

**Overlook PTO Meeting  
October 28, 2016 @ 9am**

<b>Welcome</b>	Patricia Botero and Michele Smeal, Co-Presidents
<b>Principal's Report</b>	<p>Mr. File met with the Abington Safety Officer about parking issues at school. There are some new ideas regarding possible site changes. He is waiting to hear from Dr. Fecher's office in regards to said changes. In the meantime, reminders about parking, arrival, and dismissal will be coming home next week.</p> <p>On Monday, Homeroom Parents can report to classrooms at 1:30 to set up for parties and assist teachers. Parade is at 2pm, and kids not participating will receive alternate activities.</p> <p>The Chromebooks are expected to arrive in about two weeks. The cart will be for the whole school and distributed as needed to individual classrooms.</p>
<b>Teacher/Staff Update</b>	Mrs. Whiteside was unavailable to attend today's meeting.
<b>Present</b>	<p>Treasurer Report- See Report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Still need to pay Scholastic for Fall Book Fair</li><li>-School Grants line item is for the Chromebooks purchased</li><li>-Spiritwear made \$1 per item</li><li>-Taxes have been turned over to the accountant</li></ul>
<b>Discussion</b>	<p><i>Boys' Night Out and Vendor Night:</i> Boys' Night Out was well received. Remember- this is an event, not a fundraiser.</p>
TheVendor	<p>Night is not going to happen on December 9, due to insurance requirements. Mr. File will check into the policy for hosting an event like this off of School District grounds.</p> <p><i>Directory Update:</i> Directory is online; paper copies come home Tuesday, November 1.</p> <p><i>Rewards Programs:</i> First drawing for winners for the Box Tops Program happened this morning. We get payout from the Box Tops program twice a year. Next drawing for this program will</p>

happen the day before Thanksgiving and will be three \$5 Holiday Hollow gift certificates. We are still waiting for our check from Giant from their A+ Rewards program. Remember to check to ensure your A+ Rewards are designated to Overlook. Also, if you use Amazon, try Amazon Smile and designate "Overlook Parent Teacher Organization" This program does not work properly using the Amazon app.

*Clearances/ID Badges:* Mr. File clarified that for parties, if you are visiting, you do not need the ID Badge; you do need it to actually volunteer in the classroom.

*Yankee Candle Sale/Donations:* So far, there is only one online sale. If you order online you need to spend \$100 to get free shipping; if you submit through school there is no shipping fee. Sale goes until November 7, and Overlook makes \$10 for every \$25 sold. There is also a donation button on the website for those who may prefer to make a straight donation rather than purchase products.

*Treats for Troops:* Turn in unwanted candy through November 4. Overlook receives \$1 a pound, and the class with the most will win a 30 minute open gym time. Last year we collected 250 pounds.

*6<sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraisers:* Currently, Discount Cards, Pasta Dinner tickets, and Pretzels are being sold. These fundraisers are open to the whole school, not just 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Sales of Discount Cards are not going as well as we would like, and a letter went home to all 6<sup>th</sup> graders asking them to sell five cards apiece. Suggestions to improve communication and sales included to host a monthly 6<sup>th</sup> grade parent meeting, and to ask the 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers to do frequent email updates to their classes.

*Gold Card Night:* First one will be held on Wednesday, 11/16 and will feature a laser light show. Gold Card Night is used to reinforce positive behavior. Parents need to attend with students in grades K-3, and siblings who are not Overlook students are not permitted to attend. Mr. File reported that in addition to already established positive behavior programs, students who have exhibited exemplary behavior are announced each day.

*Holiday Hollow:* The Sign-Up Genius is out for volunteers who indicated interest in this event. We would like to encourage parents to fill out labels ahead of time. Gifts range from \$1-\$5. Set-up will begin November 22, and shopping occurs the week after Thanksgiving.

*ASEP Ideas:* After School Enrichment Programs run for five Wednesdays in the Winter. We need volunteers to run classes. Please reach out to Pam Paul if you have ideas or would like to volunteer.

*Questions/Concerns/Ideas*

**\*\*\*Next Meeting Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Library\*\*\***