

PTO Meeting Notes – March 14, 2019

Opening:

- Next month we'll do the nominations for each of the board roles, we'll vote in May.

Principal Update:

- Career Fair Update – April 4th (10:30am – 2:45pm) – parents will sign up for a time to talk about their careers and students will come and talk hear about different careers.
 - It is best to commit to the whole time, if possible.
- 5th Grade Camp Meeting – Parents learn about what to bring to camp, what to expect at camp, logistics details, etc.... of the camp experience. Camp is the last week of school.
- STL Chess Club – March 19th we are going to have 2 Grand Masters come to the school (11:30 – 1pm) to talk to students about Chess and maybe even play a few games against them 😊
 - Check out the video on the Mallinckrodt Parents page – showcasing the Mallinckrodt Chess Tournament.
- 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students will start MAP Testing (April 8th – May 19th) – more information will be available as we get closer to the start date for testing.
 - We have scores back from 2018-2019, will present at the April PTO meeting
- Friday, March 15th – Assembly 2:30-3:15pm – Air Force Brass Band
- Parent Teacher Conferences – starting next week, check with your classroom teacher to arrange time to meet
- Last Day of School – still waiting to hear on the official last day of school due to snow days this year
- Last Week of School – many activities during the week, as soon as the schedule is complete, it will go out to the parent body.

Trivia Night Update:

Mallinckrodt PTO presents Through the Decades Trivia Night

- April 27, 7:00 PM, Doors open at 6:30
- Congregation Temple Israel 1 Rabbi Alvan D Rubin Dr, St. Louis, MO 63141
- \$250 at table with 10 per table
- \$450 for VIP Table of 10: Prime seating, express check-in, mulligans, champagne, and a runner for all your beverage and bidding needs.
- Event includes silent auction, raffles, 50/50.
- You can bring food and beverage or enjoy complimentary beverages from the bar.
- Tables on sale Saturday, March 16 here: <https://magitrivia2019.brownpapertickets.com/>
- 2 tables have been purchased for Teachers!!!! Teachers will have VIP seating!

Volunteers needed for Trivia Night:

- We need your help! Can't pull this off without you. This is one the best ways to meet other parents or dip your toe in the water in everything that is Trivia Night. Volunteering the night of the event is even more fun than playing if you are not a trivia buff. You get

to experience the fun without the pressure of knowing stuff. AND.... you get to bid on the silent auction items. Click here to see the options and join us!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4aaaa92aa2fd0-mallinckrodt>

- Have questions, contact Susan at sabp1028@yahoo.com.
- New this year – GOLDEN TICKET
 - NEW THIS YEAR!!!! The Golden Ticket. For \$25 you purchase a chance to pick any Live Auction Class Pottery Piece you want before it goes up for bidding. Need a memento before your 5th grader graduates? Need to get that sibling a Mallinckrodt keepsake? You could get first pick for \$25. Only 50 tickets will be sold.
- Through the Decades Dress Up Day – April 3rd
 - The kids can't come to Trivia Night but they can get into the fun with a "Through the Decades" dress-up day. On Date TBD, send your kids to school in their favorite bell bottoms, tie-dye, neon or plaid. Let's make up for that snow day during Kindness Week and get the kids revved up for MAGI's biggest fundraising event.
- We still need Sponsors!!! If you are a small business, know someone who owns a small business, shop at a small business – YOU CAN BE A SPONSOR for our Trivia Night
- BIG ANNOUNCEMENT – NEW THIS YEAR!! TEACHER EXPERIENCES and CONCERT SEATS are going to go live for bidding the week before Trivia Night! You can bid online for a chance to be an EARLY WINNER!!
 - This year, we are excited to announce a new addition to Trivia Night's Silent Auction. Prior to the event, the MAGI community will have the opportunity to bid on select auction items and preview items exclusive to Trivia Night. Bidding will open on 4/17/19 @ 12pm and will conclude on 4/24/19 @ 12pm.
 - Online auction items will include: Teacher Experiences, Principal for the Day, and VIP Mallinckrodt Concert Seats. Winning bidders will be invoiced via email and are required to pay for the items by 4/25/19 @ 12pm, or the items will be forfeited and available the night of Trivia.
 - The site will be available in early April and you will get the link in email and via Facebook.
- Silent Auction need to be turned in by Thursday, April 25th.
 - We are actively pursuing silent auction and raffle items and will be accepting them through Thursday, April 25 at 4 p.m. At that time, we will sort all items and bundle them for Saturday.
 - Please drop donations off at school either on back table of conference room or in the PTO mailbox. It is most helpful if you email Kindergarten parent Kristina Coleman at kristinahcoleman@gmail.com with a description of item so we know to look for it and can include it in online site. If you need to make special arrangements for pick-up of large items, let us know.

- Ideal silent auction items include gift certificates, memberships and experiences that can't be purchased (if your sibling is a chef at a popular restaurant, for example, ask him/her to donate a cooking class or to make a custom meal for four guests). We appreciate your help with our efforts as the silent auction accounts for one third of our trivia night revenue.
- How do we measure success for Trivia Night?? Obviously raising money is important – our key measure of success is having a GREAT night and bringing together the Mallinckrodt Community!!!

Budget Update:

- Running according to schedule
- Paying for portion of 5th Grade Camp this week; getting an update from Camp Leaders on any additional funds the students may need.
- ALMOST met our Annual Fund Goal – about \$16 away.
- Voting on 2019-2020 Budget at the May PTO meeting
 - IF you have suggestions on where you think PTO money should go, please contact Wendy at EMAIL ADDRESS
 - Irrigation Update: haven't heard from the district on when our irrigation system might be coming; DT will send a note to district on when irrigation system and provide an update asap.
 - DT will follow—up with music teacher on additional money in the budget see if he has any end of year needs for the funds
 - 3-day Buck Institute PD – DT is continuing to look for a date that will work for Buck Institute and teachers; trying to coordinate date.

Volunteer Update:

- Next Thurs / Friday – sign up to bring dinners for Teachers for conferences (pizza and soup)
- Teacher Appreciation Week – we need someone to create the sign-up genius
- Spring Beautification Day – April 6th 8:00am – 12pm
 - Need volunteers to come to the school and do odd jobs to clean up the school
- Field Day Update – we will need volunteers to help with Field Day – sign-up genius will be coming soon (May 14th is Field Day)
- Trivia Night – sign-up to volunteer for sign-up genius

Mr. Thomas Transition:

- Mr. Thomas, Mrs. Pisciotta, Ms. Brown, Jill Perry, Ms. Shay have been part of the interview panel:
 - 3 candidates have been interviewed, as of March 14th.
 - Board meeting was held on March 14th, SLPS board will discuss candidates at that meeting.
 - Want to bring the person on board immediately to onboard and meet the students, parent body, etc.

- Might be an assistant principal, or an interim position to give someone a chance to develop into the position

Questions from Parent-body:

1. How will having a new principal impact us being an autonomous school?
 - a. There will be an impact; there will be many site visits, reports turned in, expectations will be on teachers and leaders in the school
2. Are they doing a national search for all school administration positions open in the district? Yes, the search is national, and our candidate will be part of that national pool.
3. Is the district willing to do a transition period to allow the new principal time to come to the school, meet students, meet the staff and parent body and to learn how the school functions. There has not be a formal discussion about it from the district; however, Mr. Thomas anticipates bringing the new principal in as soon as they are hired.