

Mena's guest

Mena's guest is music teacher, Rose Ward, to talk about curriculum integration in Mr. Donahue's class. Students first discussed various types of music: spirituals to blues to jazz in relation to historical events. They talked about characteristics and themes of each type of music and looked for connections in each type. As a culminating project, the class wrote a rap with a simple beat to show the characteristics discussed. Rose showed this rap video. Rose also talked about the 5th grade project that required students to rework a song by ear. They are currently in the process of composing their own songs.

Concert dates: K-2 are informances—casual performances around 10 minutes at the end of class. Currently dates are as follows:

Grade 1 May 16 and 17

K May 22, 23, 25

Grade 2 May 31, June 1 June 2

All elementary concert June 7 at 7pm at Hosmer

Memorial Day concert (3rd) May 26 at 9:30

Pops Concert June 14 at 1:30

Be on the lookout for flyers with further details.

Mena's report

All important dates were published in a newsletter that went out on Sunday, April 30. May 19 Dr. Brackett will be here at a Principal's Coffee. He will talk about grade structuring and enrollment at Cunniff.

Discover museum is coming for grades 3 and 5 later this spring.

Grade 2 field trip was on a very rainy day and it did not go well. We are trying to get money back. Grade 2 is hoping to book an Underground Railroad trip in Newton.

As of today, Cunniff is mid-way through MCAS. Today grade 3 completed math then grade 5 will begin. A week from Monday grade 4 will take the test on computers.

There will be 3 K classes and one full PK class next year. Other classes are still being worked out and will be communicated when they are complete.

All current teachers are returning to Cunniff—this is a testament to Mena's guidance and support of the faculty. Bravo!!

Budget report: Tina

We are in good shape financially. Our current balance is \$8,446.69 and there are also a few fundraisers still to come: pictures, sweatshirts, Square1art.

Carm: LifeTouch

Sign-ups through Sign Up Genius are out for the picture sittings. It is at Grace Chapel on Saturday, May 13. There are 22 slots available. Spread the word and sign up. The flyer will go out next week.

Square1Art art work has been sent home with order forms and catalogs. Please have orders in by Friday, May 19.

International Fair: Lindi

Save the Date: June 8, 2017 If you have a table, please sign up on Sign up genius. There will be entertainment (Irish step, a Jordanian dance,) food, and 5th grade will be volunteering to serve. Be sure to attend!
BJ's has been contacted about donating plates and small cups, and perhaps water.

Fun Run: Lindi

We will be working with the company, The Moving Crew. There is \$500 to spend. Thanks to Lee for volunteering as Event Planner, and to Elaina for being the promotional contact. Lindi is looking for a financial person, please contact her directly if you are interested. This event will take place next September or October.

Sweatshirts: Britt

This second sale was not as successful as the first, but extra sweatshirts were purchased for 10 students.

Trex: Lindi

The collection is over. The winner collected over 2,000 pounds of bags, though we placed 2nd in the state with about 300 pounds. We will do this again next year.

Thank you cards will be written for the fireplace, WSB grant, Marriott, Dominos.

Teacher Appreciation: Massages for faculty were today and tomorrow, pastries tomorrow, fruit on Thursday and lunch on Friday. Thank you, Cunniff faculty and staff for all that you do for our students!

Dancing with the Stars: a new judge has been added--new Watertown Schools Superintendent. Tickets are still available, but tables are sold out and over 350 tickets have been sold. Tickets will be available at the door.

New Business

Teddy Bear Picnic is scheduled for Tuesday, September 5; Kindergarten screening is June 5 and 6.

We need a co-president, and perhaps a Treasurer in training for next year.

5th grade Update

Sargent camp meeting next week

Carwash is May 20

Project adventure June 5

5th grade social at WMS is June 9. Working with Hosmer and Lowell to coordinate photo booth and DJ

Graduation is June 22

Next meeting is Tuesday, June 6 location TBD

In attendance:

Mena Ciarlone

Lee Haley

Georgia Santander

Lauren Stefano

Julie Weeden

Carm Bruncati

Tina Brisson

Amy Grady

Donna Driscoll

Britt Days

Lindi DeLorio

Patricia Grady

Elaina Griffith