

February Meeting Agenda

ERIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTCO·THURSDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2019

February PTCO Happenings:

- Changes to **PTCO meetings** going forward: Thanks to the helpful, honest feedback we received from our survey, we plan to make some changes in hopes we can use our monthly hour with you more effectively:
 - Prior to monthly meeting, I will post our agenda (this thing you are reading now) with all the updates and information we'd like you to know on our Facebook page. I will also ask Mrs. Eker to forward it to parents via Email. (If there is another way you would prefer to receive it, please let me know.) This will eliminate the need for me to read it to you during the meeting. Hard copies will still be provided at the meetings.
 - For the actual meeting time, we will continue to hear updates from Mrs. Eker (10 min) and from our teacher/staff headliner (10 min).
 - The remaining time will be spent in two-way communication with all parents present about upcoming events, plans, new ideas, etc. (For this month's meeting specifically, we will be discussing the year's events, which ones to bring back next year, and whether we want to add anything new or take away anything in 2019-2020. Your input would be appreciated!)

- Dinner and childcare will still be provided.
- We hope to create more involvement, idea sharing, and community through these efforts!
- The PTCO is excited to partner with Mrs. Stem to bring the **Thorne Institute** to Erie Elementary. Each class will have three one-hour sessions with an environmental specialist: The first two sessions are full of content and activities, and the last day, with a compilation of photos and content from the previous two sessions, students will be making a digital book of their learning. The program benefits every student K-5 at EES, and the cost is \$3000, funded fully by your PTCO. Thank you for your part in restaurant nights, the Jog-a-thon, and free money opportunities that allows us to say "YES" to our wonderful teachers and their dream enrichment opportunities.

- Here is the program schedule:

Thorne Institute In-School Programs at Erie Elementary - New and Improved-

Program Grade	Classroom	Time	Days	Dates
Birds with K	Martinez	10:15 - 11:15	Wednesdays	2/13, 2/20, 2/27
	Licardi	11:35 - 12:35	Thursdays	2/7, 2/14, 2/21
	Eylens	12:40 - 1:40	Thursdays	2/7, 2/14, 2/21
Plants with 1	Audley	12:40 - 1:40	Fridays	2/1, 2/8, 2/22
	Beamer	1:45 - 2:45	Fridays	2/1, 2/8, 2/22
Insects with 2	Larson	10:00 - 11:00	Thursdays	2/7, 2/14, 2/21
	Harvey	2:30 - 3:30	Thursdays	2/7, 2/14, 2/21
Pass the Energy with 3	Campbell	12:45 - 1:45	Fridays	3/1, 3/8, 3/15
	Gedeon	2:00 - 3:00	Fridays	3/1, 3/8, 3/15
Colorado Ecology with 4	Hosseini	9:15 - 10:10	Fridays	2/1, 2/8, 2/22
	Montgomery	10:30 - 11:30	Fridays	2/1, 2/8, 2/22
Climate Change with 5	Travis	9:05 - 10:05	Wednesdays	2/13, 2/20, 2/27
	Woelfle	1:30 - 2:30	Wednesdays	2/13, 2/20, 2/27
	Conarro	2:35 - 3:35	Wednesdays	2/13, 2/20, 2/27

Thank you to Mrs. Stem for organizing dates and times with all our teachers!

- For more information about Thorne, check out their webpage: <http://thornenature.org/school-programs/in-school/>

- Thank you to Maren Eargle for helping EES to participate in **Crayola Color Cycle**. Collection bins for dried-out markers can be found on our bulletin board in the main hallway, and right inside the school entry doors.
 - More about the program here: <https://www.crayola.com/colorcycle/frequently-asked-questions.aspx>
- **STEAM FEST** is coming to the Boulder County Fairgrounds March 2&3. Purchase your tickets through this link and the school will receive a 20% kickback:
 - https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rocky-mountain-steam-fest-2019-sixth-annual-tickets-51659559132?aff=SchoolGroupAffiliates&afu=289907977096&fbclid=IwAR2Tci7aASUoUuApat7WFcGT9CeCJ_n8GL5wGiLYwXMh-oj-vXAfXUVmZ5c
 - Thank you to Courtney Johnson for organizing this fundraiser (as well as all of our restaurant nights)!
- **The Snow Ball** was a great success! All 60 tickets were sold, and approximately 220 people joined us at EMS for our family formal. We spent \$670 putting together this event (DJ, food, photographer, poms for our snowball fight, desserts galore, decor) and after ticket sales, the total cost to the PTCO budget was \$115! Thank you SO MUCH to the parents that helped with set-up and clean-up! The indoor snow ball fight at The Snow Ball was a big hit with both kids and parents!

- A HUGE shout out to Courtney Kowalewski for her SLAYING the organization and execution of **Conference Meals**. Additionally, THANK YOU to the many parents that brought food and volunteered their time to set-up/clean-up— Tremendous job. The teachers were so grateful to have delicious home-cooked meals during their 12-hour work days.
- February **Shoparoo** challenge! This is a FREE MONEY opportunity. Download the free app, take a photo of your receipts, and earn (easy) money for EES. (AND win a sweet prize from the PTCO at the end of the month!)
 - Download from the App Store here: <https://itunes.apple.com/.../shoparoo-fundraising/id549616361...>
 - For Android users, you can also find it on the google play store...just search for shoparoo
- The **EES Talent Show** is coming up on March 13th.
 - 1-minute video auditions need to be submitted to Lauren Griffith at lauren.griffith@icloud.com by Monday, 2/11.
- Thanks to the efforts of Lauren Griffith, we have a **gym revamp** in the works!
 - The district will be supplying a fresh coat of white paint with bands of black and orange over the summer break.

- The PTCO will add spirited touches including paw prints and a professionally hand-painted tiger logo.
- The PTCO will also be spending around \$2000 to replace the mismatched gym mats that line the walls.
- We feel the gym will better reflect our school pride and serve many kids and families for years to come! Thank you for partnering with us during the Jog-a-thon so we are able to make things like this happen at EES. [#teamwork](#)
- **Mom Prom** is ON! Save the Date: April 28th, 2019
 - Friends, formal dresses (the older the better), food, photos, and fun!
 - This is a community give-back “girls-night-out” event that involves moms from all Erie schools
 - Parent organizations from all Erie elementary and middle schools have been contacted and will be promoting our event at their schools.
 - A large portion of ticket sales will be donated back to our community via Erie Uplink, Erie Food Bank, and The Erie Optimist Club
 - \$40 tickets set to go on sale 4/1/2019
 - Many more details to follow

2018-2019 Restaurant Night Totals:

- \$165.00 from Chickfila
- \$364.89 from Old Mine/Sweets
- \$1025.00 from Miner's Tavern
- \$133.35 from U-Turn BBQ
- \$429.35 from Lazy Dog
- \$281.00 from Papa John's
- \$481.93 from Chipotle

Upcoming 2019 Events:

- 2/11-Talent Show Auditions Deadline
- 2/14- Snacks with Sweethearts
- 3/5- Restaurant Night // MICI Italian (Lafayette)
- 3/15- Volunteer Voucher Day
- 3/15- EES Talent Show
- 3/20- PTCO Meeting (ft. Carrie Woelfle, 5th Grade)
- 4/5- All Star Family Relay Event (formerly "Super Son")
- 4/10- PTCO Meeting (ft. Alissa Chute, EES Counselor)

- 4/28- “Mom Prom” (an all-erie schools event)
- 5/6-5/10- Staff Appreciation Week
- 5/8- PTCO Meeting (ft. Becki Loughlin, Children’s Librarian at Erie Public Library)
- 5/10- Volunteer Voucher Day
- 5/17- School Carnival

- **How can YOU help?**
 - Please join us at Wednesday’s meeting— We need FEEDBACK on this year’s events so far. What did you love? Is there anything you’d like to add or take away? It’s time for us decide the lineup for 2019-2020, and we need to know what you want to see return next year!
 - Join a committee:
 - Snacks with Sweethearts (Lead: Samantha Hosmer // osoblanco22@yahoo.com)
 - All Star Relay (Lead: Micah Frank // mchris36@gmail.com)
 - Mom Prom (Leads: Jenna Bullard and Megan Humbrecht // jenna.bullard@me.com)

- Staff Appreciation Week (Lead: Maren Eargle // mareneargle@gmail.com)
- Carnival (Lead: Lauren Griffith // lauren.griffith@icloud.com)
- WE NEED YOUR PHOTOS for Yearbook (especially from events/parties)
 - [#erieelementaryCO](#)
 - yearbookerieelementary@gmail.com
 - community.lifetouch.com
 - access code: BDIPQS
 - Thank you to Megan Humbrecht for giving substantial amounts of time to our yearbook this year. It's going to look awesome! (Send her pictures and make her job easier.)

We love our school, and we are thankful to play a small role in making it the best it can be for our kids and teachers. Thank you for partnering with us in the little and the big things. Every bit of time, talent, and money you give is appreciated. [#teamwork](#)

We hope you will join us at our meeting on Wednesday evening at 6:30pm in the EES library. We are very excited to hear from Mrs. Stem as she tells us about the Thorne program that's happening now. We also have some big decisions to make, and your input would be very helpful in making them.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns, ideas, feedback— anything: info@eesptco.com.

Jenna Bullard, PTCO President