

Hi fellow PTO members,

Just an update on what we're currently working on. We have arranged with Golden Corral to do another star-server fundraiser. They've asked us to spread it out over 2 nights because of our large participation last year and the limited seating space. It will be held on March 24th and 25th. (Tues. and Wed. night, between 5-9:30pm).

Our PTO has been asked to "do something nice" for our graduating seniors. We are hoping to use a portion of the earnings from this event for that. Any remaining earned, we hope to be able to continue to fund our classroom mini-grant program. (So far this year we've helped fulfill 4 mini-grant requests, and I have no doubt, with all the state cutbacks, more requests will be coming!)

Our next meeting will be on Monday, Feb. 9th at 2:30pm. We will be discussing Poster designs, entertainer ideas/sign-ups, and chaperon sign-ups at that time. We'll also begin listing some ideas of things we can do for/with our graduating class. We currently have 146 students, (including 14 graduating). If we can get at least half of the kids to participate, that will be good. But if we can encourage over 100 or more students to be involved, even better!! So please do all you can to help spread the excitement to all the kids you can. A "pledge" form has been designed to give to the students by March 9th. so they can do they're part in finding sponsors. I've attached it, so that you can look it over and let me know of any changes that need to be made beforehand. The idea being that the kids get reservations and payment, and THEN receive the tickets to return to their patrons. (it was far too complicated last year keeping track of the valuable tickets so we're hoping this idea helps things)

Golden Corral says that there is no age limit for the servers anymore because the students do NOT go into the kitchen areas. So we can have all 4 grades helping out. We've asked the Service club, Student Council, National Honors Society, and Seniors to be particularly involved. And I believe the Student Council is overseeing the volunteer sign-ups, and organizing that. If someone from our PTO wants to be the "go-between" and make sure it all runs smoothly please contact me. For now Debora S. is contacting these clubs and informing them of our requests. But it would be nice to rotate the help and give Debora a bit of a break, since she did so much for our last event. (thanks again Deborah, Lacey, and Eleanor!!!)

I look forward to working with you all. Please feel free to contact me with any information or ideas that you have to share. I realize that our meeting times may conflict with some of your schedules. I apologize for that. We would still really love your involvement any way that you can offer it. We've got a very small group of "official" members this year. Only about a dozen families have paid dues and submitted a form. If you have not yet done this, PLEASE see to it! The year is more then halfway over already! Also please be aware that we will be having ELECTIONS for next years PTO officers in just a few more months. So start thinking ahead of time about who you're going to nominate (don't forget, you can nominate yourself!!!!).

Thanks Again,
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