

Ralph E. Waite Elementary  
PTO Monthly Meeting  
September 20, 2016

- Call to Order
- Welcome
- Guest Speakers:
- Tina Sabol (Medina Library Public Relations)
  - Author visit with Emily St. John Mandel  
Wednesday Sept 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm  
Medina Performing Arts Center  
FREE and open to the public
  - Library Levy renewal on the ballot in 2017
  - Visit YouTube to share your story of a special moment or memory on how the library has made a positive impact on your family! #Discoveryourstory
- Ellen Shimko (PACE representative for Waite)
  - Currently exploring ways to introduce more enrichment activities to Waite students, especially during indoor recess
  - Some current programs include Robotics Club, Science Olympian, and Chess Club
  - Seeking volunteers to help guide experience during indoor recess time. There will be a staff/parent STEM brainstorm session for new programs/activities ideas
- Meet and Greet
- Principal's Report: Mrs. Grice
  - This Year's Initiative: Readers, Leaders & STEM
  - Readers: Just Right Books and Building Reading Stamina. The current READ & RUN Challenge
  - Leaders: K-5 Grow into Leaders. From Learning the 7 Habits of Happy Kids to our 11 Leadership Teams which meet monthly.
  - STEM: Growing emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math through grade appropriate activities. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade has been celebrating "Wondrous Wednesdays"
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade overnight at Camp Christopher Oct 11

- Box Tops update and AMAZON SMILE
- Upcoming Events:
  - Spirit Night – September 11<sup>th</sup>
    - Was a success! We had carnival games.
  - Homecoming Parade – October 14<sup>th</sup>
    - Come to walk/ride in the Parade
  - Super Hero Challenge – October 14<sup>th</sup>
    - Volunteers needed to run stations!!
  - Mother/Son Event – TBD
    - Open for location suggestions!
  - Staff Dinner – November 7<sup>th</sup>
    - Sign up genius will be sent for food donations to feed teachers during parent-teacher conferences
  - Book Fair – Week of November 7<sup>th</sup>
    - Sign up genius for volunteers to help students shop during library time
  - Holiday Shop – Nov 28<sup>th</sup>-Dec 2
    - Sign up genius for volunteers to help students shop during library time
- Open Discussion:
  - Alternative ideas for PTO meetings
    - Canvas Painting, Self Defense Class, Speakers for topics of interest were just a few that were shared
  - Mother/Son Event suggestions
    - Hill N Dale, Tubing, Dance, Game challenge, movie theater, Bowling, Roller Skating, Sky Zone, Ice Skating, Tobogganing
    - Have any feedback on past event or new suggestion??
  - Follow Ralph E Waite on Facebook! Pages for school, PTO, Art Room, Physical Education and Garden Club
  - Mrs. Rankin would welcome any morning volunteers to help reshelv books M, W or F