

## HOPE Meeting

September 30, 2025

- I. Mr. Levinson
  - A. Introduced himself and announced the new mascot, the Jaguars.
  - B. Discussed Spot Tickets and what it represents. Spot stands for **S**elf-control, **P**ositivity, **O**wnership and **T**eamwork. Students will earn tickets if they represent one of the qualities. Then the tickets will be put in a raffle and chosen for prizes.
  - C. Let parents/caregivers know that he will be doing student of the month, where the teachers will pick one student from each class and there will be a small ceremony to celebrate the students
  - D. He is also leading Math Mania challenge with the 4th Grade Class
- He introduced Alicia Nicosia to the parents/caregivers as the president of HOPE who continued the meeting.
- II. Hope Board Members were introduced and stressed the importance of volunteering
- III. Back to School Night Fundraisers were discussed
  - A. Birthday Grams - Is a tub of cotton candy and a birthday pencil will be sent to your child in the middle of their birthday month. Available all year, please make sure the form is sent in by the last day of the month before the birthday. Forms were sent home at BTSN but also available on HOPE's website. Can send form in or pay online using Cheddar Up.
  - B. Spirit Wear- Online store just opened last week and will close on 10/15
  - C. HOPE memberships- As families/staff send in, their name will go on a fish for our bulletin board. Try to get staff to 100%.
  - D. Birthday Yard Signs available for purchase through Lasertag Sports. For \$110 you will receive a themed birthday yard sign of your choosing, 2-day rental, and H.O.P.E. will receive \$35 of each sale.
- IV. Book Fair 10/6-10/10
  - A. Setup is Friday, 10/3. If you would like to volunteer, but a spot is filled, please email HOPE with your availability. We will not turn you away!
  - B. Students will be shopping with classes, and reminded to add in a little extra money to cover taxes
  - C. Teachers will be receiving Scholastic Dollars to spend at the Fair when coin challenge is completed
- V. Coin Challenge
  - A. Coin challenge began yesterday, 9/29 and runs until Friday, 10/3. Students can bring in coins and place them in the jars during lunch.
  - B. Six teachers and Principal Levinson each have a jar with their name on it. The top 3 jars with the most coins at the end of the week will get a pie in their face.
  - C. Students who purchase a book at the book fair will receive a ticket to enter the raffle for a chance to throw a pie at one of the 3 winning teachers.
- VI. Trunk or Treat 10/23
  - A. Flyers will be sent home. Need families to decorate cars (about 40) - Cars will supply candy for 100-150 kids and the rest of candy is donated. Prize for best car ~ everyone will get raffle tickets when pay to come in to vote for 1 car
  - B. Candy Monster will be set up to collect candy on 10/1
  - C. Cars arrive 4:30-5:00 and event 5:30-7:00
  - D. \$5 per child at the door- under 3 free (children of families with decorated trunks also free)

- E. Will be taking pre-orders for pizza again from Inzillo's. (can buy by the slice or pie). Will also order some extra to be purchased the night of, but please pre-order. Also looking for an ice cream truck to come - Mister Softee?
- F. Teacher pumpkin bidding contest - Bid on favorite staff pumpkin
- G. Will be selling Vintage Spirit Wear
- VII. Treasurer Report- Chris
  - A. K Orientation & BTSN (pencil grams, spirit wear, birthday grams): approx. \$1,630.00
- VIII. Upcoming Fundraisers- Lauren
  - A. October Dine to Donate ~ once we secure a place we will update
  - B. Mike's Crumbcake Fundraiser 10/17-10/31. Distributed 11/17 at night. Approx. \$15 per cake
  - C. New Jaguar mascot Croc Jibbitz (shoe charms) for sale soon ~ \$5 each
- IX. The next HOPE meeting is 10/14/2025. All parents/caregivers were encouraged to come to the next meeting and to let other parents/caregivers know about the meeting.
- X. Alicia Nicosia advised that we can have a World Language Honor Society student come to the HOPE meetings to help translate the meeting to parents/caregivers. If parents/caregivers would like a student to come and translate for the next meeting please email HOPE to let us know so we can set that up.
- XI. Parents and/caregivers were advised to follow the HOPE facebook so they can follow and get updates on upcoming events related to the school.
- XII. Mr. Levinson thanked all parents/caregivers for coming.
- XIII. The meeting was adjourned.