

Fullerton PTA Meeting 5.14.24

The meeting started at 7:06 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Fun Fest

Sarah Twist and Mr. Lambert are working together on the schedule and details for Fun Fest (field day), which will be Friday, May 31st, during the school day. Students will attend during/around their Specials period. The school will share a more detailed schedule soon.

[The PTA needs parent volunteers](#) to help run some of the stations at Fun Fest. To be a volunteer, you must be [BCPS volunteer trained](#). This training must be done every school year and must be completed by May 24th for Fun Fest. Please note that volunteers should plan to stay at their station the entire time they are volunteering. If you wish to accompany your child during Fun Fest, please sign up to volunteer at a time that is different from when your child is at Fun Fest.

If you do not want to volunteer during Fun Fest but do want to accompany your child during Fun Fest, please let your child's homeroom teacher know. Please note you will still need to be volunteer trained and to sign-in at the Front Office to receive a Visitor's Badge.

Fifth Grade EOY Events

June 7th is Fifth Grade Fun Day. The fifth grade teachers are planning this event and the PTA is helping with the costs, which include t-shirts, pizza lunch, and a magic show. The teachers are also putting together a photo slideshow using pictures from/for the yearbook.

June 13th is Fifth Grade Farewell (or promotion ceremony). Families will soon receive an invitation to the farewell ceremony. Please complete it and return it to your child's homeroom teacher. Only four family members per student will be allowed to attend. All attendees must have their ID scanned and a visitor's badge printed. Hopefully, most of these can be taken care of prior to the day of the event.

The PTA is supporting the Fifth Grade Farewell via a balloon arch, cupcakes, and front lawn sign. They will coordinate with Ms. Atchison regarding the details for this. If possible, the PTA would like some fourth grade parents to assist in the event as volunteers. A Sign-Up Genius for this will soon be posted.

Fundraising Update

Students sold 425 boxes of the World's Finest Chocolate, and we have collected more than \$21,671 for it. The magic show was Thursday at 2:30, and 93 kids got to silly string Mr. Lambert.

Sweet Frog Spirit Night was May 16th. We will hear about the results of that at our next PTA meeting. Thank you to everyone who participated!

We will also have a Spirit Night at Pine Valley Swim Club on June 13th, from 4 to 8 p.m. It will be \$15 per person. A flier about this will come out soon. June 13th is a half-day for all students and the day of the 5th grade farewell. We hope to see everyone there!

The PTA will also be selling flowers at the Spring Concert (for 4th and 5th graders), which is 7:00 on May 21st at Parkville Middle.

The Savers Donation Drive raised \$242. Thank you to everyone who contributed to that, especially Ms. Atchison and the Environmental Club!

Treasurer's Report

April Opening Balance	\$9,552.20
	Expenses
Reimbursing Mr. Lambert/Safety	-\$102.17
Fullerton Elementary/Field Trip	-\$17.25
Fullerton Elementary/Field Trip	-\$20.00
Fullerton Elementary/Field Trip	-\$40.00
	Deposits
Crumbi Cookie/Spirit Night	\$243.44
April Ending Balance	\$9,372.78

Box Tops

Third grade is the winner of Box Tops this year with 394 Box Tops. They will receive a pizza party on the same day as 5th Grade Farewell. Kindergarten was close behind with 310 Box Tops.

Remember to keep uploading your receipts using the Box Tops App. It's easy and free money for our school just for buying products you already buy.

Also, the standings reset on July 1st so make sure you adjust your child's grade on July 1st.

PTA Elections

We are now accepting nominations for next year's Executive Board of the PTA. If you are interested in nominating yourself or someone else for a position, please email or text Susannah Ray at sray@bcps.org or 410-382-3939 by May 31st.

A flier about elections was sent home at the end of last school week. We value everyone's voices and input as we work together to support Fullerton Elementary and hope that some of you will nominate yourselves and/or others you know who might be interested!

Yearbook

The 2023-2024 yearbooks will be delivered next Tuesday to Brittany's house. 91 were sold during the presale and will be sorted and delivered to homerooms shortly thereafter.

At this point, we have a little over 100 yearbooks left. If you are interested in one of these remaining yearbooks (\$20 each), they will be sold in person at Fun Fest, as well as a couple days after school.

In addition, Brittany will put together another Cheddar Up link for those who want to buy their yearbook online and have it delivered to homeroom.

Please note that all profits on the yearbook goes back to our school. The presale generated \$1,456.00.

Thank you to Britni Hazel, Sarah Twist, Ms. Jones, and everyone else who contributed to the photos or putting together the yearbook. It really has been a team effort!

Important Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, May 21st - Spring Concert for 4th and 5th grades, 7:00 pm at Parkville Middle

Monday, May 27th – Memorial Day; schools are closed

Tuesday, May 28th – Orientation at Parkville Middle (for current 5th graders), 7:00 pm

Friday, May 31st – Fun Fest/Field Day

June 1st – Magnet contracts due (for 5th graders accepted into Parkville's magnet program)

Friday, June 7th – Fifth Grade Fun Day

Thursday, June 13th – Fifth Grade Farewell at 10 am; all schools close 3 hours early

Friday, June 14th – Last day of school; all schools close 3 hours early

Other

An online attendee asked if there was a way to recruit volunteers from the community to help at school events. Ms. Salkowski explained that there are occasional opportunities to ask for volunteers when coordinating events with companies that donate to the school or do business with the school. However, there is not a means for widely sharing volunteer opportunities with community members who are not related to Fullerton students

Vicki Waite, Assistant Principal, is retiring at the end of the year. We are so grateful for all of her support at Fullerton! She has given so much to the school and will be missed!

We do not yet know who will be the new Assistant Principal. It will be an experienced AP who wants a position closer to their home. A detailed letter will be sent home updating the community once that decision is finalized.

Ms. Wisneski is retiring as well, and Ms. Caruthers is leaving to go on to new adventures. Thank you for both for all the work you have done at Fullerton!

Ms. Scott recommended that next year the PTA and homeroom teachers coordinate for each classroom to have a room parent as a way to increase communication between families, the PTA, and the school.