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Avilla PTO

Avilla Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization Newsletter



New Fun Run Event

Grab your sneakers and your Halloween costumes! The Avilla PTO is introducing "The Black Cat Dash".

The run has been tentatively set for October 24th. A committee of volunteers has been established to handle details of the event. At this point we have discussed ideas to:

- Race by age group
- Wear your costume to race
- Costume contest awards
- Race Awards
- Evening Zombie Race w/flags
- Chili feed
- Trunk or treat/ Monster Mash party

If you would like to help with the "Black Cat Dash", there will be a meeting on October 7th @ 6:30 pm to finalize the plan. Look for flyers to come home on October 8th with more information on the event.

T-Shirt Design has been Picked!

The final design decisions were made at the PTO meeting last night for 2015-16 "Spirit wear fundraiser". This year the PTO will be offering T-shirts, Sweatshirts, and Long sleeve T-shirts with the chosen design (as seen above). The PTO has also voted to offer an online option to purchase your shirts this year. Spirit wear sales will be offered September 21st till October 9th so be looking for an order form to come home in the next few days with more information. The PTO would like to thank Mrs. Tammy Rinehart for overseeing the spirit wear fundraiser and getting the ball rolling!

Save the Date!

Black Cat Dash

Oct 24, 2015 TBD

Kids fun run and chili feed. More details to come!

Maple Leaf Parade

October 17th, 2015

PTO will take part in the Maple leaf parade

RUN meeting

Oct 7th @ 6:30

Planning meeting to discuss "Black Cat Dash" and Chili



PTO voted to build a float for the Maple Leaf Parade this year. If you would like to help watch for a letter to come home next week, contact Rachel @ 437-7256, or watch our Facebook page for updates!



School fieldtrips added to Budget

The PTO will budget \$1000 this year to help pay for School fieldtrips. The motion passed with unanimous consent at the September 16th meeting.

Room Parent Changes

The Avilla School teachers requested to be in charge of selecting their own room parents this year at the August 20th meeting. The PTO unanimously consented to the change at the Sept 16th meeting. With the change, PTO voted to no longer offer reimbursements to room parents and instead to move the budgeted funds into a fund for educational fieldtrips. The reimbursement program PTO has offered in past, had not been frequently taken advantage of. Many members shared the opinion that it would not be missed and that the money could serve better use elsewhere.

Tentative Meeting Schedule

We do our best to schedule around sports and other school activities. We need as many members as we can get to show up at our meetings to conduct the PTO's Business. If you feel we have missed an event please let us know. We must have 7days notice to change a meeting date per our Bylaws and a majority of our membership to VOTE.

Upcoming Meetings

October 7th @ 6:30p.m. location TBD

October 22nd @6:30p.m. School

November 19th @6:30pm School

(budget set at Nov meeting... no new expenses added after)

Red Ribbon Week

PTO has voted to purchase ribbons and tags for all students during red ribbon week to promote Drug Education. The expense is estimated to be \$140.

New Recognition Awards

PTO has been asked to participate in the New Student of the Month program. Once a month we will provide a pizza party for the selected Students. This program is to recognize and reward students exhibiting characteristics of citizenship and dedication to learning.

PTO will also be awarding Teacher/Staff of the month awards to recognize their exceptional actions with a \$5 gift card to Sonic. Thank you to Mrs. Bayless for requesting our participation in such a great program.

Look for more updates on our Facebook page !!!