October PTO Meeting Minutes Wednesday, October 4, 2023 7pm in the Red Mill School Library

**Welcome** - Mari welcomed Mrs. Squillace, and parents and teachers in attendance.

**Treasurer's Report -** Money was spent on the welcome back picnic and popcorn supplies. A little money came in from Shutterfly for last year's yearbooks.

**Principal's Update -** Mrs. Griffin could use some craft supplies for maker space tables in the library. She is planning on rotating through different craft stations throughout the school year. Fire safety day is this Friday and it's always a fun time for the kids. They get to see the fire trucks and usually get a goody bag. Open house night went well and there was a high parent turnout! The school is also participating in some pilot programs with the district.

**Book Fair Recap** - Sales were close to \$12K. \$900 in scholastic dollars was redeemed for teacher/library books and 35 book vouchers were given to children in the backpack program. We will receive \$5324 scholastic dollars from the book fair sales.

**Spirit Wear Update** - Orders will be picked up on Columbus Day and should go home on the 10th.

**Fall Fundraiser** - There is a holiday gift catalog and an Otis Spunkmeyer cookie catalog and 10/27 is the order deadline. We make 40% of the sales. The class with the most sales wins a pizza party. Items will be delivered the first week of December.

**Great Apple Race** - Will be held on 10/12 (rain date 10/13) and it is a K - 5 race (no PreK). Families are welcome to come watch the race and there is a set time for each grade level. Each student receives an apple and the winner for each grade level gets apple cider donuts.

**School Pictures** - Will be held on 10/18 and the make up day is 11/29.

**Popcorn** - The next sale will be on 10/20 and will benefit the first grade classes. Last month we raised \$362 for the kindergarten classes. The PTO matches sales up to a total \$500 donation for the class.

**Family Bowling** - Will be Sunday 10/22 from 2-4 pm. The cost will be \$12 and will include 2 hours of bowling and shoe rental. A flyer will be coming home soon.

**Halloween Parade** - Will be held in the afternoon on 10/31. Families can watch the kids parade in their Halloween costumes. There will be no sign-outs after the parade and all children will return to class and be dismissed in their usual manner.

**Roller Skating** - Will be held on 11/5 from 1-4 pm. \*\*\*This date is a change from the date published on the red folders. Cost is still to be determined, but will be a significant discount from the regular admission price.

**Holiday Shop** - The holiday shop will be offered 12/4 - 12/6. We will be using the same company that was used last year. Items range from 25 cents to \$12 in price. There is an option for gift certificates if you don't want to send your child with cash. Shop setup will be on 12/1.

The next meeting will be Tuesday 11/7