

Monday, September 4, 2017

Good evening, everyone, this is Mike Ykimoff coming to you with a few announcements for the upcoming week. I hope you've had a tremendous Labor Day weekend, and are ready to hit the ground running tomorrow morning. I want to make you aware that last Wednesday we had our Panther Pounce Fundraiser kick-off assembly for our bounce event that will take place on October 4 from 2:30 until 5:00 pm. At that assembly we sent information home with students. (This information is also available on the Bean website.) This fundraiser is the one major fundraiser we'd like to do this year. Students are invited to get pledges from family members and friends over the course of the next month as we raise money for our PTA. Please keep in mind that our PTA provides our students with critical financial support throughout the year. Our PTA, for example, funds transportation for all school field trips, classroom magazines for all students, and scholarships for grade level trips for needy families, just to name a few things. The PTA also helps provide materials and resources for classrooms, as well as providing funds for school-wide positive behavior rewards for students. We hope your family will participate in this exciting event.

Second, students in grades K-5 will be taking computer-adaptive NWEA assessments over the course of the next couple of weeks. The data from these results will help identify areas of strength as well areas for improvement. Ultimately, our goal is that the test results will drive instruction in the classroom.

Third, we have a PTA meeting coming up this Thursday evening, September 7, at 6:30 pm in the Bean cafeteria. We are still in need of parents who can volunteer some time and expertise to support our students. Coming to PTA meetings is a great way to find out about the great things that are happening at Bean Elementary. The meetings last one hour and free childcare is provided. Hope to see you Thursday night at 6:30!

Fourth, Lifetouch Picture Day is coming up on Thursday, September 14. Picture packet forms will go home this week.

Finally, parents, we do have our first student Lock-In of the year coming up on Friday, September 15, from 3:45 until 6:00 pm. There is a registration fee of \$7 per student for this event, and food and beverages may be purchased during the Lock-In. This Lock-In is open to all students and we would love to have several parents join us as chaperones. We will have a great time together with our students as they spend a few hours together outside of the school day. Registration forms for the Lock-In will come home this week.

That's it, everyone, I look forward to seeing the kids tomorrow! Have a great evening.