

## **PTA Meeting 8-9-2018**

Board members who attended: Shelley Boone, Ashley Blackstone, Vanessa Simmons, Justin Forrester, Ashley Painter, Sandy Whitaker, Paige Longest

Dates discussed for upcoming events,

**August 16** Back to School Night to include a PTA “watering hole” to included snacks and drinks.

**August 17** PTA will provide breakfast for teachers returning to school. Tandem Bus will be available in bus lane for each teacher, faculty and staff brunch.

**August 20** PTA will hold a BooHoo/Wahoo breakfast for incoming K5 parents

### **Membership drive to be held August 27- Sept 17**

Percentages for classrooms to be announced on bulletin board outside PTA office.

Prizes for classroom winners were discussed, options include, duty-free lunch delivered by CFA for the teacher, Jamie can set up the Jump house outside during recess on 9/21.

### **Fundraising:**

Gateway Rock has a new website [www.simplybook.me](http://www.simplybook.me)

Attractions Books to be assembled **Friday, Sept. 7**. All available PTA members need to help assemble the packets to be given to each child’s teacher. The Attractions promoter will be at Gateway, on September 7 for a Kick-Off party!! He will address the teachers during the Wednesday meeting Sept 6. Incentives were discussed, anyone selling 7 books will get a popcorn/movie day.

Top class/ grade level- Pizza party 10 minimum sold to qualify.

The top over all seller and maybe second place seller to receive a “kid friendly” prize- BIKE or tickets to Frankie’s Fun Park we will make a final decision on Friday with the representative.

**Sept 12** PTA will be hosting the first General Meeting to discuss plans for the year and the budget along with possible Volunteer training at 8:30 am called **Pastries with PTA**

**Monday Oct. 15** Literacy Pumpkins will be auctioned at the Chorus concert/Open House

Volunteers will be needed the week before the event to decorate pumpkins for each teacher to be on **display by Oct. 10**

Grandparent Luncheon dates along with Book Fair for library **November 12-16**

S. Stublely suggested using GCS resources Joe Urban for catering this event. We also discussed Capri's lasagna, salad and drinks.

**Mrs. Stublely reported:**

Gateway will be broken into houses to encourage building community relationships between grades k5-5th grade!! Based on the Ron Clark experience to include Character Education words associated with each House. Students will have wristbands and t'shirts will be available to purchase. Points will be displayed by Mrs. Howard's "corner" Bri Simpson and Reagan Bachour are a teacher contact for this point system. House incentives will be offered throughout the year.

Mrs. Stublely discussed the new teachers, office staff and clerk positions required for this new school year.

New dress code for teachers will be implemented this year, so jeans passes will not be used as incentives this year.

The building has received several updates this summer, including black mulch, Memorial plaque, rock garden, and a triangular house to replace Mrs. Leopard's garden by the playground. This will be managed by 4th grade students creating a Flower Fort from the children's book by Jo Hackle

The school also received the remaining 37 Chromebooks and Dry Erase desks for all of 5th grade and will continue to receive Bookbag buddy donations, all from The Cliffs Valley and Mountain Park.

Mrs. Stublely asked for PTA volunteers for a 'school tour' for the The Cliffs board of directors on Sept 14. She would like to highlight these generous items in use in several classrooms throughout the building/grade levels.

SC Ready test scores were up in all areas ranking higher than the GCS District average!!