



# Blanche Sims

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## PTO MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday November 7, 2017 7:00pm

### TREASURER'S REPORT

- ❖ Current bank balance is \$30,168.86
- ❖ Budget meeting was just completed, so next month the balance will reflect the budget requests
- ❖ Fun Run & Box Tops came in since the last meeting

### TRUNK-OR-TREAT

- ❖ Was very well attended despite a very sloppy, wet evening
- ❖ Estimate (based on donuts eaten!) of approximately 400 participants!

### BOX TOPS

- ❖ Box Top campaign brought in \$883.40
- ❖ May change it up for the next drive and involve the students in counting and sorting. Ideas are being tossed around

### UPLAND HILLS

- ❖ We received \$122 from Upland Hills from the Harvest Days. Thank you to families that attended and to Upland Hills Farm!

### **CONFERENCES & CONFERENCE DINNERS**

- ❖ Sign-ups went out in Mr. Nuss' email this last week
- ❖ There's still a few openings, so if you can donate or make a food item, please do!

### **DECEMBER HOLIDAY EVENT**

- ❖ Planned for Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm
- ❖ Open house format: parents drop off all kids that are school-age, Blanche Sims students!
- ❖ There will be a small fee or family fee TBA

### **THANKFUL GRAMS**

- ❖ Danielle Bresett is planning this. This is an opportunity for students and staff to say what they are thankful for this month by purchasing a "Thankful Gram" with a Ring Pop (planned). This is similar to Sunny Grams that are so popular!

### **5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CAMP**

- ❖ Teresa Robinson and Jodie Holden are heading this up and are well underway in planning this for May of 2018 for our 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes
- ❖ We go to Camp Tamarack in Ortonville
- ❖ Be on the lookout for dine to donates and fundraisers to help support campers

### **LAKE ORION EDUCATIONAL FUND (LOEF) TICKETS**

- ❖ Each PTO in the district is selling LOEF raffle tickets
- ❖ Please contact Erica Lentz if you're interested in purchasing any
- ❖ There is also a website link to purchase tickets where you can choose Blanche Sims as your school to support

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

- ❖ Are there any Adopt-a-Family drives planned? Interested individuals can contact Mrs. Forystek who arranges this over the holiday time
- ❖ Fundraiser idea brought up by Kevin Hall- Can we look into Amazon Smile program? We have and we aren't a 501c3 organization, so we cannot use this program. But thank you!
- ❖ We discussed upcoming events at Sims: Daddy-Daughter Dance, Mother-Son Event, Spring Fair, and End of the School Year Celebration

**As always, any questions or comments- please contact a PTO board member or Mr. Nuss!**