

**CLINE ELEMENTARY PTO
SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2020
MEETING AGENDA**

Our PTO President Victoria Merkys welcomed everyone to the monthly PTO meeting, and introduced our first speaker Principal Clifford.

Message from the Principal - Mr. Clifford started off by telling us what a great start to the year we have had, and how well the kids are adjusting to the mask/shield wearing. He and the teachers appreciate all the support from parents, from the encouraging words, to the supplies being sent to the school that make their jobs easier.

Message from Assistant Principal - Mrs. McCarty wanted to piggyback off of Mr Clifford on the wonderful start to the year and how excited they are to be back with the kids. She wanted to thank the PTO for their donations last year. Part of the money raised was used for the new school dismissal manager program, which has allowed for social distancing in the dismissal process. There have been a few bumps but she wanted to thank the parents for their grace, space and understanding through this process.

Secretary - A motion to approve the September's meeting minutes was given by Lindsay Whitley, and seconded by Audri Kutchinski.

Committee Reports:

PTO Memberships - Reminder to pay PTO dues. All paid members will be put in a weekly drawing for the PTO PONY OF THE WEEK. The winner will have their child's name on the school marquee for the week.

Cline Cares - Cline Cares is a part of the PTO that works with the school counselor to provide for student needs. Audri Kutchinski has been in contact with Ms Swift and has already provided water bottles, and masks this year. Cline Cares also provides coats, and items at Thanksgiving and Christmas for students and families in need. This all comes out of the PTO budget, so if you would like to donate items like colorful masks or water bottles or be part of this amazing committee please let Audri know. This will be her last year so we need an amazing person to fill her shoes and continue this meaningful committee.

Cline Classroom - Cline Classroom is collecting clean packs for the teachers. We have 72 as of today, Custom Chemical & Coatings donated 33 of those packs. We were able to give one to every classroom which was incredible. The PTO is still asking for donations, you can either buy a pack for \$100 or go to the PTO's website and donate money towards a pack. You can also put a specific teacher's name if you wish. We also have an amazon wish list for the school if you would like to buy face shields for the teachers.

Yearbook - Since we are not allowed in the building we are asking parents to please send pictures for the yearbook. Send emails to clineyearbook@gmail.com or download the app Balfour ImageShare. We would love to see those Wear it Wednesdays, virtual kids doing school work, or doing PE at home, having snow cones with friends. We would love it all! School pictures are Sept 24th, virtual kids can take their pictures on make up day Nov 4th. If you are not comfortable coming into the school we are working on guidelines for you to follow so you can submit them from home. Watch for our newsletters with that information.

Small fundraisers - We did two small fundraisers at Menchie's due to the hurricane and those brought in a good amount of money and foot traffic. Thank you so much for participating in that. We also had a Chick-Fil-a small fundraiser last week at the Pearland locations which brought in a good amount of people as well, thank you Jessica and Erin for doing that.

Committee Positions - Thank you everyone for raising your hand and stepping up, we have filled most committee positions! Book fair has been filled by Alexandra Morrison and Erin Kibodeaux. We are still in need of a PTO Co-Chair, Erin Kibodeaux has said she is interested and we will have a formal vote at the next meeting. If anyone else is interested in this position, or any others please let us know at clineelementarypto@gmail.com.

We Are Cline -

- i. Sponsorships - There are still open positions for the We are Cline Sponsorships and School sponsorships for STEAM and Splash Day. Please know if your business or family are interesting in sponsoring an event.
- ii. Virtual Silent Auction - Preview Oct 26-Oct 30 Auction Nov 2nd-7th, we will be sending out more information as the date gets closer.
- iii. Donations - BOTG - Due to Covid and CDC guidelines a lot of larger corporations are cutting back on their donations so we are focusing on small local businesses and working on boosting their exposure within the community. If anyone has anything they would like to donate, beach house, airline miles, gift

cards, baskets etc, we would really appreciate items for the silent auction. Please hit us up on the PTO page, email or FB message us that would be wonderful. The Wine Wagon committee is looking for wine bottles or cash donations for the Wine Wagon raffle, please contact Carrie Clarke for more information on how to donate.

Dates to Remember

- EVERY WEDNESDAY STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR THEIR “WE ARE CLINE” SHIRTS FOR “WEAR IT WEDNESDAYS”
- Friday, September 18th at 9:00 a.m.– Room Parent Meeting – Assigned Room parents only
- Friday, September 18th 10:00 am – Virtual Parent Contact Meeting – assigned parents only
- September 24th – Picture Day (virtual and makeup Nov. 5)
- September 25th – Spirit Day – Wear your spirit wear!
- Friday, October 9th – PTO Meeting via zoom
- October 12th – Student Holiday
- October 20th – Nana Puddin’ – virtual
- October 21st – Spirit Night – Chipotle 4-8 pm
- October 23rd – Spirit Day & Box Top Collection
- October 26th-30th – Character Week
- **October 26th – 30th WE ARE CLINE Virtual Silent Auction PREVIEW**
- October 29th – 50’s Day
- October 30 – Fall Party
- **November 2nd – 7th – WE ARE CLINE Virtual Silent Auction - LIVE**