

Swift Creek Elementary PTA Meeting

March 13, 2018

Agenda

1. Call to order at 6:30pm – Marie Dexter
2. Approve minutes from February meeting
Motion to approve: Kim Partin
Second: Brian Dexter
February PTA meeting minutes approved
3. Recognize Reflections winners -- Julie Nolan (see below)
This is a program that encourages participation in the arts
The theme is "Within Reach"
Thank you Julie for all of your help with Reflections over the years!
4. Recognize OM winners -- Pam Myers (see below)
Odyssey of the Mind is a critical thinking competition
Thank you Marie Dexter and Kim Partin for your dedication to the two OM teams!
5. Update on School Garden, Garden Gallop 5K -- Nehal Outlaw
School garden looking to start in April!
The Garden Gallop 5K is this Saturday, March 17 at 8:00am!
6. Update on Book Fair / International Night -- Marie Dexter
Family Night/International Night next Thursday, March 22
7. Talent Show reminder – Kim Partin
Fifth grade talent show is a tradition at Swift Creek- fifth graders can individually or in a group be a part of the talent show- sing, dance, magic, whatever your talent is!
We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate the talent show!
8. Survey announcement – Tara Batemon
Wake County survey about how to improve family engagement
This will be sent out on April 1
8. Reminder about nominations for PTA officers and committee chairs -- Marie Dexter
Nominations will be accepted at this meeting and the April PTA meeting
PTA officers will be voted on at the May meeting

Mark Your Calendars:

- **Mar 17 8am** Dorthea Dix Park: Come join Team Swift Creek at the Garden Gallop 5k.
- **Mar 19-23:** Spring Book Fair
- **Mar 22:** Family Night at the Book Fair / International Night.
- **Mar 29:** Regular School Day to make up for January snow.
- **Mar 30:** Holiday.

April 1: Let Your Voice Be Heard! Lookout for Wake County Survey

Wake County is reaching out to families to get input on how we can develop a stronger partnership for student achievement. Around April 1, you will be receiving an email from Panorama Education. Please respond to this survey as soon as possible.

The survey will cover these areas:

- How involved are you in your child's school? What challenges prevent you from becoming more involved?
- Is academic support available for your child outside of school?
- What do you think of the social and learning environment at your child's school?

If you need assistance accessing a computer to complete the survey, contact Tara Batemon at tmbatemon@yahoo.com.

Upcoming PTA meetings:

- April 10 -- Information from Inter-Faith Food Shuttle about school garden; Officer nominations
- May 8 -- Elect PTA officers for next year; Approve summer budget

Congratulations to our Odyssey of the Mind Teams!

This year for the first time, Swift Creek participated in the regional Odyssey of the Mind competition. Our two teams placed 4th and 6th, which is awesome for first year teams. Congratulations to these Swifties and their coaches.

Mockumentary Team (4th place)

Elijah Alston
Laura Capps
Alex Douglas
Matthew Fernandez
Meredith Myers
Ava Sheppard
Reid Veum
Coaches: Kim Partin, Annie Veum, Mrs. Krutsch

Stellar Hangout Team (6th place)

Eliana Betz
Samantha Deaton
Sophia Dexter
Phillip Funak
Alexis Mayhew
Katie Ragsdale
Palmer Smith
Coaches: Marie Dexter, Mrs. Krutsch

Thank you to Mrs. Krutsch for bringing this program to our school! We look forward to more teams next year!

Also thank you to Mrs. Sedaghat and Ms. Beauchamp for being judges, which made it possible for the teams to complete at the regional competition.

Congratulations to Our Reflections Winners!

Reflections is a national arts program (sponsored by the PTA) that celebrates art, literature, photography, music, and dance. At Swift Creek, this program is open to 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. This year's theme is "Within Reach!".

Photography:

- 1st place: "Beauty Within Reach" by Meredith Myers
- 2nd place: "Where Are the Girls?" by Sophia Dexter
- 3rd place : "Sun Once Again" by Ava Sheppard

Visual Arts 2D:

- 1st place: "Almost There" by Zoe Pacio
- 2nd place: "Dream Believe Achieve" by Andrea Flores G.
- 3rd place : "Cuties Make Me Happy" by Samantha Deaton

Visual Arts 3D:

- 1st place: "Nature's Beauty" by Ava Langat
- 2nd place : "Circle of Life" by Laila Powell
- 3rd place : "Reaching Goals with Basketball" by Chay Smith

Minutes taken by April Bartley, Swift Creek Elementary PTA Secretary