

MIMS PTO Meeting

13 December 2019 - MIMS Cafeteria - 8:45 am

- Welcome - Nhi
 - Minutes approved as posted without corrections:
<http://mimspto.org/files/2019/12/Nov-6-MIMS-PTO-Meeting-Minutes.pdf>
- [Admin update - Mr. Ying](#)
- [Welcome new Community Fundraising Board member](#)
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 - Boosterthon
 - Spark Park
- SDMC - no update but next meeting is Feb. 3
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 - UIL - Nissa
 - Yearbook - Deadline to buy ads coming up! - Nissa
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Admin Update - Mr. Ying

- Parking situation - please remember there is a drop off lane and a parking lane - it's ok to walk the kids in if you park but don't drop off in the parking lane and don't get out of your car in the drop off lane. Remember not to park in the teacher parking lot.
- Bookfair is going through Dec. 17 - students are coming to buy books with the teachers
- There will be a runoff election held at MIMS Dec 14 (Saturday) - election judge will set it up in the cafeteria and the hallways will be blocked off. Mr Doucet will be in the building.
- Lost and Found - thank you for your help, we have a lot of items right now. Please ask your kids to check it.

Community Fundraiser

- Welcome Nicole Franklin as our new community fundraiser - her son Isaac is in kindergarten

Warm Fuzzies

The hospitality committee is working on the warm fuzzies to help show our appreciation to the faculty and staff. These are due by Tuesday at 9 am - forms are here, at the front office, and on the website

Communications Update

The PTO board has voted to pay for Living Tree and we'll use the funds you all helped raise at Boosterthon to get this. Many thanks to Ms Garcia as she has volunteered to help do the setup and admin of the tool. Look for it in early 2020.

Fundraising Update

- Sociables: Spots are open and available for purchase in Qtego through the day of the event. You can find a list of what's available [on the website](#). We've raised \$38,340 so far. Even if an event is sold out, you can ask the hosts - sometimes they'll be able to make another spot available.
- Boosterthon: Raised \$20,941. Many parents have worried about the breakdown of what we earn versus what we pay to the service. The PTO has voted to do a trial in the spring of running a fun run fundraiser ourselves. We're working with Mr. Ying to set a date. We will need your help to make this happen. If you want to join the committee, contact Felicia at vpmiddle@mimspto.org.
 - Q: Can we solve the problem of registering with Qtego? A: We'll work on it.
 - Q: How much will we save? A: They get 48%.
 - Q: I don't fully agree with what we did - I don't think it is a good practice to put teacher names with student competition. A: We will consider this. We do need your help with the theme, pep rally, excitement, so get involved.
 - Q: Have we shopped around for lower cost? A: Yes, there are some that are lower but not that much and don't offer as much.
 - Doing it ourselves is just a test run - we will reserve the dates for next year with the Boosterthon folks and make the decision after we see how we do.
- Spark Park: Reporting for Beth Jenkins - we are kicking off Phase 2 (past the parking area) and have \$30,000 to start design. If you are interested in being on the committee, contact Beth. In phase 1, you can see our Asian fruit garden and zodiac fence.
 - Q: Trunk of a tree that was cut last year is a hazard on the park A: We'll talk to Beth
- Spirit Nights - Mendocino farms moved to January. It works a little differently - you'll need to take a form, but we'll put that on the website. Send spirit night ideas to fundraising@mimspto.org or communityfundraising@mimspto.org

Clubs & Committees

- Elementary UIL - Dec 14 is the 2nd meet for these 1st-5th graders - we'll host an evening UIL info session for spring on Jan 15 at 5:45 in the Learning Commons.
 - Middle School UIL is run by Mr. Gonzalez - you can email him via the school's website

- Q: What do we do if a student wants to get involved?
A: Get in touch with me (Nissa - uil-es@mimspto.org) or the coach;
- Q: Is it possible to put Chinese in UIL competitions?
A: Not in UIL - those are set externally - but the public speaking club with Coach Yu is looking into this
- Yearbook - You can still buy an ad. You have to finish the design by 1/17/20. Go to balfour.com and search for Mandarin Immersion Magnet School. Create (or log in) to your balfour.com account and buy the ad of the size you want. You'll get an email from Balfour when you can upload photos and create your ad.

Reminders:

- If you have an announcement or sign-up genius for the school - please share with secretary@mimspto.org so we can get it on the website. We're working hard to keep the website updated regularly, so if you see something that needs updating or something you want to share, let us know!

Meeting adjourned 9:30 am

Upcoming Dates

Interested in a sociable? They're on the MIMS PTO website calendar.

Subscribe to the full calendar at mimspto.org/calendar.

December

- 12/11 - 12/17 - Scholastic Book Fair
- 12/11-18 - ASP Onsite Early Registration for Spring 2020
- 12/13 - Teacher & Staff Appreciation Lunch
- 12/16 - Deadline to buy a student recognition ad in the yearbook (balfour.com)
- 12/16 - HISD Gifted & Talented
- 12/16 - 12/19 - Elementary School Winter Holiday Spirit Week
 - 12/16 - Silly Holiday Sock Day
 - 12/17 - Silly Holiday Hat Day
 - 12/18 - Ugly Sweater/Holiday shirt day
 - 12/19 - Polar Express Day (pajamas)

Upcoming dates continued....

- 12/19 - Classroom holiday parties
- 12/20 - Teacher service day (students no school)
- 12/23 - 1/3/20 - Winter Break

January

- 1/6/20 - Return to school
- 1/6/20 - PTO Executive Board Meeting
- 1/10/20 - PTO Meeting

1/10/20 - Spirit Morning with Coffee-Q (7-10 am at MIMS)
1/15/20 - Elementary UIL Parent Info night
1/17/20 - Early Dismissal
1/20/20 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School
1/27/20 - Spirit Night with Mendocino Farms (4-9 pm at Mendocino Farms Uptown Park,
1111-05 Uptown Park Blvd. 77056)
1/31/20 - Fu Fri-Yay

February

2/1/20 - Chinese New Year Festival
2/3/20 - SDMC Meeting
2/3/20 - PTO Executive Board Meeting
2/7/20 - PTO General Meeting