

Hello all,

It's been a very busy month for all of us. Here are the topics that we talked about during our PTO meeting

1. Flea Market: We have decided to go through with a flea market that will be held in Berean Academy
 - a. Date: When we decided on April 9th, I did not realize that my husband's graduation is being held that day. **Do any of you have an objection to holding it on Saturday April 16th instead?** Set up will begin at 6am and We will begin to sell at 7am.
 - b. Advertisement: Cindy will look into advertising in the area's newspapers and let me know the costs associated with this.
 - i. We can hold a Facebook event to advertise as well
 - ii. Advertise on Craig's List
 - c. Price: \$10 per table on the day of the event, \$8 if rented by April 1st.
 - d. We would like to sell items: hot chocolate, sodas, water, coffee and breakfast items.
 - e. Have a table for Berean Academy to sell donated items...
2. Scholastic Book Fair: March 22-25
 - a. Mrs. Schnupp (6th grade) will be holding a carnival type fundraiser ON **March 24th from 12pm-4pm to** raise funds for the class NASA trip.
 - b. She is in need of volunteers to help with the tables. **PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF ANY OF YOU CAN ASSIST WITH THE BOOTHS**
 - i. Areas where help is needed: Hot dogs, cotton candy, popcorn, helium tank (filling balloons), jumping castle
 - ii. Items Mrs. Schnupp needs to be donated:
 1. Hot Dogs
 2. Hot Dog Buns
 3. Bags of Candy
 4. Canned Soda
 5. Bottle Water
 6. Coolers (for drinks)
 7. Baked goods to sell
 8. Mustard
 9. Balloons
 - iii. **You may drop off items in the main office and I will make sure Mrs. Schnupp gets them.**
3. Basketball 3 on 3 Tournament:
 - a. Date: Saturday 3/12 @ Berean Academy
 - b. To benefit Mrs. Balsdon's 5th grade trip to Camp Surf
 - c. Concessions will be sold throughout.
4. Girl Scouts Recycling Project:
 - a. We now have six 55 gallon drums in order to recycle aluminum cans for our school.
 - b. PTO retains whatever profit we gain from the recycling of the cans
 - c. Girl Scouts members are willing to do a parent drop off on specific days to get the school and community involved. Parents would bring in bags of cans and the Girl Scouts would put them in the bins.
 - d. May 20th: Our Girl Scout Troop 217 will be having an assembly to commemorate their 50 hours of work on this project. They will receive their Silver Award!!! Congratulations to them

- e. **Other Girl Scout News: On April 6th they will be hosting "Media Girls" from 3:30-5:30p @ Berean Academy**
 - i. Middle school girls are invited to learn about different forms of media (films/internet/blogs) and the pros and cons of all types of media
 - ii. Cost is \$10 and you must register by: March 31st
 - iii. For more information contact: Carlie @ 928-301-7350 or email: troop217@hotmail.com
- 5. **History Night:**
 - a. Date: April 28th @ Berean Academy from 5p-7p
 - b. **Need volunteers for concession sales.**
 - c. Will be selling Drinks, cotton candy and popcorn.
- 6. **Berean Academy Billboard/Marquee**
 - a. As many of you know, we need a marquee so that parents/guardians can stay informed of what is going on at the school.
 - b. Because of cost constraints, we are not able to have this done by an outside contractor. Gus, our maintenance person has already begun working on the project by placing pillars near the dumpster. He has designed and will complete the work needed so that Berean Academy can finally have a functioning marquee. He has ordered some of the parts that are needed. I would really like the PTO to be able to contribute to this. If anyone can donate moneys toward this, please let me know. I myself am donating some funds to make this happen. A BIG thank you needs to be given to Gus for his work...
- 7. **Teacher Salary/Raises/Contracts:**
 - a. We briefly discussed teacher contracts and as far as we know, nothing can be done until word comes from the state on proposed deduction per student of as much as \$500. We are still unsure of the amount but we do know that this may affect positions and salary. As soon as we find out anything I will be sure to pass this on to all of you.
 - b. We NEED to retain and appreciate our teachers. **Possible Summer Camp @ Berean Academy** to help the PTO give our teachers the raises they deserve.
 - i. Mr. Bennett and I (Beth Kyles) will be researching what the specifics and to see if this is feasible.
 - ii. Idea would be to have payments go to PTO and at the end of camp, distribute the funds to our teachers.
 - iii. If you have any input, information, opinions or suggestions, please let me know. We need as many people involved as possible.
- 8. **Prom Dresses**
 - If anyone has prom dresses that they can donate to our High School students for Prom, please drop them off at the main office.
 - Many of our students cannot afford dresses and will not attend... Please help if you can!
- 9. **Next PTO Meeting: Monday, March 28th @ 5:15pm**

Thank you for your attention and help with the PTO and helping to create a Berean Academy Family
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