

Friends Meeting
February 2nd, 2017 6:00 PM

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PARENT / CHILD DANCE:

Ticket Sales:

- Larissa will be in the foyer tomorrow morning.
- Raffle tickets need child's name, teacher, and contact number on each ticket.

Supplies:

- Second week of February, Costco, \$25, Victoria, gets water. BJ's, \$25, Raizel. One gets plates (smaller plates are better to prevent plate "fill ups" that don't get eaten). Raizel will get "clearware" utensil sets.
- Miya told Alicia that 50 balloons are coming, free, maybe an arch too.
- Miya is getting table covers for all.
- Alicia is making center pieces.
- Pizza: from Little Caesars, cut into 16 slices.
- Need healthy snacks, veggies and fruits.
- Final food decisions will be made on Feb 15th.
- Raizel will bring BJ flyers to see what we can get and use.
- The Building Use request is in and locked.
- Alicia is keeping the food list.
- Chensy was going to check with Dominoes re pizza.
- Dianna will check with Victor re tables and chairs.

Night-of-Event Help:

- Chaperones: all of us!
- Participants need to pay. Helpers, not with dance attendees, don't.

Photo booth:

- We will go with cell phone selfies, unless Chensy gets something else.
- Middle school will loan us their photo booth props.

LIBRARY PRESENTATION:

Chelsea Woods, the Tween librarian at New Brunswick Public Library gave us a presentation on library programs, services, and activities.

General Information:

- The library allows cross use of town library cards for all portions of Middlesex county. For school staff, no matter the home town, just bring pay stub and ID, and you can receive a NB card.
- There is unlimited free printing for homework, a special card for homework, and free WiFi.
- To get a library card, need two proof of ids.
- No listserv at present.
- Active on Facebook and Twitter.

Programs (handouts were provided):

- **Career Services:** bilingual, funded by a grant from the state ("Career Connections"), with a helpful website for self-directed career services work.
- **Free tax filing help:** provided by Rutgers volunteers from the financial department. Call to make an appointment, soon!
- **Maker Space:** the library has lots of different equipment for lots of different things. It is free. March 24th is All Day Maker day. NB is doing a DIY handscrub. Children under 10 need an adult.
- **Friends of the Library:** Provides support and outreach. Hosts events. Check out website. The meet during the week, at lunchtime.
- **Teen Activities:** after school, 7th-12th grade, sometimes 6th grade, depending on the activity.
- **ESL Programs:** conversation cafes, Spanish café to learn Spanish. The library will be starting ones for teens on weekends.
- **Calendar:** provides all library events.
- **Little Guys:** story time for smaller children.
- **Lego Club:** themed by month.
- **Young Athletes:** geared toward kids with special needs, reservation required.
- **Chinese Culture Class**
- **Relax:** guided meditation and relaxation class, $\frac{1}{2}$ hour on Thursdays, 3:30, K-6. Bilingual sessions as well.
- **Free Tutoring:** for grades K-12, provided by Rutgers students doing work study, available daily, can drop in. Child should bring materials, Rutgers will not have them. Support includes guided reading, etc. Not guaranteed one-on-one, there are lots of hours to cover.
- **A.S.K Club (After School Kids):** Grades 4-6, STEM club, Tuesdays at 4, from February 7th to April 25th. Parents are welcome to stay. Projects include: Bananas for

piano, Floam (next week), Finch Robots (long tails linked to computer, you guide them), sling shot rockets, snap circuits. There is always a book pairing. Sign-ups are encouraged. Sign up information will be used for reminders.

Dianna will talk to Vanessa re having Chelsea' presentation given to staff.

PETER CREEKMORE REQUEST

We need details from him regarding financial need specifics, especially since a sponsor of his fell through.

WALK-A-THON

- We are now looking at Saturday, May 20th, instead of June 3rd.
- We agreed that our fundraising focus this year would be the garden and grounds, including new fencing for the various gardens, and the proposed greenhouse.
- New Brunswick is having a dance on the same date!
- Dianna will check with Vanessa re Ciclovía dates.
- The new sponsor due date is **Friday, April 28th**.
- The new kids due date is **Friday, May 5th**.

NEXT MEETING

February 15th....5:30 PM.

- Walk-a-Thon corporate sponsor letters will be finalized with dates.
- Dance food list will be finalized.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianna