

MHES VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE SUMMARY

OCTOBER 8 , 2015

UPCOMING (more details below)

- Community Schools Meeting: Tues 10/13 6:00-8:00 pm
- VC Closet Organization Night: Thurs 10/22 6:00 pm
- Book Fair: Mon 10/26 to Fri 10/30, Evening hours on Thurs 10/29
- Literacy Night: Thurs 10/29 7:00-8:00 pm
- Chipotle Night: Tues 11/03 5:00-9:00 pm
- Next VC Meeting: Thurs 11/12 6:00 pm
- Math Night: Thurs 11/19 6:00 pm

CHILD FIRST AUTHORITY, Shannon Siciliano

- Child First Authority has been provided a grant through the Family League to become the community schools partner for MHES
 - This school year is our Community Schools Planning Year
 - As part of the new school building, we will automatically have:
 - A dedicated Community Schools Coordinator
 - 3,000 ft2 of designated community use space
 - There are some standard components within that 3,000 ft2 (such as a food pantry and adult restrooms), but the design and use of the rest is open to our ideas and input
 - Examples from other BCPS schools:
 - Child care center (at a high school)
 - Mental health services
 - Flexible gallery and performance space
 - They are looking for parents to join the Community Schools Planning Team
- **Community Schools Meeting: This Tues 10/13 6:00-8:00 at MHES**

FINANCIAL REPORT

- The Chick-Fil-A fundraiser earned \$203.00 for our VC fund

CLEAN HANDS DRIVE

- The Clean Hands Drive is going well; donations will be totaled by class on Fri 10/09
- School needs baskets and blunt scissors (for opening condiments) to hold the wipes on each cafeteria table
- Decided after brief discussion that the school would buy the baskets and donations were not requested

VOLUNTEER CLOSET

- Heather has arranged for us to organize the VC closet on Thurs 10/22 at 6:00 pm.
- Lots of people said they could help, so please join us to organize and take inventory so we are ready for this year!
- Ms. O'Neill will also try to arrange for the Social Work Intern to work on the Food Pantry closet that night so we can lend a hand with that as well

GIANT BONUS CARDS

- Discussed how to get more people signed up to earn money with Giant Bonus Cards
- Heather suggested a door-to-door flyer effort
- Erin B. reported that it will be promoted in this month's Medfield newsletter
- Discussed that it still might be most effective as a stand-alone flyer; and that parts of our school zone are outside of



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Medfield neighborhood (Woodberry, Hoes Heights and northwest Hampden)

- Discussed adding Chipotle Night to the flyer as well to promote that, especially since they give us a high percentage
- **Janet will make a joint flyer with the Giant sign-up info plus Chipotle Night

BOXTOPS

- Ms. O'Neill will check on which month would be good to offer students an incentive (recess, class party) for bringing in the most boxtops

CLAIRE'S FUNDRAISER

- Orders will be delivered to MHES on Thurs 10/29 at 2:00 pm
- Staff will sort and organize the orders in the Cafeteria
- Could definitely use some volunteers (about 3) from 2:00-6:00
- Could also use some volunteers during Literacy Night (see below) 7:00-8:00 pm
- **Desiree will do a SignUp Genius for this

LITERACY NIGHT

- Thurs 10/29 7:00-8:00 pm
- Same day as Claire's order arrive; this was intentional so people will be able to pick up frozen items during the event
- Usually figure on attendance of 150 kids
- Ms. O'Neill estimates attendance as follows:
 - Pre-K to Grade 1: 15-25 kids per class attend (Note K has 3 classes of 20 this year)
 - Grades 2-3: 15 kids per class
 - Grades 4-5: 10 kids per class
 - Also need to add a few extra for younger siblings who attend
- Kids receive 1 drink and 1 snack
- **Janet has volunteered to coordinate snacks, divide up by classes, and distribute
- **Nicole Easton and Mrs. Stevie generously offered to donate the snacks (they found a good deal at Sam's Club!)
- Discussion about whether the VC should provide the snacks and drinks
- The VC will ask for donations of small water bottles and will purchase any additional needed to cover everyone
- We will figure on enough snacks for 200 kids
- VC will also try to sign up people's Giant Bonus Cards that night; School will provide laptops
- **Erin B. will check in with Jenn Whitley about bringing pamphlets for people to sign up for new bonus cards
- **Desiree will do a SignUp Genius for this

BOOK FAIR

- Also going on the same week as Literacy Night: Mon 10/26 to Fri 10/30
- Thurs 10/29 is the evening hours for the Book Fair
- **Mrs. Stevie is coordinating
- She will likely have grandparent volunteers during Literacy Night, but could use volunteers for the other daytime shifts
- However, she still needs to coordinate with Ms. LoPreato about the specific days/times the Book Fair will be open
- **Desiree will do a SignUp Genius for this once shifts are figured out by Mrs. Stevie

FOOD PANTRY

- MHES now has a Social Work intern and one of her projects is turning a closet into a food pantry



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- Ms. O'Neill will see if she can arrange it so volunteers can also work on that on Closet Night (see above), Thurs 10/22 at 6:00 pm

CLASS PARENTS

- Some teachers have returned their selections to Ms. O'Neill, but most have not yet
- Ms. O'Neill will keep us posted
- It would be ideal to have these contacts in place so we can use them to better recruit volunteers

AMAZON WISH LIST

- The MHES wish list is updated for this school year: <http://amzn.com/sl/283W696I87XDJ>
- Ms. O'Neill will compile a list of the Top 10 priority items, since there's a lot on there

MATH NIGHT

- Coming up pretty soon on Thurs 11/19 6:00-8:00 pm; this is one of our biggest events
- VC will run a food table with hot dogs, nachos, chips/snacks, drinks and a bake sale table
- In past years, the bake sale proceeds have been given to a specific cause (like 5th grade end-of-year trip)
- VC will solicit donations for ALL items we plan to sell, then will buy the remainder
- This should be a fundraising event for us
- Nicole's dad might be able to grill off hot dogs so we can just keep them warm in chafing dishes, as we did last year
- We will need two 1-hour shifts + setup and cleanup
- Also need 2 people to staff the door: taking tickets and limiting attendance to elementary-aged kids
- **Desiree will do a SignUp Genius for this closer to the event

WINTER DRIVE

- Mrs. Stanley and Ms. O'Neill are working with Ms. Williams, school social worker, to get this started
- More details to come
- We need to decide when the VC can do sorting and wrapping

NEXT MEETING

- Thursday 11/12 6:00 pm
- Agenda item: VC assisting to provide babysitting for evening meetings

