# BARNSTABLE UNITED PTA Sept 2014

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Fancy's Market in Osterville catered the first meeting of the year. Salad, lasagna, chicken + rice, garlic bread. Hired teens for childcare. 40 adults and 27 children in attendance.

Quote of the night: "PTA brings the fun to school" -Mary Sullivan

Principal report: Mary Sullivan

Thanked attendees. Goal is to unify the school to help a big school function small.

Presentation of school logo of the compass rose and sea turtle.

Discussion on school uniforms.

(PBIS)Positive Behavior Intervention School program discussed. It would have to be voted in. It rewards good behavior and provides support to teachers.

4th grade report : Mrs. Stewart/ Mrs. Silva

Kids are adjusting well. Please attend cirruculumn night to hear more details. Review of ELA, writing is incorporated into all parts of the schedule. 90 minute teaching blocks for each subject. They are completing baseline testing and encouraging the new routines as kids start back to school.

5th grade report: Mrs. Davis / Mrs Nunes

Math and science are off to a quick start. They end the day with a review of the day and homework. Discussed the benefits and pleasure the students get from daily read-a-loud at the end of each day. Science is starting with the "scientific method" including the solar system. Math is the 2nd year of GoMath, it is work but IS manageable. STUDENTS MUSTH KNOW THEIR MULTIPLICATION FACTS. Baseline testing is completed. SRI comprehension test on the computer suggests books and assesses fluency. It is tested again mid year and end of year. ELA-starts with folk tales. Social studies- coordinates, continents and explorers.

Welcome to our new Vice Principal, Dr. Val Smith. She has 20 years of experience and has a strong background in curriculum development.

Treasury report presented and accepted.

### Fund Raiser:

Meadow Farms to be initiated at school event in Sept to be completed by Oct 2.

#### New business:

Kelly Moore has agreed to try the treasury position and would like to job share if possible.



Sat Sept 20 11-1:30, 1:30 -4 and Sunday Sept 28 11-1:30, 1:30 - 4

Use sign up genius. In house contest for who can collect numbers. Numbers can be submitted online.



Walk A Thon: Oct 9-24

Done during gym class. Sponsors needed for fitness based prizes. Please contact Barnstable United Elementary School PTA < <a href="mailto:buespta@gmail.com">buespta@gmail.com</a> if you can assist. As students collect donations, they receive a ticket to select lottery drawing for the prizes. Corporate sponsors needed to defray the cost of the t-shirts provided.

#### Yearbook Committee:

We need a group to get together to organized. 4 community photographers will help with the event photos, but candids are needed during the year. Would we like to purchase or accept donation of digital cameras for the teachers to use to document events during the year? Sign up genius does have a sign up.

Box Tops: Mrs. Hazard

Help is needed 2x/ year to count the tops. We use sheets to keep even counts and simplify the task. <a href="http://www.boxtops4education.com/all-about-boxtops/boxtops-downloads">http://www.boxtops4education.com/all-about-boxtops/boxtops-downloads</a>

## Staffroom Delights:

Sept 24 with a fall apple/pumpkin harvest theme.

### Fall Costume Party:

Seeking chairperson. It is a family activity, no drop - offs. Halloween is on a Friday, so we may not want to conflict that day. DJ is hired to keep the activity moving and safe.

#### Book Fair

Sign up genius is used. Tues. 4+5.

Please see emails from constant contact, website and Facebook to stay updated.



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