

Principal Update – Ms. Neary

- Very busy at Ashlawn since October.
- Events to raise money: ASPAN donations ~\$8000 raised.
- Book fair. Unsure of final total at this point. Kids and teachers had a great time.
- 3rd graders raised \$1000 for Heifer International during book fair.
- Community work day and shed built.
- Odyssey of the Mind! Over 50 kids participating!
- Teacher of the Year: Leslie Argueta! Can send letters of support to Mrs. Neary.

Committee/Officer Updates

- Fundraising – Molly Fisher
If anyone wants to join, let Molly know.
No-frills fundraiser: Raised over \$6000!
Adult Social approaching: January 25. Get babysitters now!
Online auction starts after fun fair. Look for emails to ask for donations. Businesses are already contributing.
Shopping night at Steadfast Supply. 10% off any purchase, and 15% spent is donated to school.
- CCPTA – Bob Matthew
Does Ashlawn contribute to CCPI? We contribute \$100 a year. Other schools can give up to \$900.
Recycling at Taylor has reduced waste by a measurable amount (~38%).
Many committees on CCPTA. So even if you don't want to be rep, there are many opportunities to participate.
School boundary discussion is happening.
Proposal to change donation to \$500. Seconded.
Vote: approved.
- Treasurer – Rebecca Guy
Did not attend.

Odyssey of the Mind Funding, vote to approve

- School registration \$100, team registration \$65 x 8, coaches training \$25 x 10
Asking for \$770 to support.
Move to vote on funding. Seconded.
Approved.

School Boundary Discussion - Jamie Brys

Two proposals.

Proposal #1. Reviewed details of Proposal #1.

Proposal #2. Reviewed details of Proposal #2.

How does it impact Ashlawn? In both proposals, boundaries for Ashlawn change.

Ashlawn is over capacity. It is in best interest in of students and teachers for Arlington to deal with overcrowding issues. Common wish for communities to have neighborhood schools. APS wants to

move quickly so that these plans can be included in Capital Improvement Plan and by making decisions now they allow Reed the time to staff the school. If there is no plan now, then Reed is at a disadvantage for fall of 2021.

Choice programs (ATS, Key, Claremont, Campbell). Driving force is to get more seats at choice schools?

List of Questions

How will the boundary split affect students going into middle and high school?

Can we add trailers to ATS?

What grades are grandfathered into old boundaries?

What will happen with teachers and administrators of moving schools? Do they go with the students, or stay with their buildings?

How does this affect our families from Patrick Henry Apartments?

If 5th grade is grandfathered, could siblings also stay if provide their own transportation?

Is there a timeline for when a Proposal #3 might be released?

General Theme: What is in Ashlawn's best interest coming out of this process?

We do not want to leave Ashlawn in a semi-permanent state of overcrowding.

If some schools complain enough and are loud, then Ashlawn will likely be impacted.

We would like the kids who move, to move in groups in a way that minimizes the splitting.

Can we as a group (PTA) say firmly that we oppose the "What If" scenario? We prefer Proposal #1 or #2, rather than the "What If" scenario.

Important Dates

12/4 Steadfast Supply (Ballston Quarter) shopping/sipping/snacking, %15 of sale back to Ashlawn

1/22 District Taco Restaurant Spirit Night

1/25 Adult Social @ Crystal City Sports Pub

2/26 Papatella Restaurant Spirit Night

3/14 Odyssey of the Mind Competition West Potomac High School

3/21 Fun Fair

3/21 – 3/29 Online Auction Open

5/4 – 5/8 Teacher Appreciation Week

PTA Meetings 2/4, 4/14, 6/2