

MIMS PTO General Meeting

January 15, 2021
12 noon via Zoom

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Welcome

- LivingTree is much anticipated and we hope to be using very soon - Communication platform for PTO and Admin, can replace Fb for official communications from PTO and as a single location to improve fundraising and other communications
- If you have LT questions or issues please reach out to Kelly directly at president@mimspto.org
- Please sign in via the chat

Admin updates

- LT: teachers have access now and plan to make live by the week of the 25th
- Covid
 - Testing kits received - we have a monthly supply for staff and some student testing
 - Testing isn't required for staff so not a lot of teachers want right now
 - For other testing prioritize exposures or anyone symptomatic
 - No info on vaccines yet, but will share when have something
- Major test results:

- Snapshot 1 from november
- Upcoming in 19th-29th District level Assessment - want to put more emphasis here because feel it is more accurate than snapshot 1 - want teachers to share review materials, strategies - hope to get reliable data from this test to arrange interventions, etc
- Morning announcements segment
 - Pk, K - done
 - Student or group to speak mandarin over morning announcements - just to display their fluency, students are preparing and practicing in Mandarin, opportunity to overcome stage fright
- Speech Contest
 - In March, June
 - Read or write your own and recite Mandarin story
 - Classroom winners move to schoolwide competition
- CNY Celebration
 - Thanks for helping with the videos and editing
- Yearbook
 - Check what we've shared from Mr Gonzalez - you can still purchase a book or an ad or share photos
 - Especially need MS pictures
- NJHS
 - Thanks to Dr Long and Ms Simmons had induction ceremony Jan 13
 - Video and names will come in email
- Sports
 - HISD cancelled cross country; no decision yet on basketball or soccer
- 4th 6 weeks selection through Jan 18
 - Do have a small increase for in person
 - Kinder and 1st are at our max planned capacity so if we get more in person there we will have to change the plans
- Technology
 - Look for email from Mr Milla on new laptops - some have gotten the email about loaner Chromebooks for in person students
 - Please help raise awareness about password privacy and change passwords to something unique whenever you can
- Discussion/Q&A
 - District level assessment - what grades? 3rd-8th in STAAR testing areas otherwise Ren360 in other grades/areas
 - What is our # of in-person students per grade? Will report back after this window is closed
 - MS CNY - is there anything different? MS is included in all CNY activities; there's also the "Catch the Ball" video and answer the questions or say something
 - Meeting for rising 6th graders? Not yet on calendar for spring but will put on the plan

Financial Report

Jose shared an update - see the file online at <http://mimspto.org/general-info/info/pto-budget-financial/>

- We have a net loss of \$8k against our budget because there is not much fundraising this year, but we do have money in the bank (\$253k - so we're being cautious but have money to support needs and activities)
- We have raised about 3k from corporate donations, signs, yearbooks, movie nights
- Spent money on:
 - Yard signs still in the red
 - Yearbook invoice paid for 2019-20 book - overall raised money
 - Teacher appreciation
 - iChinese reader purchase
 - Admin fees (insurance, bank fees, accounting, website)
- We will still be raising money via CNY sponsorships and donations

Chinese New Year

- Recordings are rolling in - MS, please answer the prompts
- We'll share those on the site if you didn't get
- Media release is required to include your kids in the videos
- Thanks to volunteer editors - if you have video editing expertise, please contact Nick
- Raffle - buy raffle tickets online, let us know if you want to donate to the raffle so we can have some great prizes (businesses especially); we will be doing more fundraising
- Volunteer - added twice-weekly CNY meetings to the calendar; please join - we do have plenty to do
- No need to pay to participate: Zoom to view online and live in person also (on the movie-night projectors); will have grab-bags for activities - pick up on Feb. 20
- Will there be a CNY DVD? We will work on it.

Yearbook

- Ad deadline is 8 Feb
- Email pictures or upload - ying will share details in email

Fundraising

- Brisket sold out in less than 24 hours; Will do again
- Dream dinners orders due Sun by midnight
- Movie night in Chinese in late February
- Working on family portraits for CNY
- Want to hear from you about what you'd like to do for MIMS U online/distanced fun learning -- Kris will be sending out a survey

- Yard signs & spirit wear: we are working on it since folks have been asking for it; you can STILL purchase yard signs - buy online and pick up from Nick or we'll do scheduled pickups at MIMS -->buy on the store at <https://mandarin-chinese-language-immersion-magnet-school-pto.square.site/>

Upcoming dates and events

1. Black history month - This is in February, please contact Kelly if you would like to volunteer
2. Monday, January 18 MLK Holiday
3. Friday, January 29 Teacher Preparation day (No students)
4. UIL Competition, Feb. 6 (date changed) - reach out to Uil-es@mimspto.org
5. Next UIL Competition, March 6

Discussion and Q&A

- LivingTree: we'll have some acceptable use policies and expectations
- 6th/7th grade CBE: MIMS is prepping; You can register for more than one date with CBE - you have to send results to school by late June; School will pay for Mandarin CBE
- What about AP tests for 8th graders? Do we have schedule? Mr Ying will follow up
- When will we get results of GT testing? Please ask Ms. Yin