



LINK, Inc, Parent-Teacher Organization
Thursday, February 1st, 7pm
BMS Library and via Zoom

- Welcome & Introductions: Jackie Gilchrist, Kyle Burns. Beth Bond, Shelley Sartini, Whitney Molnar, Brittney Johnson, Katie Chapman, Peg Stone (Selectboard), Louis, Hillary Kahn, John Campbell (Principal), Liz Ford, Oscar Toro, Jackie Gilchrist, Louis, Melissa Brodner (on Zoom).
- President's Update
 - Appointment of VP Saima Rana - voted in
 - Coordinating with Mrs. Kuppens to be able to keep basic art supplies in the art room and use in conjunction with her.
 - Zoo New England at Franklin Park zoo and Stone Zoo have free admission for students in grades K-12 in Massachusetts for field trips plus an adult for every 5 students(or 1:1 if needed). Found by parent Courtney Lewis. A great consideration for any of the grades this coming Spring. Kyle is sending a link for it to John. Link refunds money for the buses.
 - Special Guest: Peg Stone, Berlin Town Selectboard: budget season- kicks off in Sept./Oct. Until May. Sends forms out to committees to fill out and says they can go up to 2 and a ½ percent. Selectboard does not have a school budget yet from the school committee. School committee is waiting on State info. Town Meeting is May 6th, LINK will provide babysitting.
 - Principal Update: The Town of Berlin has always been supportive and generous to the school. Testing season is coming up. School report card link coming out in Sunday's email. Literacy push has been working.
- Treasurer Update
 - February Treasure Reports- not a lot of change from last month. Shelley is working on a LINK Amazon account. It is set up as a no tax account.
 - Requests for Funds- Steph Woodward is looking for support for Read Across America Day (March 2nd).
- Cultural Events Update - hoping to have an Artist in residence next fall through the stars grant
- Enrichment Program Update - Feb is filling up
- Committees Update - Chairs
 - Science Fair (Beth)- sending out Google Form to John to send out to teachers. Committee will meet at 6:00 before the next LINK meeting.
 - Arts Booster (Hillary)- spring theater production. Friday, May 10th- all school assembly show (Reader's Theater).
 - Marquee Sign (Kyle)- draft of new bylaws that will be at the town meeting. Bylaws need to change so we can put the sign up.
- Events
 - Feb 14: Valentine's Day event:
 - Staff & Teacher Appreciation: Let's Taco-bout How Much We LOVE You! Taco Bar! 2nd and 3rd grade parents helping out with this one.



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- Valentine Hearts going out on the 5th. Due the 12th.
- Mar 11-15: National Inclusive Schools Week - coordinating efforts with Mrs. Kuppens (Draw me in).
- Mar 8: Spring Formal Family Dance- 5th grade Nature's Classroom committee would like to sell Krispy Kreme donuts towards fundraising. Dance has a CandyLand theme.
- Mar 13: Cultural Program - all set
- Mar 3-20: Read-a-Thon
- Apr 22: Whale Mobile for Earth Day (send kids home with supplies and fliers for the Berlin Clean up event) make sure they their is guidelines of safe trash clean-up
- April 27th (tentative) is Berlin Clean Up day - great way to get parents and families involved in town (look into app that shows amount of trash being picked up- could set some goals)
- Discovery Museum Scheduling- Shelley will check with Laura on what to do
- Hands On Nature Scheduling- Shelley will reach out to Heather, Kyle will work with Heather to connect with teachers on what day works for their class.
- Next Meeting: Thursday, March 7, 7pm