still in need of volunteers and chair persons. Information will be put on the website. More information to be available as time gets closer.

J. Cyber Bullying Forum

1. This is a district wide event. To be held on 3-29-11 at 7pm at City Hall. This event is open to the public. There will be a presentation by the DA's office. Notices to be sent home as the event gets closer. There will be a group of 5th graders from J.A. doing a skit for this event.

K. Questions/Concerns

1. The topic of snow play was brought up, at times it is getting difficult with the amount of snow.

Outdoor recess is 15 minutes long. Will be able to do snow play when and if conditions are felt to be safe.

2. Snow Days.

A. At the present time, Last Day of school is planned for June 24th, but can be pushed back further if anymore snow days occur.

L. Principal Moment

1. Dr. O'Hearn-Curran informed those present that she is encouraging all to participate in the Safe Routes Program. She is also encouraging all students to get more involved in the activity sheets (keep active program).

2. Group was informed that MCAS Tests for grades 3-5 are planned for March (ELA) and May (Math).

Next PTO Meeting is planned for March 1, 2011 at 7 pm.