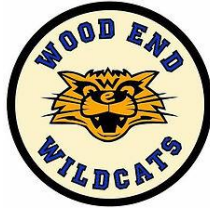


PTO Meeting Agenda

**September 28, 2017, 7:30 p.m.
Wood End Library**

- I. Teachers college Reading and Writing Project attended by Keri DiNapoli, 4th grade teacher. Conference was made possible due to a grant and PTO funding. Presentation on implementation of Reader's Workshop in her 4th grade classroom – 20 minutes
 - a. Mrs. DiNapoli attended an advanced reading workshop this summer at Teachers College at Columbia University on strategies to grow proficient readers. Teachers college is a think tank for teachers around the world to come together and refine current teaching practices in literacy. One concept she has brought back to the Wood End community is using the reading and writing progressions to improve student performance. It is a way to encourage students to push their thinking and strengthen their reading and writing skills. It is also aligned with grade level and age appropriate expectations.

- II. School Update with Joanne King, Principal – 10 minutes
 - a. Kestral Science Education will be doing a two-day field study for all students in grades K-2 this fall. Kindergarten students will take part in the 2-day session on October 5-6, first grade will be on October 12-13, and second grade will be on October 19-20. Students will study animal habitats using the Town Forest adjacent to the school. Kestrel will also be back in the winter to do an additional program with these same students, focused on the changes in habitats due to seasons and some animal tracking.
 - b. MCAS – student results will be available the week of 10/16
 - c. Fifth grade Nature's classroom trip is 10/16-10/17
 - d. Incoming Kindergarten information session for parents is 11/1 at Killam
 - e. K-5 classroom teachers will take part in Writer's Workshop training throughout the school year. They will observe model lessons in "lab" classrooms, three of which are located at Wood End. The workshops are taught by facilitators from Teachers College and have been very well received by teachers attending.
 - f. Dr. Doherty would like to attend an upcoming PTO meeting or School Council meeting to talk to parents about this year's budget and proposed override.



- III. General PTO Updates - 10 minutes
 - a. PTO Meetings dates
 - b. Calendar of Events
 - i. How to volunteer
 - c. Passive income (Ongoing fundraisers)
 - i. Box tops – [The box tops for the first contest are due Tues, 10/17.](#)
 - ii. Stop and Shop rewards
 - iii. Amazon Smile
 - iv. Calareso's

- IV. Wild Monster Bash Update – 10 minutes
 - a. [Saturday, 10/28 from 5:30-8](#)
 - b. [Pizza will be available for those who pre-ordered at 5:30 in the cafeteria and the gym doors will open at 6. The event will include games with prizes, a DJ in the gym, raffle items and more. Information on how to order pizza, buy tickets, and sign up to volunteer will be available soon!](#)

- V. Open for Questions – 5 minutes

Please join us for a social hour at Biltmore & Main 8:30-9:30pm

Thanks for attending today!

Contact us with any questions or concerns: woodendpto@gmail.com .