



**DHMS PTSA  
General  
Membership  
Meeting**

**April 16, 2024**

# Agenda

- Welcome and Call to Order
  - Vote on Minutes
  - Vote on Nominating Committee
- Principal's Report
- Green Team Update
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Treasurer's Report
- Key Dates



# Welcome and Call to Order

- Vote on [February](#) Minutes
- Vote on nominating committee:
  - Olga Kasyan
  - Diane Lee
  - Heather McIntire



# Principal's Report

- ❖ Fourth Quarter -
  - Track/Swim/Dive
  - SOL Testing
  - End-of-Year activities
- ❖ Raising Middle Schoolers - Spring awakening... :)
- ❖ Community Celebrations
  - First Annual Iftar (Breaking the Fast) -
  - Next Breaking the Fast Celebration
  - International Celebration?
- ❖ Upcoming Events - Frozen Jr. -Thursday, Friday, Saturday
- ❖ Dance - May 3 6:30 - 8:30 PM



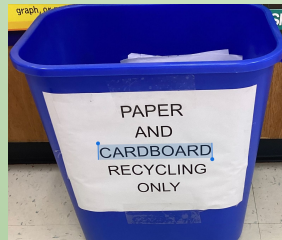
# Green Team Update

- ❖ **Sneaker Fundraiser** (Oct and Apr)
  - 127 pairs collected in Oct: 35 lbs plastic removed from Seas, 40 trees planted
  - Collected 45 pairs so far for April (24 Trees, 21 Seas).
- ❖ **Trex plastic film** (Oct-Apr)
  - We met our goals of 1,000 lbs of recycled film. The new Trex bench for the school is on order
- ❖ **Hydroponics** (Jan-Jun) - Cucumbers, lettuce and flowers growing. Getting ready to plant a second crop this week. The next crop might be a native perennial that students could help plant in DHMS outdoor spaces. Please email me with your thoughts on what the crop could be and where it could be planted.



# Green Team Update

- ❖ **National Wildlife Federation - [Eco Schools](#)**
- ❖ **Textile diversion projects** – t-shirt bag upcycling project, clothesline, shoe collection, winter coat collection
- ❖ **Paper/Cardboard recycling** - Classroom recycling bins now only take paper.
- ❖ **AFAC Plot Against Hunger** – We are establishing two garden plots to donate food to Arlington Food Assistance Center.



# Volunteer Opportunities

- ❖ Hands on Activities this Summer:
  - Gardening with Ms Thomas at DHMS
  - Get hands on experience with a hydroponics system in your home this summer!
  
- ❖ Open Committee/Chair Position for the 2024-2025 School Year
  - 6th Grade Welcome Party (requires a current 5th grade parent)
  - 8th Grade Promotion
  - New request for a Woodstock Park Chair

# Treasurer's Report

- ❖ March Income = \$4,412.16 - school pictures, spirit wear, dine out
- ❖ March Expenses = \$2,088.28 - library, back-to-school party, grants
- ❖ Cash Balance = \$52,786.50
- ❖ Spending to come = grants, school clubs/teams, staff appreciation, 8th grade promotion
- ❖ The PTSA board is working with school administration on ideas to spend additional funds





# Key Dates

- ❖ **Thursday, April 18th-Saturday, April 20th** - DHMS Musical, Frozen Jr. (Th, Fri at 7:00pm and Sat at 4:00pm)
- ❖ **Friday, May 3rd** - 6th and 7th Grade Dance (6:30-8:30pm)
- ❖ **Friday, May 3rd** - EARLY RELEASE (12:05pm Dismissal)
- ❖ **Monday, May 6th-Friday, May 10th** - Teacher Appreciation Week
- ❖ **Tuesday, May 14th** - DHMS PTSA Meeting, 7:00pm
- ❖ **Monday, May 27th** - NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day)
- ❖ **Friday, June 7th** - 8th Grade Promotion Party
- ❖ **Monday, June 10th** - 8th Grade Kings Dominion Trip
- ❖ **Wednesday, June 12th** - 8th Grade Graduation & Reception



Be on the lookout for other end of year activities including musical performances, 8th grade “Phoenix Week” and much more!

**Thank you!**