

**Antonia Crater Elementary School
PTO/Cougar Club
General Meeting**

December 11, 2012 @ 6:00pm
Crater Library with Child supervision in Cafeteria

Welcome and Introductions ~ Leslie Thurman PTO President

Child Supervision Coordinator for PTO Meetings needed. January 15th PTO meeting is uncovered.

Principal: Mr. Milner

- School Update – Keyboarding skills will now be taught in 3rd grade. All the Right Type-web-based program. Just getting this started. After the break, we should be set up and running. Cursive will not be focused on anymore.
- Technology – focus. Mr. Milner thinks iPads or iPad minis are what we need to move forward with. Kindles are limited and laptops are bulky. We need to focus our money on preparing for big purchases of technology.
- Outdoor School (ODS) – 3 day experience with set curriculum and heavy parent involvement every Spring for 5th graders. Usually at Twin Rocks on the coast. Fundraising items (new vendor this year) delivered today.

Crater Events and Program Reports:

- Giving Tree – Jen Bass runs. Ornaments on tree have food items. Collected food items will be boxed for Crater families. Staff assembles boxes to deliver at the beginning of Winter Break.
- Fall Book Fair – Rodney Birch. \$694 in Scholastic Dollars received. Rodney has agreed to lead the Spring Book Fair (March 4th-8th) that is coordinated with the Grand Lunch March 6th.
- Teacher Appreciation Dinner- Christine Birch. Went well, very popular Spring staff lunch will be May 1st.
- Candy Drive – Nicole Chamberlin. \$340 earned for donating candy to Dr. Wilson Orthodontics; check should be received in January.
- District Parent Club – Jennifer Fisher. District Technology Task Force has done 7 pilot projects to find out how to best use the remaining technology

money from the recent bond/levy. It will make recommendations by the end of the year.

- Movie Night – Jeff Denton. February 8th. Movie will be Rio.
- Christmas Wish Lists – Jennifer Fisher. 16 Teachers participating. Wish Lists posted online. Just need to do a little more marketing and advertising to let families know.
- Website Update – Need PayPal account. Waiting on that. WordPress may be used to host website.

Discussion:

Crossing guard at Crater and Foothills – Teach kids to cross only at the one designated crossing, then continue on up or down Foothills on the opposite side of the street from the school. District is considering putting in speed bumps. Before school and after school are really bad and unsafe times for the parking lots and Foothills traffic. Mr. Milner will be trying a few new things and experimenting with how to make this work.

PTO Business:

- Financial Report – Treasurer
 - Tax Prep info has been submitted to CPA
 - \$25,668.88 balance of checking account
- Open Coordinator Positions – Stephanie Carstensen
 - Grand Lunch
 - Book Exchange
 - Newsletter
 - EZFUNds (Amazon/eScrip)
 - Child Supervision for meetings
- Open Board Positions/Nominations
 - Vice President and Treasurer Elect
- ByLaws Committee – Jennifer Fisher, Stephanie Carstensen, Mr. Milner
 - It's time to review, update, and/or revise Bylaws.
 - Anyone interested in being on the committee, please contact one of these three people

Next PTO Meeting is January 15th at 6pm.