

PEN Recap:

Ice Cream Social: What a wonderful turn out! So good to see everyone and to meet new faces! Amazing help with donations and volunteers as well!

Welcome Back Fall BBQ: Great way to celebrate the start of school. Thank you to those who helped with tables!

New Meeting Format:

In the past few years it has become more difficult for parents to make monthly meetings so this year we will be trying something new. There will only be 2 formal meetings: September & January. In addition to those we will hold Quick Coffee Meetings on the 2nd Friday of each month after drop off. These will be quick, informal times to touch base and check in.

We will also be communicating via this monthly newsletter and are working on a better system for social media, email, and website.

Fall Ball, November 4th, 6:30 to 8:45pm:

Dance for kids of all ages and their families at Beulah Brinton. Family event; bring siblings and stay to have fun! Not a drop and leave dance. Popcorn, Lemonade, Bake Sale, Music and Fun! Invites will be out soon.

This year the decorations are being done by Ms. Jenny and the kids in art class!

Volunteer Opportunities: Bake sale organizer, MC/DJ, Games, Popcorn & Lemonade lead. Contact a Co-Chair if you can help with one of these lead roles.

Will send out a sign up genius for jobs at the dance: popcorn & lemonade servers, adults to supervise the exits and bathrooms, set up and tear down.

Important Dates:

- Oct. 11th - Picture Day
- Oct. 13th - Dress Code Optional (\$)
- Oct. 13th - PEN's Coffee Friday Meeting
- Oct. 19th - Dress Code Optional
- Oct. 19th - Evening Conferences
- Oct. 20th - No School
- Oct. 20th - Morning Conferences
- Oct. 21st - DMA Craft Fair @ Hawthorne
- Nov. 4th - Fall Ball @ Beulah Brinton
- Nov. 9th - Lower EI Parent Ed Night
- Nov. 10th - Dress Code Optional (\$)
- Nov. 20th - 21st - Dress Code Optional
- Nov. 22nd - 24th - Thanksgiving Break

Coffee Fridays: 2nd Friday of the Month.

Next one Friday, October 13th

Music Room of Main Building (first room on the right off of the Homer St. door): Join us for coffee and a chance to ask questions about the PEN meeting. A great opportunity to chat about upcoming events, volunteer, or offer ideas.

Small Shops United:

Gift card that provides discounts at multiple restaurants. This year there will be three "packs" including restaurants, family experiences and sports. \$30 for a card, DMA gets \$12 back can be purchased online and delivered. Timeline for this is being finalized.

Conferences, October 19th & 20th:

We have volunteers in place to make snack bags for teachers and staff. Snacks and goodies to get them through those long days will be dropped off Thursday.

A PEN Welcome letter has been around the first two weeks of school. If you have one please return to the office. If you need one email laura@thedesignist.com. We will hopefully be working with those soon!

PEN Chairs:

Laura - laura@thedesignist.com

Erica - erica.deleon1978@gmail.com

Jenn - jenna.turner@gmail.com

Food Drive:

Starts at the Fall Ball and runs through Thanksgiving or so.

Volunteer Opportunities: We need someone to lead this. Duties include deciding on a organization to support, making sure supplies and recepticals from dance are moved to the school, and co-ordinating drop off.

This could also be student run. If you have a child that is interested we will support them however they need!

Craft Fair, October 21st:

2nd annual Craft Fair will be held at Hawthorne Coffee Roasters again. Make and take for the kid, food truck vendor, & lots of crafters! Finger knitting project for kids to decorate the space is available in the school atrium now.

New this year: Big Cash Raffle! Ticket booklets went home in backpacks this week. We're asking each family to have a goal to sell one booklet. If you need more contact Liz in the office. \$5 each; 3 levels of prizes. You don't need to attend the event to win & you don't need to be present when drawn.

Volunteer Opportunities: Make and Take activity, set up, tear down. Watch for sign up genius closer to the event.

More to Come:

Kringle & Coffee Fundraiser: Info goes out around Thanksgiving. Pick up is shortly before Winter Break.

Holiday Happiness: A way to share some love with teachers and staff the week before Winter Break

Christmas Tree in Cathedral Square: New! Need someone to look into. Could be neat for DMA to have there and for kids to visit.

Mitten or Hat Drive: January, Need someone to organize

Spring Event/Fundraiser- TBD: Open to ideas! If you have any, please share.