September PTO Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 12, 2023 7pm in the Red Mill School Library

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

**2023-2024 Board Introductions** - Board members introduced themselves and everyone in attendance did a small introduction as well.

**Principal's Update -** Mrs. Squillace started by saying the school year was off to a successful start (for the first couple days anyway). Students have been happy during the school day and some don't even know anything unusual is going on with the lockout. There is more law enforcement involved in the last couple days to increase the number of resources available. Open house is scheduled for 9/21 at 6:30 pm for K-2 classes and 9/28 at 6:30 pm for grades 3-5.

**Treasurer's Report -** Money was spent on teacher startup funds (\$50 per teacher/aide) and red folders.

**Welcome Back Picnic** - Will be held on 9/8 from 5 - 7 pm. There will be a signup genius going out for volunteers.

**Fall Spirit Wear** - A paper flyer and ParentSquare notification will be sent with information. There is a 2 week turnaround and we try to get the items in by the Apple Race so there will be a strict deadline.

**Book Fair** - Will be held 9/26 - 9/28 and will also be open during the open houses. There is a good variety of books, including many bargain books. We will need lots of volunteers and there will be a signup genius.

**Popcorn** - Sale will be on September 22 and will benefit the kindergarten classes. The PTO matches sales up to a total \$500 donation for the class.

**Fall Fundraiser** - Will be a holiday gift catalog and an Otis Spunkmeyer cookie catalog. More information to come.

**Fire Prevention** - Friday October 6 Clinton Heights Fire Department will come and do fire prevention training for the students. They usually bring the fire truck and Sparky the mascot and give the kids goody bags.

**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. More information on race times will be available as the date gets closer. Each student receives an apple and the winner for each grade level gets apple cider donuts.

**School Pictures** - Will be held on October 18.

**Chair/Board Position Openings** - There is an opening for a chairperson for the holiday shop. Nicole Pinheiro has volunteered to be the new chairperson.

The next meeting will be Wednesday 10/4 (date change from calendar)