

**Heritage Elementary PTO
Bennington High School
February 27, 2017**



- Call to Order 6:10 p.m., 13 members present
- Vote on January Minutes, unanimously approved
- PRINCIPAL'S REPORT→Mrs. Nelson
 - 2/27 The Omaha Street Percussion music class started
 - There are 14 students participating
 - The students will put on a concert on April 24th at 9:15- all classes are invited to attend
 - 2/28 6:00pm 4th grade program
 - 3/2- Heritage Skatedaze night 6-8pm
 - 3/3- No School
 - 3/10- No School
 - 3/10- 10:00 Tom Osborne will speak during the staff inservice at the Bennington High School auditorium regarding the Teammates Program- everyone is invited to attend
 - 3/17- Spirit Day- WEAR GREEN for St. Patrick's Day
 - 3/20- PTO Meeting 6:30 at Heritage
 - 3/23- KDG Roundup Parent Night 5:30pm in cafeteria
 - 3/24- KDG Roundup- No school for current KDG students
 - 3/27- Grab and Go Breakfast begins (research shows that students who eat a healthy breakfast perform better academically)
 - 7:45-8:00 Walking Club in the gym
 - 7:45-8:00 Reading Club in the Cafeteria
 - 8:00 Students can purchase a breakfast or they can bring it from home and will eat it in their classroom.
 - 3/27- NeSA Reading- grades 3-6 throughout the week
 - 4/3- NeSA Science- grade 5 throughout the week
 - 4/10 NeSA Math- grades 3-6 throughout the week
 - 4/14-4/16 Spring Break
 - 5/16 6:00 5th Grade Graduation
 - 5/18 6:00 6th Grade Graduation
 - 5/19 Field Day
- TREASURER'S REPORT→Amy Sempek \$24,982.50
- OLD BUSINESS
 - Valentine's Day Parties- Beth Tefft
 - Veridian Gives Back- Jenny Kuller
 - Heritage received 3rd Place! We received \$500 at a ribbon cutting ceremony
 - Parent/Teacher Conference meals- Tina Bishop
- CURRENT BUSINESS
 - Dr. Seuss Week-Feb 27th-March 2nd
 - Monday- Hat Day, Dr. Hoge came and read to classes, the UNO Softball team also spoke to students. Student Council did face painting in the cafeteria

- Tuesday- Pajama Day, author Marcus Sikora (he wrote the book, Black Day Book, The Monster Rock Band) is coming in 9:30-10:30 K-2, 10:30-11:30 grades 3-6
- Wednesday- Wacky Wednesday, The Omaha Stormchasers are visiting with K-3
- Thursday- Wear Green, The Bennington Fire Department will be coming in to speak with students
- Thank you to Mrs. Redlinger and the Student Council for providing fun activities for the students during this week!
- o Staff Appreciation Week- Janene Huntley/ Amber McCoy
 - March 13th-March 17th
 - Monday the 13th- Jo on the go
 - Tuesday the 14th - Flower grams are delivered to teachers in the morning, these are all pre-ordered and due March 2nd. Also having a grab and go breakfast brought in.
 - Wednesday the 15th- Massages during lunch as well as a nacho and popcorn bar
 - Thursday the 16th- “Grand Slam” Lunch for staff. Will be asking for sides and desserts to be brought in by parents. Staff and students will wear Read A Thon/ field day shirts.
 - Friday the 17th- Papa Murphy’s take and bake pizzas for staff, gift bags for teachers are delivered. Will also be asking for donations of items to put in the bags. Look for both sign ups to come out soon!
 - “Assistant Coach” certificates will be handed out to all staff members. This allows them to “hire” a parent/grandparent etc. for a 30 minute project/help in the classroom.
- o Yearbook- Jenny Kuller
 - We are still looking for pictures with an emphasis on pictures of classroom parties and candid classroom pictures from staff, STEAM Night, Reading Night
 - **Deadline for picture submission is March 17th** and the order forms will be coming home in March, as well as sales offered online too. All yearbook orders are due by March 31st.
- o Scholarship Committee- Jenny Kuller
 - The PTO is giving its first High School Scholarship this year.
 - A committee is being formed that will look over applications submitted to the High School
 - Applications are due on March 1st and then will be sent to our PTO
 - The student must have Heritage ties. (have a sibling that attends, attended Heritage)
 - The Committee will vote before March 15th
 - The scholarship will be awarded at the BPS Foundation Annual Awards Ceremony on April 23rd
- o Spring Family Event- Cheri Snell
 - We are holding our Spring Family Event at Skatedaze again this year, March 2nd from 6-8.

- Cost is \$3.50 to either play or skate, skate rental is an additional \$2.00.
 - The class with the most participation will receive a free game of lazer tag.
 - o Restaurant nights- Janene Huntley
 - Raising Cane's Dinner night earned \$300!
 - Take and Bake Pizzas earned \$247!
 - March 7th is "Team up Tuesday" Heritage Dinner night at the Warehouse in Bennington. It runs from 5-10 PM and includes take out orders.
 - April's dinner night will be the food trucks at the carnival at Heritage
 - Contacting Firehouse Subs for our May dinner night. They give 25% back!
 - o Carnival- Rachel Tomlinson
 - Date is April 28th from 5:30-8pm
 - Kona Ice, Streetside Foods and 402 BBQ will be available to purchase at the event
 - **Will need lots of volunteers! Here is the sign up link :**
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49ADAC2DA2FA7-heritage>
 - Pre-order wristbands were sold at conferences
 - There will be a flash sale coming soon
 - o **5th Grade Graduation on May 16th** at 6:00 p.m.
 - o **6th Grade Graduation on May 18th** at 6:00 p.m.
 - Still need a 4th grade parent (or group of parents) to put together the graduation for 5th grade
 - Still need a 5th grade parent (or group of parents) for the 6th grade graduation as well
 - Parents would organize the ordering of the cake, ordering the graduation t-shirts and working with the teachers to plan the ceremony.
 - 5th and 6th grade graduation slideshows are in the works. If you have a student in these grades please submit any pictures from K-current that can be used in the slideshow. The slideshow will be shown at the celebration.
 - o Box tops- Amy Sempek
 - Third quarter winner for the ice cream party is Mrs. Ramp's class
 - Continue saving Box Tops for the fourth quarter
 - Mrs. Nelson reported that the past Box Top money was used to pay for the Omaha Street Percussion Group to play during STEAM Night.
 - o PTO Board 2017-2018 school year
 - If you are interested in joining the board for next year, please let us know!
- Next PTO meeting will be March 20th at 6:30 p.m. in the Heritage Elementary Library
 ADJOURN at 6:53 p.m.