

Parent Den Meeting Notes
February 4, 2019

- Mr. Renfrow discussed math and Dibels data. Both are trending ahead of where they've been in past years and CES was already recognized for its reading achievement. Seeing awesome growth in 4th and 5th grade math.
- He next touched on the loss of three parents in the second grade and what's been done to help support students, staff and parents. For instance, Dr. Bliss is starting grief groups for those affected. A good conversation ensued about whether or not there is enough support. Right now, though, the school feels very thankful for all the support we do have available.
- Penguin Patch (\$883) and Cookie Sale (\$400) raised almost \$1,300...Next year's Penguin Patch will be Dec. 9-13th. Next year instead of doing the Penguin bucks, the school will get \$250 in free books.
- Mr. Renfrow spoke to Christina and Box Tops brought in \$269 in Q2. Mr. Stanfield's class was the winner again (and props to Taylor Armstead for bringing in the most again by far).
- Donuts with Dad was discussed. It will be held Tuesday, Feb. 12th and Wednesday, Feb. 13th. We will talk to Sara to make sure we have a good plan in place for both students who need to eat breakfast and those eating donuts with their paternal figures. The group was also going to check with Creekside to see if they'd be willing to donate coffee again.
- Parent Teacher Conferences will be held March 25th and 26th. The Parent Den will be providing meals again (THANK YOU!) and there will be a casserole night and a potato bar night.
- The fundraiser was discussed at length and much was accomplished. The kickoff will be on March 22nd and it will be done by admin going room to room. All money will be due April 5th and the Fundraiser date will be Friday, April 12th. It will be the EARN (Exercise, Arts, Reading and Nutrition) theme again but with some changes. This year, the exercise portion will be a Color run. The group agreed it would be cheaper to put together everything for the color run (plain white shirts, eye protection and then the colored powders) than paying for it (\$1,680 versus \$4,000). Families will be welcome to participate in the color run. There will be prizes such as a bike and other items to be named later (and hopefully coming from sponsors). There will be more information coming soon. The fundraiser money will continue to support field trips, books, and technology for CES. Heather Tietz is busy getting artists booked to work with our students and so far she has 5th grade participating Feb. 11, 13, 15th during their library time. More to come.

- There was a conversation about having a Science Night or not and ultimately the group felt like it would be more beneficial to just support CMS's Science Night. But great ideas emerged about inviting CHS students over to help lead science experiments for our students.
- Kristen Green was on hand and she is CES's (and CMS's) Parent Accountability representative. She discussed the new school calendar and the mill levy conversation with the group.
- The next meeting will be held Monday, April 1, 2019. At that time we hope to have more conversation about the fundraiser, Teacher Appreciation Week, and other options to do in place of the book fair.