

**Johnny Appleseed School
General PTO Meeting
October 4, 2011**

1. Patti greeted everyone at 7pm.
 2. Guest Speaker - Bob Burr, Food Service Director of Chartwells Food Services
 - a. Kerry Brine Assistant Food Service Director
 - b. Bob informed those in attendance that the students are able to have unlimited fruits and vegetables, if they buy their lunch they are able to go back in line for more. Chartwells has incorporated more whole wheat/whole grain foods. They are hoping to have students accounts online and parents can make payments online/deposits online. Foods that are extra charge are 1 ounce cookies, baked chips/popcorn - all which have certain amt. calories and fat content. They do meet with students to discuss the good and the bad. The main meal is put on plates and they students are able to choose fruits or vegetables in portion controlled cups. If a student brings a lunch, they are able to purchase fruits and vegetables. Parents can pay ahead, checks can be made out to Leominster Public Schools, need to put POS#, home of student, school name and homeroom. Menus available on line at Leominster Public Schools website. Any questions can call Bob at 978-534-7706 ext. 320 or Kerry at ext. 353.
 3. Recaps
 - a. Open House/Mum Sales. Went well. School made over \$700.00 from sale of mums. Will do again next year.
 - b. Walk to School to be held 10-5-11.
 - c. Magazine Drive to be held 10-4 to 10-18. Joanne stated anyone willing to help with counting is welcome, counting to begin between 8:30 am and 8:45 am.
 - d. Fall Family Night to be held Friday November 4th from 6:30 pm to 8pm. Will have online signup like last year. Will need volunteers for event and hoping to also have 5th grade students helping.
 - e. Book Fair to be held from 11-14 to 11-18 and will be open during Parent/Teacher conferences.
 - f. Coldstone Creamery fundraiser to be 11-3-11-16 with pickup to be Nov 22nd and 23rd.
 - g. Books and Beyond to kickoff on Nov. 18th. This is a reading incentive program, national program. Each sheet that students fill out equals 1 level and students receive a Gold Medal for completing 8 levels.
 - h. Elf Shoppe to be held on Dec 5th and 6th. Highest priced items are \$5.00.
 4. Updates
 - a. Anyone willing to help out with running a Knitting Club please contact the school pr Patti Deamicis and leave your information.
 5. Playground Committee is looking for 1 or 2 other people to help out. Committee meets 1-2x/year and is responsible for the Wreath/Poinsettia Sale. Box-tops for education goes to playground. Currently the committee has approx \$8,000.00 in bank which recently has depleted due to having a Playsafe inspection, which found the slide needing to be fixed along with other parts which were under warranty which the Rec. Dept helped fix. Playground Committee also helps provide mulch and outdoor supplies for the playground. Lisa Gilmore currently is only member on committee and also informed those in attendance that the Wreath/Poinsettia Sale will be from 11-22 to 11-25 and pickup will be Dec 3rd.
 6. Principals Moment
 - a. Looking forward to International Walk to School Day 10-5-11. Teachers are working very hard, especially with new standards - higher levels of understanding especially in math. Next few weeks there will be assessments of children at computers for comprehension testing for reading and math. She also informed parents that she always welcomes feedback from parents.
 7. Next meeting to be held November 1, 2011 at 7pm. Guest speaker - James Jolicoeur - Leominster Superintendent of Schools.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm