

East Midvale Elementary PTA
December 9th 2016

Welcome:

New Visitors/Members:

Jessica Alsweedy

- **Teacher's Holiday Gifts:** Jenny Carter put together Christmas gifts to the teachers this year. She found magnetic flashlights and wrapped them with a tag that showed how teachers light the way for students. She mentioned that her research showed that teachers don't want items that become clutter or sweet treats as gifts.
- **Harmon's Day's:** Wendy reported that Harmon's has discontinued Harmon's Days due to lack of participation and interest. In it's stead they will be adopting a school each year. Staff was unclear as to criteria for consideration as well as information regarding this year's adoption. Wendy is going to send a letter of request for consideration.
- **Book Fair Report:** Heather said that we brought in approximately \$1500 for book fair this year and that \$1200 of that came in on the first night when the read-a-thon took place. The PTA voted to eliminate a spring book fair and only sponsor one in the fall. Reasons given were: shortage of manpower to staff, financial success of event, concern of financial burden on families, not wanting to take away money from spring fun run fundraiser.
- **Box Tops:** Emily mailed in box tops today. Deadline was earlier in November. We should be receiving a sizable check soon. Wendy and Michelle made an executive decision to end practice of giving prizes to classes bringing in box tops as it defeats the purpose of earning money from their submission. Contribution to school is 'thanks' enough and should be primary motivator for box top submission.
- **Upcoming Events:** Michelle gave a report on attendance at district meeting and avenues PTA is pursuing to provide training to parents for behavioral supports. She has reached out to trainers and Love and Logic and is waiting for response on cost and availability.

District report led to a discussion among members on possible programs/ideas that PTA would like to be involved in. Principal pitcher was in attendance and mentioned some of the programs the school is investing in such as Champs, 123 Magic, and Stop, Talk, and Walk. He also gave a report on the school website and encouraged PTA to submit agendas and minutes for attachment to the PTA section of site.

Ideas from various members about do a poll to parents for needs/wants

Have a great holiday!!!!

Next meeting: January 9, 2016