

Coleman School PTO Meeting
Monday, December 2, 2024
6:00– 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Introductions - Tracy Peck (5 min)

2. Approve November PTO Meeting Minutes - Anne Levenson (2 min)

Motion to approve: Melinda

Second: Glenn

Approved with 26 people on zoom

3. Dance - A - Thon Recap - Nancy/Amber/ Melinda (3 minutes)

- Fundraising results - raised \$25,768!! Such a fun event! Kids did a GREAT job dancing and fundraising!
- Prizes - prizes will be raffled and awarded on Wednesday during Morning Message.

Comments:

Irene: Everything felt really easy from a parent perspective. The template was already completed and populated for us, we simply had to share a link with friends and family to donate. Please consider providing simple, easy, shareable templates in the future as well.

4. Crab Feed! - Amber/Melinda (8 min)

This year is our 22nd annual Crab Feed! It's a great Coleman tradition and such a fun event, and it raises a lot of money for Coleman PTO.

Saturday, January 25th at Rod and Gun club in San Rafael.

Adults ONLY - book your babysitter now!

Tickets will be on sale in January - capacity is 200 - get your tickets early because we might sell out!

Glenn volunteered to take photos during the event.

North Bay Lighting is sponsoring the photo booth (thank you Stacey and Pete)!

We have more sponsorship opportunities available for companies and/or families - looking for someone to sponsor the decorations! Great way to advertise to Coleman community.

Kalie Grigsby is leading the Auction team - if you have have auction items to donate or want to help solicit auction items or if you want to help Kalie and be on the auction team, contact colemanschoolpto@gmail.com

- Vote on the theme
 - Casino - 28%
 - Yacht Rock - 24%
 - **80's Prom - 48%**

- Musical entertainment announcement - **Wonderbread 5** will be performing LIVE at Crab Feed!

5. Community Network Holiday Giving - Stacey (5 minutes)

Thank you for being a part of our community and supporting our Community Network Holiday Giving.

We have a little over 100 gifts left to be fulfilled. We're a little behind from where we were at this time last year but we're close and we'll probably be fine. But if you're able to sign up to fulfill a gift wish, please do.

[Coleman Elementary: Community Network Holiday Giving 2024](#)

COLEMAN COMMUNITY NETWORK: HOLIDAY GIVING

The holiday season is here and that means it's time for the Community Network Holiday Giving. For the past 10 years, the Community Network has collected gifts to grant the wishes of Coleman families who could use a little help during the holiday season.

How to donate a gift:

1. Sign up for a gift (the Sign Up Genius link will be sent out in mid-November)
2. Buy and wrap the gift
3. Put the gift's ID# on the gift
4. Deliver the gift to the Coleman Office by Friday, 12/13

Questions? Contact Stacey Farrell (stcyfrll@gmail.com, 831.359.9791)

6. Upcoming PTO Events - Amber/Melinda (7 min)

- Principal Coffee Chat and Coleman Merch for sale - Thursday 12/5 at 8:05 am at Coleman
- Dine and Donate - Tuesday 12/17 from 11:00 am - 9:00 pm at Los Moles
- Youth in Arts Dance Showcase and Coleman Winter Fair - Wednesday 12/18 from 5:00 - 7:30 pm
 - Students and Youth in Arts teachers will be sharing the dance work they've been doing this semester, come and support your student and celebrate the fun dance moves they've learned and want to show off! Food will be available for purchase, there will also be some vendors selling crafts and items.
- Coleman Dad's Group Meeting - Thursday 12/19 at 7:00 pm at Pond Farm
- Crab Feed Fundraiser - Saturday 1/25 at 5:00 pm at Rod and Gun Club (Tickets required)

8. Principal's Report - Alex Peck (20 min)

It's great to be back at school after a nice break, the kids are both exhausted and excited to be back.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Coleman holiday food drive, the donations allowed us to distribute 486 items, we were able to create and distribute 10 baskets to families (including turkeys).

Construction update: They've made a lot of headway recently and anticipate being completely finished for the start of next school year! Things on campus have had to move around some to accommodate ongoing construction, your students may be talking about the sewer line that is being worked on, that was planned all along, they're hoping to complete this over winter break.

We are working on completing an MOU (Memorandum Of Understanding) with Dominican University to use their maintenance parking lot to provide more blacktop space for students to play during recess and PE, be on the lookout for opportunities to sign up via parent square to volunteer. Parent volunteers are always welcome to help support student movements between campuses. The field will be closed to be re-seeded during the winter.

TK-1st grades are participating in visual art classes and will have some artwork on display during the YIA Sharecase on 12/18.

2-5th grades are participating in music classes, these will not be included in the YIA Sharecase.

Report cards are being sent home on Friday 12/20. Students are graded "below grade standards", "at grade standards", or "above grade standards" based on assessment data. Students will only be evaluated based on standards that have already been taught this year, you will see N/A or X on report cards for standards that have not yet been taught this school year.

Black History Month Celebration Planning Meeting Part 2 Wednesday, December 12th from 4-5pm, all parents are welcome, please come and participate if you're available. Current thought is to focus celebrations on Black people in STEM (current and historic), also planning to have music, art, and dance expressions and celebrations. Planning to kickoff celebrations first week of February.

As we get closer to winter break, please remember how important routines are for students, even when they're on break.

9. Open Forum/Questions (10 min)

January PTO meeting will include an update on the STEM programming that will begin in the Spring Semester.

Julie Allison is interested in re-establishing a science fair at Coleman, if you're interested in supporting and/or helping put together a science fair at coleman let her know.

Reminders:

Winter Break (No School): Monday, December 23 - Monday, January 6 (first day back at school is Tuesday, January 7th)

Next PTO Meeting: Tuesday, January 7th on Zoom