

# AVS PTA Agenda

## Tuesday, October 17th

**Welcome and Introductions:** Kristal Diorio, President

**Spooky Walk Update:** Candace Snowdale

Possibility of rain

So many volunteers- we had to limit the volunteers

13 scenes

Rain date is Sunday- will call by Saturday morning

**Meadow Farms Fundraiser Update:** Karen Florenzano

1 week ago we were at 15%. Last year we sold 27k and 10k came in on paper

\$25,293 in sales this year. We will receive 8-9k from the sales.

The online sales were increased due to the ship to seller change from last year.

Possible change of fundraiser for next year.

Giving Tuesday before Thanksgiving as an option to gain revenue

**Reflections Update:** Kristi Petri (coordinator)

Intent Forms Due 10/20

Reflections Forms Due 11/3

Intent forms due Friday- might be pushed back

"I am hopeful because...."

**Barnes & Noble Book Fair Update:** Tanya Bishop

Planned for Friday Nov 3rd- working on Teachers wish lists

9 teachers so far- we need more teacher wish list

Volunteers needed for 2p-4p to pull books

Changing up the scavenger hunt for the kids

3 teacher readers-O'neil, Prunier, Nesbaum

**Square 1 Art Fundraiser Update:** Steph Billingsley

- Marissa Leary & Melissa West helped K-4th create some beautiful artwork
- Shipped to Square 1 Art on 10/11 - be on the lookout for the flyers to come home in the next few weeks
- Orders will be due by November 17th so products can be delivered in time for the holidays

Orders were shipped out early

Orders are being taken online and shipped to the house

Not a large shipping cost

Orders due Nov 17th online

**Vendor Fair Update:** - Jennifer Alldredge

Dec 3rd 9am-2pm

Meeting Minutes: We have 4 spots left!

We will be working with the Friends of the Library for breakfast with Santa.

We will have a kids shop so kids can shop for their family members.

Check out Heather Bronson for her backdrop ideas

**Membership Update:** Heidi Mader

As of Oct 10th - 53

37 teacher members

43 dual memberships

Magnets go out for memberships

Volunteers have to be PTA members

**AVS PTA Website Update:** Amanda Martinelli

Website is completed and will be linked to Dr. Collin's school email. Check it out!

Avspta.net

**Teacher Grant Submission:** Steph Billingsley

- Submitted by Sarah Poulin - Potential Capstone Project for 7th Grade (all classes)
- Application attached
- 1k cost- some items are re-usable for future years
- Building rockets
- Not automatic for future years

Meeting Minutes:

Called for a vote:

All members voted to approve the teacher grant

We will send to admin for final approval

**Principal Update:** Jen Barnhill (see attached)

Book vending machine- negative feedback on social media from WMUR possibly due to the title

Admin needs to review with teachers the rules around the machine

Parent curriculum night was well attended

8th grade event with pinkerton (Alyssa Stanton)

**School Board Update:** Adrian Newton

Strategic planned rolled out to staff and public.

Curriculum night was posted on bloomz

Real world experiences as an integrated project is part of the strategic plan

Budget season for next year- town budget might be increased by 6%

Large drivers- Pinkerton tuition and special ed

Nov 14th at 6pm next school board meeting

Busses- getting better- athletics is still an issue

Field trips- questions regarding field trips for all grades

Dr. Collin's- app for busses- delayed

**Financial Report:** Andrea Sankovich  
Larger storage unit acquired- \$85 to \$245  
Motion to increase storage unit budget: all approved

### **Upcoming Events/Important Dates**

October 19	Meadow farms gets sent in
Oct 21/RD 10/22	Spooky Walk
October 31	Reflections Intention forms are due
October 31	Square 1 Art catalogs arrive to the school/ distributed
November 3	Barnes & Noble Book Fair Starts
November	All Square 1 Art order forms are due
November	Barnes & Noble Book Fair ends (last day for sales)
November 21	PTA Meeting at 6:30 in AVS Library
November 30	Reflections art projects must be submitted
December 3	PTA Holiday Fair
December 10	Square 1 Art products arrive

#### Attendees:

Jen Alldredge  
Krystal Diorio  
Andrea Sankovich  
Tanya Bishop  
Heidi Mader  
Steph Billingsly  
Amanda Martinelli  
Mrs. Strabone  
Tiffani Cristofori  
Candace Snowdale  
Kirsten Wright  
Allison Richenback  
Stephanie Beaudet  
Andrea Newton  
Karen Florenzano  
Asha Pinkham  
Alex Russell



The Auburn Village School  
PTA Teacher Membership Financial Grant Application

Date: 9/19/23  
PTA Teacher Member Name: Sarah Paulin  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: spaulin@sau15.net

Describe the project, program, or activity for which you request funds.

(Please provide details concerning time requirements, timelines, etc.):

This will be an integrated unit entitled An Occasion  
for an Equation. This will require students to use their  
math, science and ELA skills to work collaboratively  
on launching a rocket. It will take a minimum of 10 class  
periods.

Please describe how the project, program, or activity will benefit students at

AVS: 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be engaged in a fun, hands-on  
project at the end of the year. This typically a  
time when students lose focus, so this will get them  
to draw on knowledge gained over the year to complete  
a fun project.

Briefly describe what portion of the AVS Student population will benefit from the requested activity:

This activity will serve as a capstone  
project by providing a cross-curricular,  
integrated project for the entire  
7<sup>th</sup> grade.

What is the amount being requested?

\$1,074 - potentially less if we create an educator account

If granted, when is funding needed? April, 2024

Please attach an additional page if there are any additional details you wish to provide that may influence the decision for the PTA to fund this request.

Attached is the  
math portion of the lesson and pricing information

Please scan and email to [Avsptateachergrant@gmail.com](mailto:Avsptateachergrant@gmail.com) within 72 hours of the next monthly PTA meeting!

PTA Response:

Grant activity approved: YES NO

If yes, the amount of the financial grant awarded: \_\_\_\_\_

If no, the reason for denial: \_\_\_\_\_

**7th Grade Capstone Project: An Occasion for An Equation  
Supplies Needed**

Item	Quantity	Cost
AVG Rocket Bulk Pack	2 @ \$100	\$200
Engines	24	\$80
Lifetime Launch Pad*	7 @ \$80	\$560
Alitrack *	10 @ \$12	\$120
Glue	8 @ \$10	\$80
Sandpaper (Amazon)	1 pack	\$7
Stopwatches* (Amazon)	12 pack	\$27
Shipping		Free
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,074</b>

\*Can be used year after year, reducing future costs.

More information can be found on the Estes Rocket website:  
<https://edu.estesrockets.com/collections/all-products>

\*\*If a school creates an educator account on the website grants a 20% discount and would reduce the cost of all supplies purchased through them. This would potentially reduce the cost to \$866.

1. There is no cost for creating an educator account.
2. Yes, the PTA could open the account. Truly anyone with an email address can open an account. The more particular part is in which account orders the rockets. If you want tax exemption, then it does require a tax ID to be attached to the account (typically the account owner submits the tax exemption certification). This could happen via the school, teacher, or PTA.
3. Typically teachers will open their own educator accounts because it gives them access to download the lesson plans. So the account allows one to download lesson plans, get the 20% discount, and once the tax exempt form has been uploaded/approved it gives tax exemption for orders. No other huge benefits to the account at this time, but again there is no cost to it and nothing needed to maintain it.
4. Yes, some of the products are reusable. Namely the launch system and controller, which can be used for many years. The rockets theoretically could be reused, but in this particular lesson the students are designing their rockets from scratch so would need new Designer's Special kits each year. There might be extra parts that don't get used which could be used the next year. Engines need to be purchased each year and are not reusable. There are also some building supplies required which would be reusable such as wood glue, hobby knives, scissors, rulers, etc.

For future projects if funding became an issue the teacher could also consider using different lessons with rocket kits such as the Alpha III or Green Eggs Rocket where (if recovered intact) the rockets could be reused.

Please let me know if there are any other questions I can answer for you and thank you for considering supporting this teacher in using rocketry. It truly is an incredible educational experience, and one students will never forget.

Thank you  
Nicole Freyschlag  
Education Manager