

Dolphin's Splash

The Monthly Travilah Elementary School PTA Newsletter
PTA President: Bryan Greenwald

February 01, 2019

President's Message

Happy New Year!

With the second quarter coming to a close, the school year heats up as the weather turns cold. Read-A-Thon in January, Bingo in February, an informational movie in March will help you stay warm. Valentine's parties will distract, and the Lunar New Year celebration will impress our kids during class. The beginner band concert and STEM fair are coming up fast to display our kids' talents for music and math.

See you at all our PTA events!



Calendar of Events

February

5	7 pm – 8 pm	PTA Meeting
6	-	Lunar New Year
14	-	Valentine's Day Parties
18	-	No School
22	-	Spirit Day
22	7 pm – 8:30 pm	Bingo Night
28	7 pm – 8 pm	STEM Fair

March

1	1:20 pm	Early Release
5	7 pm – 8 pm	PTA Meeting
10	5 pm – 7 pm	Informational Movie Night



BINGO Night

COMMITTEE CHAIR: ELENA CHRISTOPHER

B.I.N.G.O! Please join us for our annual Bingo Night on Friday February 22 from 7pm to 8:30pm. This is a fun Travilah community event with pizza and refreshments available, bingo fun with prizes, and raffle drawings throughout the evening. See attached flyer for more details.



We also would be grateful for any raffle donations - toys, games or gifts cards (e.g. movies, Dunkin Donuts, Barnes and Noble, restaurants etc.) Please contact elena_christopher@yahoo.com if you have something to donate.

Please note, this is not a drop-off event. Every child must have an accompanying adult.

World Cultural Night — Thanks!

COMMITTEE CHAIR: KATHY PAMIR

We would like to thank you all for participating in this year's World Cultural Night. It was a wonderful night with delicious food and amazing performances. Thank you to everyone who came and everyone who helped make it a wonderful event.

Unfortunately, we did not capture many pictures from that night, so please share any pictures you might have taken with the PTA.



Thank you!

Read-A-Thon News

COMMITTEE CHAIR: JANINE HACKETT

Thank you to everyone who joined this year's Read-A-Thon! We had over 130 students and staff participate in this year's fundraiser. We had readers in every grade and every class! We gave out raffle prizes to our students for week one and week two of reading! Four readers were randomly selected each week. Next week we will be giving out the grand prizes for students and staff!



Our pajama party was a big hit! We put on our pj's and filled the All-Purpose Room with our blankets and pillows. The PTA would like to send a BIG THANK YOU to Mrs. Hept, Mrs. Knoblach and Ms. Rivera for volunteering to read! The students LOVED seeing their teachers! We also enjoyed desserts and apples donated to the event. Thank you to Nicole Lockhart, Andrea Goren, Bryan Greenwald, Janine Hackett, Christiane Grune and Dilini Abeywarna for the treats! In preparation for the party, the families of Katie Basilio and Christiane Grune lent their artistic skills to posters hung around the school. And as always, we appreciate our building services staff who kindly worked that evening and helped make the party a success!

Now that our Read-A-Thon is over, we are collecting the pledge sheets and donations. Donations can be made in cash or check to Travilah PTA. The Travilah PTA is thrilled to be donating 50% of the funds raised to Mrs. Hept and our TV Studio! We hope the money raised will help build the studio and provide opportunities for students for years to come!

Travilah Beautification/Landscape Project

COMMITTEE CHAIR: MAURA PRATT

Have you noticed the leaves and branches that fall down on school property after a storm? Or, trash scattered in the school parking lot? Have a Scout troop or other youth service group that would like to earn SSL hours, weeding or picking up garbage on school grounds?

Email me with questions or comments at maurapratt2013@gmail.com, or just put on your gardening gloves and head on over to the school!



What good is the warmth of Summer, without the cold of Winter to give it sweetness. - John Steinbeck

Lunar New Year

This year's Travilah Lunar New Year celebration will be held on Wednesday, February 6th. We need about 30 volunteer parents and grandparents, in addition to teachers and other school staff, to provide fun games, arts and craft activities, and Chinese Culture presentations to our 400 students during recess time.

Also, we have a lion dance in the morning and a parade in the afternoon. The students will have a great time! You will see many photos taken from previous events on the digital picture frame in the front office.

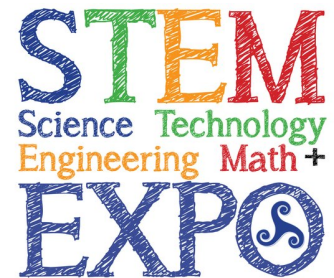
Interested in participating? To volunteer, please, go to the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4aafa622a6f94-lunar>



STEM Expo

The STEM Expo is on **Thursday, February 28th!** This is an enriching opportunity to explore the areas of science, technology, engineering, and math. This is a non-competitive event where students are encouraged to explore topics that are interesting to them and share their findings from their investigations. All 5th grade students are expected to participate in the STEM Expo. All students in grades K-4 are encouraged to participate as well, though it is not mandatory. Working in small groups is strongly encouraged as the collaborative process is an important part of the STEM pedagogy. STEM Expo packets are available in the office.



Thanks!

The board would like to thank:

- Kathy Pamir for organizing the World Cultural Night
- Janine Hackett for organizing the Read-A-Thon
- Andrea Goren and Lauri Noble for helping organize the cookie exchange



TRAVILAH
BINGO
NIGHT

7	25	44	57	62
15	22	40	50	70
11	30	FREE SPACE		
2	28	3		
10	27			

TRAVILAH BINGO NIGHT

Friday February 22, 2019 - 7:00 – 8:30pm

Please join us for our annual Bingo Night!

Unlimited bingo games & prizes – free!

Pizza, water and snacks available for purchase

Raffles drawn throughout the night. All attendees get one free raffle ticket.

Additional tickets available for purchase.

Let us know you're coming. Please return the below sheet by Monday February 18.

This is not a drop off event.

7	25	44	57	62
15	22	40	50	70
		FREE SPACE		
			46	74
		7	55	68
			59	75

Great raffle donations from local businesses:

Amazing Art Studio

Potomac Pizza

Whitman Camp

Zava Zone

And more!

Super raffle donations from Travilah families:

Slime supplies

Arts and crafts

Toys

Games

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Yes, we're in for Bingo Night!

Family name: _____

Number attending: _____

Additional raffle tickets - \$2 each, 3 for \$5 or 13 for \$20

Number of additional raffle tickets: _____ Total cost: \$ _____

Pay in advance- PayPal (travilah.pta.treasurer@gmail.com), cash, check made out to Travilah PTA

TREEHOUSE EYES PRESENTS

★ SCREENAGERS ★

Screenagers is a documentary that explores parental struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction and offers solutions to help kids find balance.

<https://www.screenagersmovie.com/>

**Sunday
March 10, 2019
5 - 7 pm in the
Travilah All Purpose
Room (APR)**

Childcare will be provided

