

PTO General Meeting – September 8, 2014

4:00 pm - Library

1. Welcome/Introductions

Mike McMahon – President, Shelley Shepherd – Treasurer, Emma Dunrud – Secretary and Co-Chair Backpack Program; Dawna Edwards – Co-Chair Backpack Program; Judy Hagerty – Bradley Dines Out ; Jessica Dungan – Teacher Appreciation; Dawn Masters and Janee Mauney – Wine Tasting and Auction; Sonja McMurray – Garden and Yearbook; Brooke Trexler – Spirit Wear and Yearbook; Tracy Smith – Spelling Challenge

2. Principal Steve Wera Update

- a. Huge thank you to the PTO for all you do for the teachers and the school. Your efforts are priceless. Last year, PTO was able to buy the school 10 MAC computers along with many other technological items. Having the PTO be able to help the school is invaluable. Thank you!
- b. Bradley was best in growth last year among SE DPS schools, 2nd year in a row
- c. Horace Mann Insurance is looking to fund Bradley DonorsChoose projects. Teachers need to get some projects posted – now's the time!
- d. The paintings in the library are by Kim Payne (ECE Para). Check them out – if you need a painter for your child's room, contact us/her.

3. Science Guy – Loren Wilson

- a. C.E.L.L. (Colorado Experimental Learning Lab) (see attached flyers) Loren has been teaching C.E.L.L. for 15yr in DPS schools. He'd like to bring the C.E.L.L. after school enrichment program to Bradley. He would need 12+ students to make it more enjoyable for students and to have an opportunity for scholarships. \$60/session and the sessions are 1.5 hours for 5 weeks and would be for any kids ECE to 5th grade.

4. After School Tutoring – Kathy Hirt

- a. Kathyhirt@me.com; 303-885-4268; Dyslexia & Literacy Connections LLC. She would like to offer her tutoring services. If you feel like your child needs a little or a lot of extra reading help, Kathy would like to work with some small groups at Bradley after school. We will get this tutoring/program information to the attention of the teachers. If you want, you can call her directly with any questions. She will do a 1st meeting consultation free as well as a free assessment meeting.

5. Silent Auction/Wine Tasting – November 14, 2014 – Wellshire Country Club – 6:00pm

- a. **Chairs: Dawn Masters and Janee Mauney**
- b. Need volunteers to make this year as amazing as last. Sign up with SignUpGenius that is on the PTO website. Volunteer for a little bit, for a lot, procurement of auction items, whatever you can do would be super helpful.
- c. Goals: last year netted \$15,000, grossed \$18,000, this year we are shooting to gross \$21,000. Last year we had 206 guests, this year we are looking for 250 – invite family, friends, neighbors, all are welcome!
- d. We had about 100 items on auction. Teacher/classroom items were the biggest hits. Mr. Wera and Mrs. Williams' limo ride to lunch was a chart topper too!
- e. New this year: Need to sell more tickets to keep food price overhead low. This year tickets will be \$30/person. There will be more focus on wine sales by having a wine tasting committee headed by Terri Hamilton. Option for parents to buy teacher tickets – this year we will work harder to make that more apparent for parents. Multiple item auction items will be handled differently.
- f. Teachers will be working hard to make their classroom projects amazing. These are high bidding items. If you have ideas, let your teacher know. Last year, the highest classroom auction item reached about \$500! All proceeds from the classroom auction items will be returned directly to the classroom for classroom use.
- g. First volunteer meeting will be next week – look for more details soon!
- h. Check out the PTO website at www.BradleyPTO.com to find links and updated auction information.

6. Committee Reports

- a. **Garden (Sonja McMurray):** Farmers Markets are after school on Fridays through October starting at 3:45pm. Come by for some amazing veggies! Back of the school, between Plum and Cornell near the garden, walk over or drive and park along Dahlia.
- b. **Restaurant Nights (Judy Hagerty):** This year we are not going to do as many restaurant nights. We will have Zanitas (I-25 and Hampden shopping area – north side) on September 16-18 – all day. Instead of trying to make one night work, Zanitas will offer 3 days – breakfast, lunch, and dinner. So many options! Coming up we have October 10 at Yogurtland from 3:00-7:00pm; Garlic Knot November 4; Chipotle April 14; Larkburger May 14. And other may be added – check the PTO website calendar for further details.
- c. **Backpack (Emma Dunrud, Dawna Edwards and Cheri Murch):** Call for volunteers!! We will plan to start the backpack program October 17. Letters to teachers for nominations will go out next week. This is a great committee to get your 'feet wet' with

the PTO. Volunteer for once a month, twice a month, just pick up from vendors, help with large pick ups, there are so many areas that you can help. Contact us BradleyIBPTO@gmail.com with any questions or if you'd like to help.

- d. **King Soopers, Target and Safeway (Allie Christopherson):** (not present) Mike addressed need for help in this committee – if you are interested please email us at BradleyIBPTO@gmail.com. Easy money for Bradley – King Soopers and Safeway return 5% of your purchases back to Bradley by buying a reloadable gift card through the PTO. Idea: if 200 families use a \$200 reloadable gift card each month, Bradley could make \$2,000 a month!! Target Red card is a debit card that you use at Target – you get 5% off your purchase immediately at register and 1% of your purchases come back to Bradley.

7. New Business

- a. **Donations:** No membership dues – all Bradley families are part of the PTO. We ask those who can to make a donation to help get us started with buying some technology. \$10+ donation will get you some cool Bradley dog tags; \$50+ donation will get you a one of a kind stainless steel travel coffee mug. We have a way to donate online at our website listed below or if you want, write us a check made payable to Bradley PTO and either drop off in the office at the PTO mailbox area or with your teacher.
- b. **Kids B-day Cards:** All Bradley students receive a birthday card on (or near) their birthday. Mr. Wera hand delivers them to the student and asks them 3 questions. This way he gets to know the kids and they feel super important. PTO is looking for someone to help write those cards monthly, weekly, whatever you can do, and deliver them to Mr. Wera to sign and deliver. You will just be writing the student's name. Let us know if you feel like this is something you'd like to help with.

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C.E.L.L.

Colorado Experiential Learning Lab

Experience is the best teacher.

C.E.L.L. is committed to making a reality the idea that children should be excited about learning. Science is a wonderful way to energize young minds to think, observe, and ask questions about those observations. Through hands on experiences, students learn that they too can perform experiments that show how and why things behave the way they do.

C.E.L.L. is geared toward students in grades kindergarten to fifth. The younger a student is when they learn that they can understand and use science, the more likely they are to become comfortable with it. Not all children will become scientists, but they will take with them a questioning mind about the world of which they are a part.

C.E.L.L. class topics include physical science, magnetism, electricity, chemistry, aerodynamics, rocketry, meteorology. Biology, dissections of eyes hearts, lungs, building terrariums. After school classes are ninety minutes long, sixty minutes for Kindergarten and run for five weeks. The fee for five week session is sixty dollars. Class size is ten to twenty students. A number of half scholarships are available for students, depending on class size. If there is enough interest a separate Kindergarten session could be held. C.E.L.L. has been conducting science enrichment and after school clubs in D.P.S. for over fifteen years and references are available.

After school science requires a room with a sink, table and chairs

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Science Enrichment Programs

ECE to 5th grade

- All programs are designed with an array of hands on activities.
- Science and math standards are included where applicable.
- All supplies are provided unless specifically noted.
- Programs are designed to be one to one and a half hours long.
- Programs for ECE and Kindergarten are forty-five minutes long.
- The cost is \$85.00 per hour, \$105.00 for dissections.

Program List

Electricity Static and current electricity, making simple batteries, circuits

Magnets magnetic fields, compasses, electromagnets

Chemistry acid and bases, chemical reactions, testing unknowns

Simple machines Lifting the teacher, building a crane

Anatomy dissection of lambs eye or heart

Life science building a terrarium, closed ecosystem

Weights and measurements using a balance scale to understand weight, volume, density

Properties of water and weather surface tension, evaporation, condensation, cloud in a cup

Buoyancy using a scale to measure displacement of water

Water rockets building and launching water rockets

Light properties of light, color spectrum, focal points

Geology mineral determination

If you do not see a topic that you are interested in, just ask!

CELL has been conducting science enrichment for the since 1996. References available upon request.

For questions contact Lauren Wilson at 303-752-3300.