

PTO GENERAL MEMEBERSHIP MEETING
FRIDAY, September 13, 2019 / 9:30a
MINUTES

Item	Discussion	
Welcome Breakfast	9:15 – 9:30	
PTO Welcome Back	<p>Welcome Back! Thank you to those involved in the kick-off to the 2019-2020 school year! It is going to be a fantastic year at Mt. Horeb!</p> <p>We have been working together for several weeks getting ready for school. Thanks to everyone for helping get us up and running Just to name a few ... Thank you ... School T-shirts (Jill Parry), Staff Welcome Lunch (Alexandra Kerner), K Get Together (Carolyn Bolcar), School Kits (Toni Ann Feeney) and thank you EVERYONE!</p>	
Mr. Cook	<p>Welcome! So happy to see so many returning parents and new faces! Thank you to the staff for all summer help.</p> <p>Some new things...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New floor decals in the front hallway are fantastic! - Gator News: Run by Mrs. Zgombic and students. Weekly broadcast to air on Friday mornings. - Garden: More bricks purchased and installed <p>Theme for 2019-2020: Live Out Loud. Logo on Mt. Horeb School Spirit T-Shirt designed by Hailey Martins. Thank you PTO for the shirts!</p> <p>Many subjects reviewed, to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Whole Child: Helping kids to be challenged and supported and healthy while also teaching core subjects. Check the Warren BOE website for details. - Standard Response Protocol: Emergency response standardized across the building - Principal’s Counsel: voluntary lunch with Mr. Cook. - Standardized Testing: NJ Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) replaced PARRC. We are not a “test taking school”, but want to be sure our children are prepared to succeed. Tethered to the same standards as PARRC and taken on the computer. Shorter and fewer sections. - 6-Day Schedule: PE every-other day which exceeds the state requirement. - Smallest school in the district. Average class size is 14.3 students (down approximately 2 students). VOLUNTEER!!!! A donation of your time will yield untold value both within you and within our little school. You will make a difference. 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let’s all strive to Live Out Loud:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Be openly honest Be sincere Be strong Be loving Be competitive</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Be an advocate for anyone who needs one Persevere through challenging times Make the most of every day Try new things Fearlessly be yourself</p> <p>Mandatory Volunteer Training: If you did not attend the meeting and intend to volunteer at school, you must view the Volunteer Training Power Point on the District web page at www.warrentboe.org and complete a Volunteer Application available at the Mt. Horeb front office.</p>

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<p>PTO Membership and Donation Campaign</p>	<p>Donation Campaign:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There are so MANY FANTASTIC PTO Programs sponsored by the PTO. The PTO relies on YOUR SUPPORT to offer fun and educational programs to our students. - This year, the PTO was able to reduce the recommended donation amount based on smart spending and an increase in reserves. We have an aggressive budget this year to spend down some of the surplus to benefit those students who helped build the surplus - Please ask your employer if they have matching gift program! <p>Join the PTO! Entitles you to vote on important issues and a <i>free online</i> Directory!</p> <p>AmazonSmile: Shop HERE and our PTO receives a small portion of the cost of goods purchased. Note – you will need to make your purchases through the website. AmazonSmile does not work through the app.</p> <p>Food Days is over 50% of revenue and it is directly tied to head count.</p>	<p>Ask if your employer has a matching gift program!</p> <p>Please join the PTO and support the Donation Campaign. Forms were sent home with the students and additional forms are available in the Main Office. Donations are accepted by check or through MyFoodDays.</p>
<p>Internet and Social Media</p>	<p>MtHorebPTO.org. Great resource! EVERYTHING is there! PTO Executive Board contact information, Committee information, Food Days Calendar, really, EVERYTHING!</p> <p>Mr. Cook on Twitter: #MtHorebGators</p> <p>PTO on Facebook! Check us OUT! It is a closed group. Please ask to join.</p>	
<p>Directory DirectorySpot</p>	<p>On-line and LIVE! Join the PTO to get access. Thank you DARLENE!!</p> <p>The phone app is a good resource, but there is more functionality using the desktop version (ie., to sort by class or grade).</p> <p>All information was pulled from Genesis and the information submitted to the BOE. You can edit <i>your own</i> information and the Directory will be updated as needed during the year for new students, etc.. Note, Genesis is a new system for the district and there may be “quirks”.</p>	<p>Directory is LIVE!</p> <p>Join the PTO for access</p> <p>PTO Calendar: Darlene to review and e-blast. Sign up!</p>
<p>Food Days</p>	<p>Food service begins Monday, September 16.</p> <p>Next cycle opens October 10th and closes October 17th. Once a cycle closes, orders cannot be adjusted.</p>	<p>Volunteers: If you cannot volunteer on your day, it is your responsibility to find a substitute</p>

	<p>Volunteering and Finding Subs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If you cannot volunteer on a day you are scheduled, it is your responsibility to find a sub. - Use the email chain. Please “reply all” so the group and, specifically, the Food Days Managers, are informed. <p>The Calendar is set over the summer. Please be sure to complete the SOS form early if you want to be assigned a specific day. If you are not a sub, and want to be, please reach out and we will add you to the sub list.</p> <p>Inclement Weather Days: A food day may be cancelled if snow is predicted. Information will be e-blasted.</p> <p>Check the App – your schedule on your phone.</p> <p>New Vendors: Panera and Pita Grill</p>	
PTO After School Programs	<p>PTO After-School Programs. The cost of the programs is used to fund the PTO events.</p> <p>Soccer / Monday, On the Court / Wednesday, Lacrosse / Thursday (sticks will be provided, but participants are able to bring their own stick). Clubs open to K students for second cycle in January</p> <p>Girls on the Run: A PTO program provided at “cost”. Does not generate revenue to the PTO.</p>	
School Clubs	<p>Before School Clubs: Drama, iBuild, Book Club, Gators Give Back, etc. etc. These are FREE and provided by the school.</p>	Watch your email on TUESDAY!
Coupon Books	<p>Distributed this week (thank you Melissa Schlow!). Great opportunities for SAVINGS. And, the PTO keeps 50% of the cost of each book! Great way to raise money for our school! You can adjust the region for your specific book (so you can sell them to grandparents in Florida).</p>	If you do not want to purchase a book, you must send the book back to school in your child’s back-pack
Upcoming Events		
Family Fun Day	<p>Saturday, September 21st from 1pm-4pm at Meadowbrook Country Day Camp. For all elementary schools in the District. At last count, we had the largest representation of all the schools!! Small but mighty that’s Mt. Horeb!</p>	
Picture Day	<p>Tuesday, September 24th</p>	
Back to School Night	<p>Thursday, September 26th Schedule to be distributed</p>	
No School	<p>Monday, September 30th</p>	

No School	Wednesday, October 9 th	
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Week of Respect	Wednesday October 16 th – Friday, October 18 th . A dress-up week for the kids	
Trunk or Treat	Friday, October 25 th AWESOME EVENT! Cars to be set up by 6p / Children arrive at 6:30	
Halloween Parade	Thursday, October 31 st	
Book Fair	Set Up: Thursday, October 31 st . Preview Day: Friday, November 1 st . Can purchase online (and Mt. Horeb gets the credit). Fair: Mon. Nov. 4 th and Tues. Nov. 5 th	
No School	Thursday, November 7 th & Friday, November 8 th	
Next PTO Meeting	Wednesday, November 13 th 2p. 7p meeting by RSVP (please RSVP if you are interested).	
High School Referendum	State will contribute a percentage of the cost to replace building items. If the referendum does NOT pass, the district will still proceed with the work, but it will need to be funded completely by the district. Vote on September 24 th	
Committees and Home Room Parents	General Review / Meetings to follow for HRP and Committee Chairs Staff Appreciation Week: Open Chair Position HRP and 5 th Grade Event Volunteers, selection Criteria. When there are too many volunteers, past volunteer activities will be taken into account when making selections for volunteers. Committees: Executive Board Liaisons to assist with planning	Open Chair Position – Staff Appreciation Week! Please consider volunteering
AOB	Remember to label clothing etc. The lost and found already has a full wardrobe Gilly the Gator: Can we upgrade the signs? Lunch: You can send you child to school with peanut butter but it may impact where your child sits if there is an allergy.	Improved Signage. Jen Armao to review with the Boy Scouts to determine if they can handle.
Additional Meetings (Start times estimated)	10:45: Committee and Food Day Meeting (30 Min) 11:40: HR Parent Lunch – 1 st lunch 12:15: HR Parent Lunch – 2 nd Lunch	



Debra Finkelstein
Secretary
September 24, 2019