

**Overlook PTO Meeting
January 12, 2017 @ 7pm**

Welcome

Patricia Botero and Michele Smeal, Co-Presidents
-All are encouraged to attend PTO meetings- it's an opportunity to voice concerns and get answers.

Principal's Report

Mr. File, Principal
-Conferences were well attended, positive, and productive. They provided great opportunities to celebrate successes, make plans, and get face-to-face time for parents and teachers.
-Everyone's flexibility with the change of date for the Winter Parties was much appreciated.
-Winter Concert on 12/23 was wonderful.
-Staff is excited for upcoming events- Family Fitness Night, Math Night, Gold Card Night, Talent Show.
-Tomorrow (1/13) Overlook will celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. There will be Peace Awards given out, announcements about MLK and his life, and then after the weekend, students who perform service on their day off Monday will be acknowledged.
-Part of the teacher In-Service on 2/17 will focus on
classroom.
-No school on 2/17 or 2/20.
-Mrs. Schmidt (Reading Specialist) is retiring in June.
-Thanks to the PTO for the holiday gifts for the staff. Overlook is fortunate to have such strong PTO support of staff.

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Recap

Holiday Hollow
-Lots of volunteers; most kids shopped. Raised \$4,025.

Needs

Nominating Committee (By March)
-3-5 people needed- you will take the forms with names of those nominated for various positions and contact them to see if they will accept the nomination.

Spring Family Event Ideas
-Usually held in early May; looking for some fresh ideas
-One idea brought up was a Super Soaker Run

Present

Treasurer Report
-YTD balance is -\$7611.81
-Overall balance is \$31,746.81

Upcoming PTO/School Events

1/20 Family Fitness Night 6:30PM-8:30PM
For more information email Eileen Denton
ejdenton@live.com

-Free night for the whole family- includes YMCA, Amerikick, Dance 360, group Zumba, and a hip-hop show at the end.

2/1 for 5 Wednesdays ASEP
After School Enrichment Program
to volunteer email Pam Paul
Pam@overlookvolunteers.com

-Register online or send in paper form by 1/20; confirmation will go home 1/27.

-Volunteers still needed to help with dismissal.

1/26 Math Night 7PM-8PM

For more information contact Mr. Perlman

joshuaperlman@abington.k12.pa.us

-Kid and parent friendly. Rotate stations in gym and get prizes.

2/2 Gold Card Night

For more information contact Mrs. Sweeney

maryannsweeney@abington.k12.pa.us

-Activity will be Minute to Win It game.

-Concern about behavior of some students/families at the last Gold Card Night was brought up. Mr. File will speak with staff to see what can be done.

-It was suggested that perhaps older grade children should be encouraged to be leaders and wear class shirts to the event.

2/5 Sixth Grade Super Bowl Sunday Hoagie Sale

-Forms will be soon available- hoagies will be from Levis.

Preorder your hoagies and pick up at Overlook that day between 12-2pm.

2/10 SWPBS Store

-Volunteers needed from 9:30-11:30am (Kindergarten), and 11:30-1:30 (Grades 1-6). Must have volunteer badge.

2/10 Talent Show 7PM-8:30PM

2/14 Classroom Valentine's Parties 2:30PM

2/18 Applebee's Pancake Fundraiser 8AM-10AM

-Benefits the 6th Grade. Earlier arrival is best to ensure you get your money's worth!

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Parents encouraged to help solicit product/giftcard/ service/ promotional product donations from local businesses. For more information, or to help with event planning, email Pam Paul Pam@overlookvolunteers.com

-250 requests are out for donations.

-Homeroom Parents will be contacted to coordinate grade-wide contributions/baskets

Spring Spiritwear Sale

-After Spring Break, Spring sale will occur. Five items will be offered for a two week sales period.

Concerns/Comments

The question was raised as to whether the idea of offering Foreign Languages in the Elementary Schools has ever come up. Jenkintown School District offers French in their schools.

-Mr. File said this would be a question for the Office of Curriculum, and he will reach out to find out if it has ever come up before.

-A few years ago, Overlook offered a Spanish course as part of its After School Enrichment Program.

-Beginning in Junior High (7th grade), Abington School District offers Spanish, French, German, and Mandarin.

*****Next meeting Friday, February 24th at 9AM in Cafeteria*****