

## EMS PTO Meeting 3/22/17

Meeting was rescheduled due to a snow day on 3/14. Getting the word out to parents was done via Facebook but with little notice...apologies for that!

We got a visit from Sarah Corraggio from the Roxbury Arts Alliance. She is hoping to get the word out around town about the RAA as well as what goes on at our Rox Pac at Horseshoe Lake.

The RAA is 20 years old. For 12 years, performances were done wherever space was available but 8 years ago, a storage unit in the building at Horseshoe Lake Senior Center was converted into a theater. Investors Bank donated \$50,000 (and so their name is on the Theater!). There are monthly performances that include music, plays, comedy, summer concert series, shows, etc. and many of you have probably attended the annual Beach Blast at the lake.

Yearly scholarships are awarded to Roxbury students. The RAA is open to offering a "Cocoa house" for fundraising, where kids can attend and entertain for a cause.

We would like to bring awareness to the community about this wonderful center right here in our town. For more information, visit the Roxbury Arts Alliance at

[www.roxburyartsalliance.org](http://www.roxburyartsalliance.org) or call (862)219-1379

email: [sales.raa@gmail.com](mailto:sales.raa@gmail.com)

There is also a Facebook Page. Search Roxbury Arts Alliance

### **Principal's Report**

\* In regard to the Winter Wonderland Dance that benefitted the Valerie Fund at Morristown Memorial's Goryeb Children's Center:

All items/gifts were delivered on Tuesday, March 21. A total of \$1289, \$300 worth of gift cards, and countless toys were presented. News 12 was there and will be airing a piece on this incredible offering from EMS. Isabella Reilly spoke and there were many other students from the Character Ed Committee in attendance as well as Mrs. Roddy and Mr. Miller. A bus to the hospital was donated by the Transportation Department. These teachers and students were gone from 9:30-11am that morning.

Eisenhower Middle School should be very proud of what they helped to do in making a child's day a little brighter. Way to go EMS!!!!

- The PTO will be donating money for a fish tank stand in the LOI.
- PARCC will take place next week on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. There will be a morning session (ELA), then a “detox” for the students where each grade will get a 50 minute relaxing period. They will be able to use the cafeteria, the gym, and the outdoor space. After the first detox period, the other grade will have theirs. Math will be done in the afternoon session.

### **Treasurer’s Report**

Michelle Danielson reported that she wrote the check from the collected money from the dance to the Valerie Fund. The only monies spent from the PTO for the dance for incidentals was \$117.37.

The spiritwear drive had a profit of \$113.

### **Box Tops**

Keep sending in those box tops! Every few months they are sent to BTFE and it is such an easy way to help raise funds for our school! Keep clipping over the summer and ask any one you know who don’t have school-aged kids to clip theirs too!

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Step-Up**

Official date for Step up ceremony and dance is THURSDAY, JUNE 22. Apologies for all of the confusion in the past with this...our date depends on when High School Graduation is and their date was in limbo, so, so were we. This is the official date. It is the last day of school (which will be a half-day).

The Step Up committee will meet again on April 3 in the Roxbury Library. Please consider joining and helping out!

### **Teacher Appreciation**

Teacher Appreciation week is May 1-5 and the PTO will offer their services on May 4.

### **Board for Next Year**

Cricketts so far...

**NEXT PTO MEETING: APRIL 11 7:30PM LOI**