



Parents' Club Meeting Notes

Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2016

Good Afternoon Everyone,

Thank you to all those who attended the Parents' Club meeting this morning. We will be holding a second September meeting on Tuesday, Sept 27th at 7pm.

We met a lot of new people this morning and set up the ground work for a great school year!

We started off our meeting with a proposal from Susan Susman who is our new Technology Integration & Media Specialist. The Parents' Club approached Susan this summer with an offer to make a gift towards enhancing the students experience in technology here at NDA. Susan presented an opportunity today for the Parents' Club to fund the first year of Discovery Education platform. This is a tool that she has used at other schools and believes it will be a great tool for NDA for all grade levels. We will be considering this proposal over the next few weeks.

Homeroom Reps - Homeroom Reps will be helping out Parents' Club by being the contact person for each homeroom. This individual will send out emails to their child's class, looking for volunteers for Parent Club events or just passing along information. We feel this is a more personal touch than email blasts. The Homeroom teacher may also ask you for assistance to help them with party planning. It's an easy way to get involved and stay connected with your child's class. We have open positions available in PK 3 day, PK 5 day, K1a, K1b, K2a, 3b, 4b, 5b, 6a, 7c, 8a, and 8b.

Parents' Club Elections - Co-Presidents: Alanna Flood and Carolyn Daly and Treasurer Patty Ramseyer will all be finishing their second year terms. We will be looking to turn over the reins in June. With a great group like ours it's not a hard job. Having a two year terms allows us to get new ideas in place and plan fun activities for the kids. All three of us will be around in the years to come to lend a hand!

Fall Charitable Initiative - Each year the Parents' Club picks an Charitable Initiative for the NDA students to participate in community service. In the past, we've donated to Katie's Closet, Lowell Humane Society, and candy for Troops. Ideas on the table for this year are the Wish Project and Jen McComas and her Girl Scout troop will be participating in a hat and scarf donation for the city of Lowell. In November we can choose a park and have the parents and students decorate the trees with hats, scarves and mittens. These items can be store bought or handmade. This is a great program to help those in need of warm clothing. If you have any other ideas we would love to hear them!

Playground Toys - starting last Spring the Parents' Club donated new play ground toys for the kids to use at recess. We will be updating that supply of toys this Fall. A special thank you to Ann Van Opstel for volunteering to pick up the toys!

Halloween Party - Friday, Oct 21st the Lower School hosts a Costume Party! Pizza and desserts are served, there is a pumpkin decorating contest by grade and a dj and craft room setup. The High School hosts their Haunted Woods its a great combo! It's a fun family night. Patty Ramseyer has volunteered to chair this event

but will be looking for volunteers to help her out.

Christmas Party - Sunday, Dec 4th - A fun filled 2 hour Open House. Santa will arrive by Fire Engine and will be available for pictures, finger foods and cider, DJ for the kids and in years past we've had a raffle for a little tuition money! Jen Hanson and Kristie Faletra have been running this show for 5 years and are stepping down this year, we thank them for some great parties and we look forward to handing the reins off to someone new. Let us know if you would like to take this on, grab a friend it's fun and very rewarding.

Mother/Son, Father/Daughter events - Johanne Thompson has volunteered to spearhead both of these events again this year! Tentative dates are; bowling or laser tag with mom Sunday, March 6 and dinner and dancing with Dad Saturday, April 8. Let Johanne know if you'd like to help her out.

Pancake Breakfast/Mass - date to be determined Start your Sunday morning with a Mass in the NDA chapel, a local priest will do the service and students can volunteer to be alter servers. Afterwards a pancake breakfast is served in the cafeteria. Kids can play outside on the playground weather permitting. New incoming families are also invited and it is a great way to meet some new friends. Jen Hanson has volunteered to chair this event.

Teacher Appreciation Day, May 3rd - looking for new ideas to show the teachers how much we appreciate them!

Fine Arts Night Thursday May 18 - a Lower School event, the Parents' Club provides ice cream and toppings as a treat! Jen McComas has volunteered to chair this event.

Field Day - Monday, Jun 12? This carnival is all hands on deck! Food, sweet treats, lunch, games and inflatables. This event is broken down into pieces, too big for just one person. Always looking for new ideas here as well!

Used Uniforms are going strong, Parents' Club will be using the \$5700 we made last year for fun things for the kids. All the money goes back to them!

Please submit your Cori forms, a new one is needed every year, and if you have not participated in the Veritas Training all volunteers must have a certificate on file, there are a few spots open in September and more in October. See Mrs Dominique in Reception to sign up.

Again, thanks to everyone who could attend this morning! Our first evening meeting will be Sept 27th, 7pm and our next morning meeting is scheduled for Oct 4, 7:45am. Please let us know if you have any ideas for fun kid activities. We are always looking for ways to get the 7th and 8th graders involved!

Hope to see you there!
Carolyn, Alanna and Patty