

**Galatas Elementary PTO**  
General Meeting  
March 19<sup>th</sup> at 10am

- **Attendees:** Alex Kabli, Michelle Ladner, Jessica Buono, Mirada Metrejean, Megan Anzaldua, Megan Thomas, Rena Taylor, Judy Michelson, Karla Letness, Meghan Sucher, Terri Singer, Robyn Hinojoso, Denae Wilker, Laura Heeman, Gabby Willmore
- Megan Anzaldua called the meeting to order at 10:05am, seconded by Megan Thomas
- **President's Report: Provided by Megan Anzaldua (President Elect)**
  - Filling in for Sabre Gaffikin who is on a Mitchell Intermediate field trip with her 6<sup>th</sup> grader
  - Our 4<sup>th</sup> graders went on their field trip to the Sam Houston Museum and had a great time! Thank you to all of our volunteer chaperones!
  - The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade choir program was fantastic! Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped Mrs. Ramos with decorations!
  - Field Day was so much fun! Thanks to all the volunteers who helped at the various stations! This event could not happen without you!
  - Thank you to Katie Kegley for a great spirit night at Red Robin!
  - Thank you to Jan Cornelius for an awesome teacher luncheon!
  - Thank you to Michelle Ladner for your continued coordination of the library volunteers – we appreciate all you do!
  - Recent or upcoming field trips:
    - Kindergarten – Houston Natural Science Museum in house field trip (got to see a snake, milliped, baby alligator!)
    - First grade will go to the Houston Interactive Aquarium Animal Preserve on May 16<sup>th</sup>
    - Second Grade will go to TGR Exotic Wildlife Park on either April 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> (grade is split into two days)
    - Fourth grade will receive a visit from Jeff Royed, the Woodlands Weather Dude on May 8<sup>th</sup>
    - Third grade will receive a visit from Ally Smith. She will be talking to them about honey bees and they will get to see bees working inside a hive in a safe manner.
  - STAAR testing – PTO will be providing snacks and extra substitute teachers

- Picture day – coming up on March 21<sup>st</sup>, thank you to the volunteers helping out with picture day
- Solar Eclipse – On April 8<sup>th</sup>, Galatas will be participating in a Solar Eclipse viewing. We will be looking for volunteers.
  - A student permission slip will go home, parents can choose to have their student stay inside and watch a live feed of the eclipse if they prefer.
  - Asking everyone to have a discussion about solar eclipse safety with their child
  - For the students participating in the outside solar eclipse viewing, glasses will be provided
  - Will have change of recess schedule for that day
- April 5<sup>th</sup> – Springetti is approaching! Please make sure you purchase your wristbands and tickets and make sure you bid on the silent auction items! Thanks for your support! It is thanks to fundraisers such as Springetti that we are able to provide our Galatas Greyhounds with these amazing field trip opportunities that we have discussed today!

- **Principal's Report: Mrs. Wilker**

- Would like to reiterate the thank yous as mentioned by Megan! Galatas teachers and staff are so appreciate of all the PTO does for Galatas!
- Mitchell Intermediate and Collins Intermediate will be coming to visit our 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Top Dogs (and they will have a chance to visit each campus. During these visits they will also have the opportunity to preview their fine arts choices: band, orchestra, choir/art)
- Top Dog clap out and 4<sup>th</sup> grade program will be coming up this spring
- Report Cards will go live at the end of this week
- Testing season is upon us – please keep an eye out on the Gazette for the details (and how it affects lunch)
- Job Fair this Saturday – Grand Oaks High School (if anyone is interested!)
- Spring Book Fair will be coming up in April
- Staff Allocations – For Galatas, we currently have 1 coaching position open and next year 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will have 9 teachers, one class may be self contained

- **Treasurer's Report: Mirada Metrejean**
  - **Deposits**
    - Membership dues
    - Springetti tickets
    - Corporate Sponsorship for face painting and dunk tank
    - Spirit Wear
  - **Expenses**
    - Top Dog Party
    - Field Trip (4<sup>th</sup> and Kinder)
    - Reading Week
    - Springetti (tickets and wristbands to be distributed)

**Please make sure you turn in receipts!**

- **Committee Reports**
  - **Springetti Update – Risha Sugden and Elizabeth Jones**
    - Springetti is getting so close! As a reminder, the event will take place on April 5<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm
    - Tickets sales are going well!
    - We need donations for the auction and raffles! Current needs are adult raffle items (please drop off in bin on the front porch) and gift cards (please drop off gift cards with Miss Stephanie and she will put them in the PTO box)
    - Week of springetti we will need lots of volunteer help with event preparation
  
- **New Business**
  - **Science Camp Update – Judy Michelson**
    - Theme is Oceans May 13-15<sup>th</sup>, next planning meeting before April PTO meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am
    - Solar Eclipse Day – volunteer sign up coming, students will also see a video presentation with safety instructions and about eclipse totality
  
  - **Mitchell Intermediate PTO Positions – Judy Michelson**
    - Spirit Nights (1 position available)
    - Staff Appreciation (4 position available)
    - Fall Fundraiser (2 positions available)
  
  - **Collins Intermediate PTO Positions – Mirada Metrejean**
    - Discussed open positions, has a handout with all the positions (which includes a summary of each position)

- **Galatas PTO 2024/2025 Executive Board Openings – Megan Thomas**
  - Nomination Period is still open (through March 28<sup>th</sup>): please consider nominating yourself or others for Assistant Treasurer, Third VP Membership, Fourth VP Corporate Partnership or Secretary
  - Coming Soon: We will be looking for lots of volunteers for Galatas Committee Positions! Please consider volunteering for next year!

Megan Anzaldua motions to adjourn at 10:37am, seconded by Karla Letness

- **Upcoming events:**
  - March 21<sup>st</sup> – Spring Pictures
  - April 5<sup>th</sup> – Springetti 5-8pm
  - April 9th – 10am PTO Meeting