

Welcome from Ms. Wagner. Introduction of Board members

President Jenn Barrett shared PTA summary at this point.

- New activities: 4 family fun nights. Oct 28 6:30-8:00pm. Fun and fitness activities with snacks.
- New robotics club for 4 and 5th graders with Mrs. Byrne
- Dining Out first one is at California tortilla Sept 14th.
- Nolan fundraising is sponsoring the Fall fundraiser this year- Otis Spunkmeiser and Little Caesar's Pizza samples are in the lobby- Fundraising packet to come home on Wednesday Sept 15th and are due Oct 6.
- Grant coordinator position is new this year- if you have a business and personal connection please help for best technology-
- Join \$6 per person and \$10 for two- PTA members' families will get in free to PTA sponsored activities. There are other benefits to be found at www.pta.org
- The next meeting is Oct 12 in media center at 7pm in the media center. Great turnout last month.

Fun Fair - everyone is invited November 6- carnival type games and a mock jail... maze, cake walk, race car track- and a silent auction to 'win' various things like hotel stays, memberships, game tickets and restaurant gift certificates, a movie and lunch with Ms. Wagner. This is our biggest fundraiser-

Other activities this year sponsored by PTA:

- Holiday bazaar
- Field trip transportation

We need \$14,000 to make all of that happen.

- we need help- Families please solicit businesses to be helpful- Ask managers to donate a gift certificate- there is a form letter that we use- simple form to fill out and sign it out and return... we can give you one on letter head if you need.
- Sign up sheet if you are interested in helping- passed around with name and email address. Navy or Ravens tickets Salons, plumbers gift baskets or gift cards or vacation rentals... it's all tax deductible. Sailing lessons etc....
- iPad raffle – tickets coming home next week... send back if you don't want to do that. \$5 each
- Need help to set up on Fun Fair day for games and 30 parents for 1 hour at a time.

Mrs. Wagner gave a brief State of the School message-

- Last year my goal was to come and increase student achievement – our MSA scores went up 16% in Math school-wide for grades 3-5. We need no disparity and achievement gaps between any of our student groups... we want more students to be Advanced- we want at least 80% of our students to be advanced.
- This summer the final phase of the asbestos removal will happen this coming summer.
- Enrollment: At least 50 more students have enrolled this year than last- 450 children today as compared to 406 last year. Large in grades 1, 3, 5... but so are all the schools' in order to increase achievement and decrease achievement gaps I

really thank all the parents in the room and those who couldn't be here for valuing education.

- School Improvement Plan (SIP)- includes
 - increase teacher capacity so they are more effective teachers so that more than 10% more students score Advanced- we have a math coach to help encourage math skills- 6 days... have LA coach for 40 days.
 - Learning walks so teams of teachers can look at what is going on in the classroom and see how to make it better. Collaboration with common planning every week- math and LA- common language K-5—behavior plan is same pk-5.
 - Following 5 rules Be safe, focused, cooperative, prepared and kind.
 - Professional Development lined up:
 - .5PD in technology for each teacher. Look at all the technology that the PTA provided for us- look in the media center... elements of vocabulary- elegant- describe it- build vocabulary- higher level jobs for kids with better vocabularies.

Please email me and I will respond- get involved and watch for our successes. The Annapolis Patch has a wonderful article on Hillsmere Math. I am ecstatic to be back here- we have two major fans in here thanks to the PTA. There will be 2 twenty-minute rotations to meet teachers in their classrooms. All encore teachers are in the media center. Thanks for coming out this night- we look forward to a great year.

Parents dismissed to classrooms at 7:00.