

**Westside Elementary PTO Meeting
01/11/20212**

AGENDA

Welcome.....Martha Dell
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Westside Updates.....Principal Ocean Kuykendall
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Westside Website: <https://www.hoodriver.k12.or.us/Domain/511>

Westside Facebook: [@westsideelementaryhrscsd](#)

- OMSI is scheduled!
- Art is starting this Friday with Cynthia working with 2nd grade and 1 of our 4th grade teachers. Each child will get 4 days with the artist. Finishing up the first week of March.
- Each child is getting 5 hours of STEM bus time as well.
- Jingle Bell Jam Battle of the Bands: 5th graders performed for the other grades in the school before winter break. Mr. Wyatt is still editing it and will send it out to parents to see.
- Changes to COVID quarantine protocols–District will be sending out to families soon
 - District has decided to follow CDC guideline of a 5 day isolation instead of the 10 day
 - Test to stay program: If a student is exposed at school they can “test to stay” testing them on 1st day of exposure and test 3-4 day after exposure. If they test negative they can stay and quarantine everywhere but school, masks on.

Treasurer’s Report.....Jenn Barchet
December Budget

- Teacher grants: Only outgoing expenses the last month or two. Teachers are buying things for their classrooms–\$1,500 so far. Each teacher is allotted \$300.

Art Auction

Artists.....*Martha Dell*

Event.....Jessica Littrell-Wright

- Martha: One artist is helping to create ceramics, another artist is working to help with paintings and collage, quilting and fiber arts, and 2D artwork.
- Ocean: May need volunteers after the art is finished to help organize. Martha/Ocean will work with artists to help organize.

- A community member reached out who lives in Odell who is cleaning out some artwork and donated it to Westside Elementary for the art auction. He remembered it from an ad that was out in the newspaper years ago. Martha went and picked it up.

Art Auction Logistics

- April 1st is a first Friday and the event date.
- Spaces where we can have our wine walk: Chemistry, The Hasson Company, Toki?, Clutch?, Fruit Loops, Dog River?, Columbia Center for the Arts? Members volunteered to talk to business owners.
- 6p-9p?
- Ask of the businesses: Comfortable with alcohol at their location or just coffee/non-alcoholic refreshments? Use of the to space set up around 4:30p, take down 9:30p. Would you like a volunteer to staff it or would you rather have one of your employees or owner pour?
- Bracelets for those who have purchased a ticket or some identifier so the businesses know who has paid.
- Silent auction: Idea is that each classroom has a theme and asks parents to donate for a basket. Each classroom would have a basket for the silent auction.
- Feel free to ask local businesses who may want to donate or parents can purchase gift cards from small businesses to put in the baskets.
- Jessica will put together a letter to the businesses so that we can all outreach to the businesses and ask all of the questions and preferences.
- Ideas around capacity issues—people will be starting at different times.

***PTO Updates*.....Martha Dell**

- Kid's Gorge Triathlon
 - We need volunteers for the board! As kids age out of middle school we have parents that have moved on as well. Anyone interested in helping and being on the board please reach out to Martha Dell.
- Classified Staff Appreciation Week, and Teacher Appreciation Week. We will need volunteers to help decorate.
 - Total 58 classified and teachers

Important Dates:

No School: 01/17/22
 Next PTO Meeting: 02/01/22
 Classified Staff Appreciation Week: March 7-11

Important Links:

Principal Kuykendall's [Weekly Updates](#)
[HRCSD Volunteer Application](#)
[PTO Volunteer Survey](#)