



Parent Teacher Organization

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Agenda

Welcome Parents, Scholars, Teachers, and Staff of REACS!

Date: Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Time: 6:30pm

Place: ZOOM CONFERENCE (*Meeting was recorded*)

- Welcome Everyone!
- Scholar Giveaway: Winner Aiden Bobb, 601
- Popcorn Fundraiser: The brochure portion of our Double Goods Popcorn Fundraiser started on Monday, September 27th. Our first virtual 4-day event ran October 4th through October 7th.
 - Congratulations to the three scholars who sold over \$1,000 worth of popcorn during the first virtual event, and will be receiving a gift card:
 - **Jahane Townsend in 2nd grade sold \$1,437**
 - **Navaeh Earth in Pre-K sold \$1,169**
 - **Averi Brockington in 2nd grade sold \$1,003**
- Family Development Session – Communication for Partnership by Gretchen Osodipe, CoTeach
 - The foundation for an authentic and meaningful family-educator partnership is Connection, Positivity, and Empathy:
 - Strategies:
 - Rapport in Real Life: sharing information about your child with them; anchor or shared experiences (which may mean creating them) to strive for real partnership
 - Positivity in Verbal & Written Communication: Be responsive to the teacher, check child's hw, another form of communication, "have a great day" to break social unsureness.
 - Empathy: send a message to the teacher – especially teacher appreciation days, assume positive intent, clarify expectations – make sure they are communicated, and consider you teacher as a whole person
 - Parents: ask teachers about themselves, share your story – find points of connection
 - Take Action: Virtual Parent-Teacher conference, November 15, 2021
 - Start making a list of things you want to discuss with your teacher now
 - Reach out to the teacher via ClassDojo or call.
 - What is one area in which they excel, that we can keep going?



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- What's one area in which they are struggling?
 - I.e. So, can I try something and we check in on the 20th?
 - What's one thing that I'm doing as a partner that's working? That you'd like to see?
 - Follow-up!
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- Family & Staff Giveaway: Winners Star Smith & Maria Delacruz!!
 - A notice came from the state that the EBT payments will go out at the end of November. REACS has control over the EBT cards.
 - Holiday picture day is November 8th and November 9th for Pre-K. Please have your scholar dress up for that day.
 - We are asking everyone on their end to speak with their scholars on how
 - No more dress down Friday's for this year.
 - If you received a message about your scholar participating in after-school, please have your scholar attend. They will get individual attention which is critical to get them where they need to be.

**The next PTO meeting is on:
Wednesday, November 17, 2021!**

"Working together for the best of our Scholars and their academic excellence"