

**NGPTO October 2019 General Meeting**  
**10/09/19 @ McTeacher Nite**  
**Meeting NOTES**

**Welcome! We are so glad you are here... we need you!**

- Parent Involvement Survey - Have shared this on FB and in weekly alert. Let us know how you'd like to be involved!
- Board / Planning Team Involvement If you have a few hours a month to be part of our planning committees - we'd LOVE to have you join the Board/Planning Team! Let us know if you are interested in the survey above.

**Coming Events:**

**Fall Beautification:**

We'll be decorating the front entrance of both schools

Need hay donations - email us or FB message if you can drop it off and pick it up!

If you have extra outdoor fall decor to donate - let us know!

**October 11th - Dragon Fest**

- We'll have a table - stop by! We'll have a prize wheel to win a T-shirt

**October 28th - Monster Mash 5-7pm**

- We are trying a new food option - Food Trucks!
  - Blue Ridge Pizza Co. and Bavarian Chef Food Trucks will be providing yummy food for those who would like to grab dinner.
- The PTO will be selling drinks and will be hosting the annual Monster Mash Dance Party after trick or treating.
- PTO collects candy donations and also buys a ton of candy. We'll send out a reminder to send in donations closer to the event.
- We'll also be judging the teacher's pod decorations and offer prizes for them to use for their classrooms (\$100, \$75, \$50)
- Please note - if wearing a mask - be age appropriate (no scary masks please!)

**Holiday Shop Planning**

December 6th - 5:30-8pm

- Tabitha Cole is working on vendors. If you or anyone you know is interested in being a vendor, email [pto.greene@gmail.com](mailto:pto.greene@gmail.com) for more information.
- We've done a "make and take." format for the past few years, and while well regarded, the participation seems to have slowed and its a LOT of work. We are investigating vendor that package the whole thing and we get a % of the proceeds.
  - Let us know if you have recommendations or contacts

- We will have a craft area / maker space for kids to make small handmade items. More details to come.
- We'll have the photo booth again! Whoop!
- We'll need donations for the cake walk again - details to follow.
- **Raffles - we are starting NOW!**
  - We need all hands on deck! This is one of the best fundraising aspects of this event, but its time consuming! If you can help in the following ways, email us at [pto.greene@gmail.com](mailto:pto.greene@gmail.com).
    - If you are, or know of a local business that would like to donate a gift card, or services - let us know!
    - If you are willing to contact the businesses we've identified (or any others) either by email or in person - we'd love your help. **We are contacting everyone by October 15, 2019.**
    - If you would be willing to pick up the items as they come in (maybe just stopping off on your commute) - let us know! **We are looking to pick them up no later than November 15, 2019.**
- We will have two work/prep nights on November 8th and 22nd 6-9pm. If you would be willing to come out and help organize and prep for the event, let Stasia or Tabitha know at [pto.greene@gmail.com](mailto:pto.greene@gmail.com) and we'll send you info. Kids are welcome - we will have a movie and eats for them.

### Teacher Grants

- The vast majority of the money raised by the PTO goes directly to support the teachers and the kids in our classrooms.
- Teachers have the option to submit a grant for up to \$500 for a project they want to fund.
- In the past few years we've been able to donate an average of \$3500-4000!!
- This years' grant applications will go out 12/6/19 and be due back 1/7/20.
- We did receive a \$250 donation from Obaugh Ford and it will be put to good use here.

### Changes in Communications this Year:

We've decided to go DIGITAL! Due to the time and cost to print out each of the newsletters or flyers for event and put in backpacks, we are instead going to distribute that type of communication through the weekly updates the Principals send and over FB.

We'll use google forms, docs and Signup Genius to make communications easier! Be sure to like the page and share our posts!

General Meetings going forward will be held at the McTeacher's night at McDonalds. We'll share an agenda like this and chat when you stop by the corner table. Bring your kids for dinner- support the schools and get info and sign up for stuff at one time!

Planning Meetings for the big events (Holiday Shop, Spring Carnival and Teacher Appreciation) will happen as needed. Please let us know if you'd like to be included in emails/texts regarding those.

We will be sending out a survey soon to see how much interest there would be in a few other event types like a talent show or a family dance. Be on the lookout for it on FB and the alert.

We are always looking for new ideas and ways to improve what we are doing!

Any questions? Email [pto.greene@gmail.com](mailto:pto.greene@gmail.com)  
Like our FB page to get info and links to signups!