

EPS PA General Meeting

September 17th, 2020

PA President

Claudia Bayer, current PA President, welcomed about 120 EPS Parents to our first PA General Meeting of the year, and for the first time it was done online via Teams. Claudia described that the mission of the PA is to promote community, hospitality and school volunteerism. She introduced her PA Executive committee consisting of:

- PA President (Claudia Bayer) oversees the PA Exec Committee, supports parent communication to the school and represents parents on the Board of Trustees.
- EPS Liaison to the PA (Vickie Baldwin and Brittany Williams)
- Hospitality Committee (Shairose Gulamani, Xixi Shakes, Cindy Goetzman & Bengu Bostanci) who are responsible for the parent ambassador program, the new family picnics and the Fall Harvest/Winter Celebration.
- Appreciation Committee (Dorian Bell, Joumana Hoballah and Dianne Melling) who organize several staff/faculty appreciation days throughout the year. The first one was finished and distributed yesterday with the help of donations from the entire school parent community. Rise and Shine Boxes were created for each faculty/staff member.
- Volunteer Coordinators (Katharine Pike, Stephanie Brown) recruit volunteers for PA supported events and provide training and support for the parent class reps.
- Lead Sports Booster (Jenni Heuberger) provides support for Athletic Director Kim Eng in organizing parent support for each sports team.
- Treasurer (Dee Sadahiro) manages our budget and reimbursements.
- Secretary (Patti Sauntry) takes notes and publishes them at all PA Exec and PA General meeting as well as ensures that notes are taken at grade level meetings and distributed to parents.
- Past President/ Past Volunteer Coordinator and Head Class Rep (Heather Burkey) acts in an advisory role to the current PA Executive Committee

Introduction of Class Reps. We have 25 class reps who successfully held Back to School picnics online this year. They will be sending regular communications specific to each grade with details and links for coffee/socials and other school events pertaining to their grade. Please add epspa@eastsideprep.org to your safe senders list to make sure you receive these emails.

Upcoming Events (Please refer to the Friday Community Briefings for details and links):

- Back to School Night on September 24th at 6PM
- Fall Harvest on October 2nd at 6PM
- MS Parent Night 5th/6th New Parent Series
- US Grade Level Parent Meetings in October
- Class Reps Hosted Online Coffees (please look for mail from your reps!)

Fall Harvest:

This year the Fall Harvest theme is “Journey to a Joyful Place”. It will be an online event, but there will be a campus pick up event for participants to pick up their “Travel Bag”. Please feel free to change your background screen for the event to show your personal happy place, or photos of places you have visited, or want to visit. You can also dress up for your trip if you like!

Dr. Terry Macaluso

Terry started out by thanking the PA for all of their hard work throughout the year. She wanted to point out two volunteers in particular, Katharine Pike and Stephanie Brown who were both awarded the Alice Strong Award last spring for their outstanding contributions to the school.

Terry also talked about the teachers and how they miss our kids and are looking forward to a time when we can be on campus again. Terry also wanted the parent community to know that the school is ready to go once it is deemed safe to return to class.

Dr. Kelly Moore

Kelly introduced the Parent Community to her Parent Series for the year that will all be about Resilience. She introduced the parent group to Mindset Science and how it works. This series will be available online this year for all parents to attend the meetings. There will also be smaller group online sessions that will work as facilitated practice groups. Please watch the recording today of Kelly's presentation here.

Claudia thanked all the parents for attending today's meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:36AM.