



Golden Star Gazette

June 2016

Gardner Road Elementary School

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Dear Gardner Road Families-

Somehow, June has arrived. It seems like yesterday when all of the students entered the building on September 9th ready for a wonderful year at Gardner Road. As we close up the year, it is always a great time to reflect on where each student has grown over the last ten months. We are so proud of each and every student and their learning journey. Thank you to every teacher, staff member, parent, family member, neighbor, classmate, etc. that helped each student on their journey. We look forward to a great June and a relaxing summer!

I want to say thank you to Mrs. Klossner on another great art show at Arnot Mall and to Mrs. Matthews and Mr. Hamilton on a great 4th grade Spring Concert. We have MANY great events in June (see page 2) and we look forward to our students learning at each one.

Be on the lookout for the summer reading/library challenge. It is always great to see so many students reading throughout the summer and then enjoying a treat at the party in the fall with our library teacher. Keeping up on reading, writing and math facts throughout the summer (just 15 – 30 minutes daily) will help each student be even more successful in their upcoming school year.

If you need anything prior to the start of the school year, please let me know. Have a great summer and see you in September!

Your Partner in Education,

Patrick Patterson- Principal

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

Gardner Road School Hours

8:00 a.m. to 2:25 p.m.

Gardner Road Office Hours

7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Elementary Lunches (K-6)

Breakfast: \$ 1.00

Lunch \$ 1.95



Moishe's Quote of the Month:

"Each day learn something new, and just as important, relearn something old."

Robert Brault

Main Office Updates:

Congratulations to Staff that will be in New Roles in 2016 - 2017:

- Mrs. Scanlon – Reading Teacher
- Ms. Pica - Pre-Kindergarten Teacher
- Mrs. Lawas – Kindergarten
- Mrs. Saunders – First Grade
- Ms. Kenefick – Second Grade
- TBA – Third Grade Teacher, Library Teacher, Art Teacher, Resource Room Teaching Assistant
- Mrs. Tolpa – RtI Teaching Assistant
- Mrs. Anderson – Pre Kindergarten Teaching Assistant

Best Wishes to Staff that are Saying Goodbye to Gardner Road:

- 12:1+1 special education services will be distributed across the district, so Mrs. L'Amoreaux will be headed to Center Street and Mrs. McUmbert will be working in Big Flats.
- The following teaching assistants will be going to new buildings as part of the redistribution of special education services: Mrs. Sutton, Mrs. Hayner, Mrs. Munson, Mrs. Kathan, Mrs. Pratt and Mrs. Kamas.
- Thank you to Mrs. Rosenthal for filling in as a long term teaching assistant in place for Mrs. McCarthy
- Mrs. Klossner and Mrs. Gorman have been shared between Gardner Road and Center Street the last 4 years. Mrs. Klossner was previously full time at Center Street and she will be full time there again. Mrs. Gorman will be joining her full time at Center Street.

End of Year Schedule:

- Wednesday, June 1st: Last day of library circulation
- Tuesday, June 7th: 1966 day (50th Anniversary Celebration for Students and Staff)
- Friday, June 10th: Kindergarten Celebration 9:00
- Saturday, June 11th: Gardner Road 50th Anniversary Open House 9:00 – 11:30
- Monday, June 13th: GRPTO Mud Run
- Tuesday, June 14th: 3rd Grade Instrument Recruitment – All Day
- Tuesday, June 14th: 4th Grade Celebration – All Day
- Wednesday, June 15th: Evacuation Drill 9:15
- Thursday, June 16th: Pre-Kindergarten Celebration
- Friday, June 17th: No School for Students → Elementary Teachers' Rating Day
- Tuesday, June 21st: K-4th Field Day & Picnic
- Wednesday, June 22nd: Half Day and Last Day for students → 11:00 Dismissal



Are you Moving?

If you are moving to a new school next year, please notify the office as soon as possible and talk to our attendance clerk, Mrs. Wright. Please contact your child's new school as soon as possible so that they can request records from us. Additionally, this will help us make accurate class lists for next school year. Thank you!

Update from Mrs. Hinman:

The end of the school year is quickly approaching! New York State regulations require all medication left at school at the end of the school year be discarded. This includes inhalers and Epi-pens. Unless your child has current permission to self-carry their medication, the school is not able to allow your child to bring the medication home themselves. If you need to make special arrangements to pick up medication, please call to make arrangements. **Medications not picked up, will be disposed of Wednesday, 6/22 @ 11:30 am.**

Special Education Services:

Chapter 434 of the New York State Education Law requires school districts to notify parents or persons in parental relation of their rights regarding the referral and evaluation of their child for the purposes of special education services or programs. This information can be found on our district website (www.horseheadsdistrict.com) or on the New York State Education Department website (www.nysed.gov) in "A Parent's Guide to Special Education." If you have further questions, please contact Kim Williams, Director of Student Services, at 607-739-5601, x4300.



Character Education through the Summer of 2016!

Character education learning is a year round learning event for our students in Horseheads. Below are tips for home for the summer months. Be on the lookout for our character education connections at community events.



Fairness-July

- Discuss why games have rules
- Talk about taking turns choosing things to do while on vacation
- Discuss with your child why fair is not always equal
- Show good sportsmanship

Trustworthiness -August

- Have a family game night
- Model honesty in your everyday life
- Point out characters in books, movies, TV shows who display trustworthiness and why
- Focus on the "fun" of something instead of winning
- Honesty starts at home

May Photos at Gardner Road:

#learningatGR



IN NEED OF

HISTORICAL PHOTOS:

GARDNER ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

We are looking for pictures to celebrate the last 50 years of learning at Gardner Road Elementary School. Here is one shared with us celebrating Mrs. Fuller's 6th grade class in 1980. Send photos to school with your child or email them to mahall@horseheadsdistrict.com.



DO THE SUMMER COUNTDOWN!

- ✓ 5 days a week of active PLAY
- ✓ 4 new places to VISIT
- ✓ 3 fresh FRUITS & VEGGIES daily
- ✓ 2 summer PROJECTS
- ✓ 1 time a day with a good BOOK
- ✓ 0 soda - drink WATER

When your kids follow these simple steps, they keep their brains and bodies active - and retain more of what they learned in school.



"We Succeed Because The Stars Lead!"

CHARACTER


O During the month of May,
R 335 students (83%) earned a
N citizenship character
E education certificate.
R

June's trait is...

Character Education

Caring

- Think about how your actions will affect others
- Be sensitive to people's feelings
- Help people in need
Treat people with kindness and generosity
- Do not be mean or hurtful



Character Matters
Horseheads Central School District

Horseheads Central School District

Our Mission

"Quality Education for All"

The Mission of the Horseheads Central School Community is to provide a quality education for all within a nurturing environment, which promotes excellence, growth, and a sense of civic responsibility.

Our Vision

We, the Horseheads School Community, want a district that:

- is nurturing and responsive.
- strives for balance in a supportive, safe, encouraging environment.
- recognizes the need for continual improvement in an ever-changing world.
- has a clearly defined focus on learning outcomes, collaboration, and support systems.
- creates an environment within which everyone can thrive and achieve his/her highest potential.

Our Beliefs

We believe:

- everyone can achieve his/her highest potential.
- trust is essential for growth.
- learning is cooperative.
- programs are inclusive.
- success will be nurtured and expected.
- learning is performance-based.
- decisions are data-based.
- responsibility, respect, and results guide our every effort.

Exit Outcomes

The Horseheads Central School graduate will be ...

- a life-long learner
- a caring, productive citizen
- an effective communicator
- a creative problem-solver
- a quality decision-maker
- a healthy, well-rounded person



KIDS OUT and ABOUT .com

Avoid the summer slide

5 Tips to Retain Math Skills

<http://rochester.kidsoutandabout.com/content/5-simple-tips-help-your-kids-retain-math-skills-during-summer>



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Gardner Road Elementary



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The Horseheads Central School District offers educational programs without regard to actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sex, sexual orientation, or gender (including gender identity and expression). Inquiries regarding this notice may be made to Judy Christiansen, Title IX and DASA Coordinator, or Kim Williams, Section 504 Coordinator, Horseheads Central School District, One Raider Lane, Horseheads NY 14845, (607) 739-5601.

The Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC) for Gardner Road Elementary is Patrick Patterson. Complaints regarding discrimination, harassment, or bullying of any student should be referred to Patrick Patterson at (607) 739 – 6347. The Dignity Act Coordinator for the Horseheads Central School District is Judith Christiansen. Mrs. Christiansen may be reached at One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845, 607-739-5601, x4211.



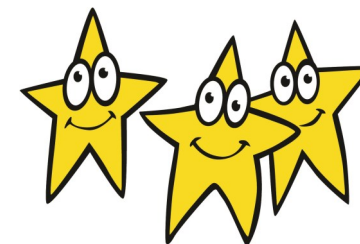
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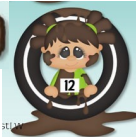





Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<p>2 Day 6 Principal Chat 5:30 Library GRPTO Meeting 6:00 Library</p>	<p>3 Day 1</p>	<p>4 Day 2</p>	<p>5 Day 3 Public Hearing - District Budget HS MMC 6pm</p>	<p>6 Day 4</p>
<p>9 Day 5 Art Show @ Arnot Mall 5/9 - 5/17 BOE Candidate Forum HS MMC 7pm</p>	<p>10 Day 6</p>	<p>11 Day 1 UPK Registration HS—Ed Support 9am-2pm</p>	<p>12 Day 2 UPK Registration HS—Ed Support 4pm-7pm</p>	<p>13 Day 3</p>
<p>16 Day 4</p>	<p>17 Day 5 Budget Vote/ BOE Elections BF/HS/ RR 7 am—9pm</p>	<p>18 Day 6</p>	<p>19 Day 1</p>	<p>20 Day 2 Kindergarten Orientation 8:45  GRPTO 6:30 JoyCrest </p>
<p>23 Day 3 4th Grade Concert 7:00 HS Auditorium </p>	<p>24 Day 4 3rd Grade to Tanglewood</p>	<p>25 Day 5 NYS Science Performance Assessment—4th Grade</p>	<p>26 Day 6 BOE MMC</p>	<p>27 NO SCHOOL</p>
<p>30 NO SCHOOL </p>	<p>31 Day 1</p>	<p></p>	<p><u>Character Education at Home– Citizenship</u> - Visit a local, county, state or national landmark - Send thank you letters to community service providers - Learn about the American Flag - Volunteer as a family for a community service project</p>	

June

Gardner Road Elementary School



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<p><u>Character Education Connection—Caring:</u> --Discuss how characters in a book show caring. --Help a neighbor --Discuss with your kids what/who they care about and why --Consider donating your time or items to your favorite charity --Help your child make a card/letter of caring to a friend or relative --Model random acts of kindness</p>		<p>1 Day 2 Principal Chat 5:30 Library GRPTO Meeting 6:00 Library Last day to sign out Library Books</p>	<p>2 Day 3</p>	<p>3 Day 4</p>
<p>6 Day 5 NYS Science Written Exam 4th Grade Chemung River Project Art Gallery—Arnot Art Museum 5:00</p>	<p>7 Day 6 1966 Day—Vitamin L Concert</p>	<p>8 Day 1</p>	<p>9 Day 2 Kindergarten to HHDS Library</p>	<p>10 Day 3  9:00 Cafeteria</p>
<p>13 Day 4  GRPTO 6:00 </p>	<p>14 Day 5 3rd Grade Instrument Recruitment Day</p>	<p>15 Day 6</p>	<p>16 Day 1 PK Celebration 9:30 Cafeteria</p>	<p>17 NO SCHOOL</p>
<p>20 Day 3 Talent Show—In School Performance—AM</p>	<p>21 Day 4 </p>	<p>22 Day 5 Report Cards Home Dismiss at 11:00 </p>		

Gardner Road's 50th Anniversary

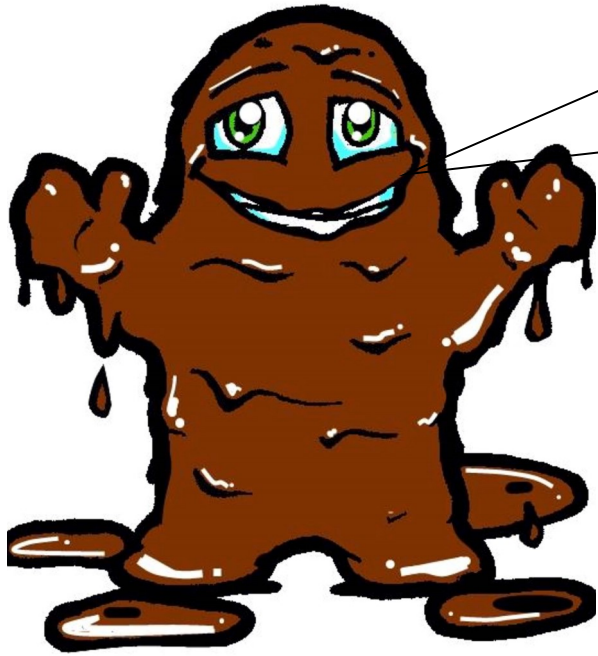


Saturday, June 11, 2016

9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Were you a student or teacher at Gardner Road Elementary between 1966 – 2016? If so, join us for our 50th Anniversary Open House. Guests will be given an opportunity to go on a tour of the building with our student tour guides. Along the way, relive memories and take a walk down memory lane. Photo displays will be throughout the building. Also, check out our revitalized atrium. Students created a chandelier for the space and the garden area is adorned with new planters, benches and plants. We look forward to seeing our retirees and alumni on this special occasion!





**DON'T FORGET!
MINI MUD RUN IS
MONDAY,
JUNE 13TH AT 6PM!!**

Parents and family, are you interested in volunteering?

Please fill out and return this portion of the sheet! **Please return by June 6th.**

Yes! I would love to help out! Please put your name in the line below where you want to help along with how long you would like to volunteer

Full volunteering time is 5:45pm-8:30pm, feel free to choose any 1/2 hour or longer slot during those times.

Registration Tables _____ I'm available for: _____

Handing out Bracelets _____ I'm available for: _____

Handing out medals _____ I'm available for: _____

Set Up _____ I'm available for: _____

Clean Up _____ I'm available for: _____

Obstacle Spotters _____ I'm available for: _____

Contact Info: Phone: _____

Email: _____



Gardner Road Mini Mud Run Registration Form:

**NEW!!! Register online and pay by credit card at:
<http://gardnerroadpto.weebly.com/mini-mud-run-registration.html>**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City State Zip _____

E-mail address: _____

Mini Mud Run \$5/individual

Grade: Pre-Kindergarten Kindergarten 1st 2nd 3rd 4th

Student name: _____

Other family members participating (siblings may join in the fun up to and including Grade 6):

Name: _____ **Grade:** _____ **Gender:** Male Female \$5/runner

Name: _____ **Grade:** _____ **Gender:** Male Female \$5/runner

Name: _____ **Grade:** _____ **Gender:** Male Female \$5/runner

Total Due: _____

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK:

Please read this form carefully and be aware that in signing up and participating in this event, you will be expressly assuming the risk and legal liability and waiving and releasing all claims for injuries, damages or loss which you or your minor child/ward might sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with and associated with this event. I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury to participants in this event, and I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of any injuries, damages or loss, regardless of severity that my minor child/ward or I may sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with or associated with this activity. I further agree to waive and relinquish all claims I or my minor child/ward may have (or accrue to me or my child/ward) as a result of participating in this activity against the (Horseheads School District/PTO/Event Coordinators and their staff/volunteers), including its respective officials, agents, volunteers and employees (hereinafter collectively referred as "Parties"). I do hereby fully release and forever discharge the Parties from any and all claims for injuries, damages or loss that my minor child/ward or I may have or which may accrue to me or my minor child/ward and arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with this activity. I further agree that this agreement shall be governed by the State of New York. I have read and fully understand the above important information, warning of risk, assumption of risk and waiver and release of all claims.

I have read the above waiver and agree to the terms listed within.

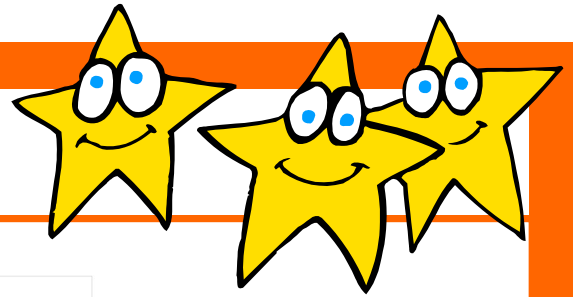
Signature of Parent

Date

**Please send payment and make checks payable to:
Gardner Road Elementary PTO**



GR PTO News



Knowledge is the food of the soul.
-Plato

Open PTO positions:)

There will be two openings for PTO officer positions. We are looking for a Treasurer and a Vice President. No experience is necessary. If you've always wanted to help out this is perfect opportunity to get involved. Contact the PTO with any questions if you are interested.

Last Boxtops Contest:

The last Boxtops contest this year ends on June 3rd. Please be sure to write your child's name and teacher's name on each bag you send in. Please send in all of your Labels for Education as well since this is the last year the program will be offered.

PTO Officers

President: Kelly Cook
Vice-President: Jenny McKenzie
Treasurer: Erica Mendelsohn
Secretary: Amy Crandall
Email: pto.gardnerroad@gmail.com



MUD RUN TIME!!!

It's that time of the year again for the annual Gardner Road Mini Mud Run. The event will be held on June 13th at 6:00 p.m. at Gardner Road School. Information will be coming home shortly for signing up and volunteering opportunities. We hope you can join us!!

Please email any questions to:
pto.gardnerroad@gmail.com

and

Don't forget to like us on Facebook for up to date PTO information. If you have questions we will get to your messages promptly.

Upcoming Events:

<i>Principal Chat/PTO meeting</i>	<i>June 1st 5:30/6:00</i>
<i>Family Fun Night Mud Run</i>	<i>June 13th 6:00</i>
<i>No School</i>	<i>June 17th</i>
<i>Last Day/ Half Day</i>	<i>June 22nd</i>

Attention Teachers! Summer Camp Opportunity

Do you know a female student who is interested in science and/or the outdoors and would like to attend a weeklong summer camp?

Tanglewood is looking for 20 girls ages 9-12 to attend our 10th **Meg Lowman Treetops Camp** the week of July 18th-22nd from 10am-3pm. We will provide tuition (depending on need), lunch and possibly transportation (if needed) for the week.

We created the camp with several goals in mind:

1. To provide strong female mentoring to girls
2. To introduce the scientific method in various ways throughout the week and to teach the young women to use it not only in science, but also in other areas of their lives
3. To get the girls outdoors and to foster an appreciation for our natural world, using Meg Lowman as an example of a successful local woman who has dedicated her life to working for the betterment of the environment.

The 5-day Camp will cover a variety of topics including:

- DAY 1- Monday July 18th: **Introduction to Scientific Method and Field Studies- Dr. Lynn Gillie, Elmira College, Question and Answer w/Dr. Kelly Hume, DVM**
- DAY 2-Tuesday July 19th: **Water- Melissa Yearick of the USRBC**
- DAY 3-Wednesday July 20th: **Temperate Forest Studies- Dr. Forrest Meekins, Elmira College, Career Panel and Science Activity- Corning Women Engineers**
- DAY 4-Thursday July 21st: **Crafting w/Natural Objects- Fibers & Spinners Group, Spa Day**
- DAY 5-Friday July 22nd: **Tree climbing with Cornell Outdoor Education and Lecture w/Dr. Meg Lowman**

Each day will include a ½ hour lunch, afternoon snack and time for discussion and just getting to know each other. Tanglewood has a variety of live animals that we use for programming and they will be incorporated each day, where appropriate.

Questions you might ask yourself about a candidate:

Is her family financially eligible for free and reduced lunch?*

Is she someone who has an interest in science that needs to be nurtured?

Is she a lover of the outdoors or does this need to be encouraged?

Is she in need of positive female role models?

Is she someone who would benefit from a special week?

If these questions fit someone you know, please have the student fill out the attached application. If you have other questions/concerns or would like to help with the camp in any way, we would love to hear from you and talk further! Please call or email Tanglewood at 732-6060 (ask for Elaine) or

elainems@stny.rr.com

*Highly recommended but not necessarily required.



**Meg Lowman Treetops Camp @ Tanglewood
Application- Summer 2016**

Name _____ Age as of 7/18/16 _____
Parent Phone- Home: _____ Parent Phone- Cell: _____
Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____
Name of Teacher who nominated you: _____
School you will attend in Fall 2016 _____

Please answer all questions thoroughly. **Questions 1-5 MUST be answered by CAMPER ONLY. Questions 6 -8 will require parental help!!**

1. Meg Lowman is a famous scientist, what do you think a scientist does?

2. What do you like about nature?

3. Why is the environment important to you?

4. Share your favorite experience of being outdoors and how it made you feel.

5. Why should you be selected to participate in the Meg Lowman Treetops Camp?

Please read about the Meg Lowman Treetops Camp and Meg Lowman below and or visit www.canopymeg.com before you answer this question.

6. Do you have a parent or guardian's permission to attend this camp? (Required)

Yes__ No__

Parent/Guardian name_____

Signature of parent/Guardian_____

Phone number_____

7. Do you have transportation to/from the camp at Tanglewood?

Yes___ No___

If no, is your parent willing to sign a release form in order for Tanglewood staff and/or volunteers to transport you?

Yes___ No___

Signature of parent if yes_____

8. Most of the scholarships given will be need-based. Is your child eligible for free and reduced lunch?

Yes___ No___

Scholarship money donated by members of our community covers the cost for most campers. However, if your child is not eligible for free and reduced lunch, please consider paying some or all of her fee.

We/I will contribute

\$50 ___ \$100___ \$200 ___ other \$ ___

towards the fee for the Meg Lowman Treetops Camp.

Thank you for your interest in the camp! Please send completed application postmarked by **June 17th, 2016 to:**

Tanglewood Nature Center & Museum

Attn: Meg Camp

443 Coleman Ave., Elmira, NY 14903

You will be notified by **June 27th (or sooner) if you will be attending the camp**

Who is Meg Lowman?

Meg Lowman, PhD

Margaret D. Lowman, Ph.D. a.k.a. “Canopy Meg” is an American biologist, educator, ecologist, writer, editor, and public speaker. Her expertise involves canopy ecology, canopy plant-insect relationships, and constructing canopy walkways.

Nicknamed the “Real-Life Lorax” by National Geographic and “Einstein of the Treetops” by the Wall Street Journal, Meg Lowman pioneered the science of canopy ecology. On January 6, 2014 Dr. Lowman joined the California Academy of Sciences as its inaugural Chief of Science and Sustainability. In this role, she is responsible for the Academy’s programs of scientific research and exploration. For over 30 years, “Canopymeg” has solved mysteries of insect pests and ecosystem health in the highest layer of the world’s forests, designing the tools of the trade- hot-air balloons and walkways for treetop exploration- as she went. Her personal mantra is “no child left indoors.”



Gardner Road Elementary PTO
Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2016

Number of attendees: 8 President: Kelly Cook, Vice President: Jenny McKenzie, Treasurer: Erica Mendelsohn, Secretary: Amy Crandall, Principal: Patrick Patterson

Parent Council:

- Discussed the budget, negative tax levy, and changing star exemption. Gardner Road received some GAP elimination money. HS issues – wants kids to report issues in timely manner.

Principals Report:

- 2016-2017 calendar dates passed out to all present
- Working on evacuation drill to secondary site of Latter Day Saints Church on Broad St. in June.

Site Based:

- BOE meeting presentation went well
- Getting details of 1966 day and 50th celebration.

Treasurer's Report:

- April income: \$12,460.41, April expenses: \$8,035.34, Outstanding expenses: \$674.66

Staff Requests:

- None

Old Business:

- Book Fair – profit of \$966. Discussed doing a third book fair towards the end of the year.
- Open Officer positions- no interest so far.

New Business:

- Teacher Appreciation week - loved the key fobs. Massages, breakfast, lunch, raffle basket,
- May Dining Out- Applebee's. May 15th. Presale tickets and a sign-up sheet for the kids going out.
- Family Fun Night- Roller-skating, concession stand. We'll sell pizza, water, ships, and candy. The date is May 20th.
- Fundraisers- Paper Collection, Spring SCRIP
- June- Mud Run preparations are still getting finalized
- 4th Grade celebration – Still trying to firm up details.
- Books- Kindergarten/ Birthday Books – K orientation books and birthday books only. Last year for Kindergarten celebration books.

Closing:

- Next PTO meeting- Wednesday June 1st at 6 pm.
- Field trips funded by budget next year. Reinstating 4th grade swim