

PTA Agenda

November 18, 2025

6:30 PM - Welcome and Introductions -- Steph Billingsley, President

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY STEPH BILLINGSLEY AT 6:30 p.m.

Meadow Farms Fundraiser- Coordinator: Steph Billingsley

- TOTAL PROFIT - \$8,400.50
- 145 Participants - Prizes from Fundraiser shipped directly to students
- Top 3 sellers - will receive a \$50 Gift Certificate
 - Tatum Loisselle - Kindergarten - Overhulser - sold 51 Items
 - Harper Vincent - 3rd Grade - Duffy - sold 47 Items
 - Levi Phillips - Kindergarten - Overhulser - sold 40 items
- Classroom with MOST participation - BREAKFAST PARTY & \$50 Gift Cert for Teacher
 - **PODEBELSKI - 1st Grade**
 - **SMITH - 2nd Grade**

Update by Stephanie Billingsley: Decent profit for minimal work and commitment. Gifts certificates will likely be to Amazon. Breakfast party will consist of Dunkins for each class above. Very successful event. Considering whether to run it every other year. More to come on that discussion.

A member asked if there is something comparable to swap out, but all the catalogs are pretty similar. Meadow Farms is based in MA and is family-run. We could pivot to another catalog or pivot. Meadow Farms is very easy to work with, however. The profit share is substantial, and the time of year we chose this time around seemed to work better.

Spooky Walk 2025- Coordinators: Bailey Trahan

- Saturday, October 18th
- Income \$8369
- Profit \$5613 (2024 Profit \$3435)

Update by Bailey Trahan: This event was super successful – good turnout, food trucks sold out, and there is a waiting list for vendors. We made increased profit when compared to last year. A member asked about monies from the food trucks. The vendors keep their profit, but we get the benefit of their advertising and exposure.

Barnes & Noble Book Fair- Coordinator: Tanya Bishop

- A big THANK you to our guest readers: Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Moynihan, Mrs. Prunier, Mrs. Duffy, Mrs. Leary, Mrs. O'Neil and Ms. Nusbaum
 - Congrats to our raffle basket winners:
 - K-1 basket - Alison Blais

- 2-3 basket - Harper Vincent
- 4-6 basket - Jen Murphy
- 7-8 basket - Jeff Barrientos
- Adult basket - Allison Ireland
- Swag basket - Andrea Klein
- How many tootsie rolls in the jar winners: Answer was 38
 - Olivia C. (3rd grade) : 37
 - Karter (Kindergarten): 35
 - Karlee D. (6th grade): 35
- Displayed 32 teachers' wish lists. Only had 4, that did not have a book purchased. PTA purchased a book from their list.
- In store sales

Update by Tanya Bishop: Teacher readers were the highlight of the night. Each child in the tootsie roll guessing game got a gift card. There was a good showing of participants based on the books purchased. There is always a good showing from elementary teachers, plus one teacher from middle school and specials teachers. We are still awaiting numbers from B&N. Hoping to have numbers at next meeting in January 2026. We will receive proceeds in the form of a B&N gift card.

Missoula Update- Coordinators - Ami D'Amelio & Christine Ducharme

- 61 total participants across all grades
 - First time students had to be turned away in Ami's 15 years
- About 450 people came out between Friday and Saturday's shows
- Spring residency is for even grades (2, 4, 6, 8) starting March 16th - The Secret Garden
- If you are willing to **host a director** for the week, let us know!

Update by Steph Billingsley: This was the first time we had to waitlist children based on participation. Both shows were well-attended and the kids really enjoyed it. Feedback was that the kids were solid listeners that were well-behaved. Spring residency will be The Secret Garden. We are encouraging kids to get their forms in as soon as they are sent home. Hosting is always welcome. The show is the week of March 16th.

LaBelle Lights - Bailey Trahan

- Wednesday December 3rd
- Go to <https://labellewinery.com/lights/labelle-lights-tickets/>
- Select 12/3
- Put in the "ticket access code" Auburn2025 (in the select tickets screen)
- Purchase tickets for the Auburn PTA Fundraiser
- 50% of tickets sales using this code goes back to the PTA

Update by Bailey Trahan: This is a new fundraiser. All tickets sold for AVS, we will get 50% back. Tickets can be purchased online and input the access code. There appears to be a glitch, which is being fixed at present. Santa will be there! This will hopefully be a good time with snacks, drinks, lights, photo ops. It takes about 40 minutes to walk through. Be sure to see the lighted squirrel!

A member asked if there was anything similar at other facilities. The Mel's event was popular last year, but they may not do a fundraiser. Kids are free the first week after Thanksgiving.

Family Movie Night & Holiday Kids Shoppe - Coordinator - Jen Alldredge

- December 5th- 6p-8:30p
- "Abominable" - \$7 ind/ \$25 fam- children must be accompanied by an adult
 - As of 11/19 - 80 People prepurchased Tickets!
- Flyers went home with kids, Bloomz and Email went home, posted on Social Media
 - Link or QR Code to prepurchase tickets included
- Art projects- multiple classrooms participated- projects will go out this week. K-4 art teachers are making yeti's and blueberries.
- Kids Holiday Shoppe- items between \$1-\$5- we need Elf helpers and volunteers. Sign ups went out.
- Baked goods, popcorn, hot cocoa- we need volunteers for this as well.
- Family Photo Opportunities
- Raffle Baskets

Update by Tanya Bishop: Costs remain the same as last year, and kids need to be accompanied by an adult. Fliers went into mailboxes last week with a QR code, which can also be found on social media. Teachers are assisting with decor via classroom projects. There is a sign-up for volunteers for the kids' shoppe, as well as a sign-up for baked goods – all included with tickets. A photographer will be present for family/kids' photos. The link is then sent to everyone thereafter via email. We will also be selling raffle baskets, e.g. golf course tickets, Yeti mugs/cups, Yeti games, wreath, gift cards, etc.

Set-up help? We only really need the elf helpers at this point, more specifically for the later time slot. The movie starts about half an hour into the start of the event with a half hour intermission if folks with little kids want to use that as an opportunity to leave. The movie is about 1.5 hours. For baked goods, we will provide napkins and plates, so no need to wrap individually. For allergies, there will be dairy/dye/gluten free options available that are labeled and separate.

Reflections Art Program - Coordinator - Kristi Petri

- Reflection Submission Due November 24th
- Auburn Awards Night: January 8th
- Theme: "I Belong"
- Kristi Petri at avsptareflections@gmail.com

Update by Steph Billingsley: All intent forms have been received. Many people drop off through the Thanksgiving holiday.

Family Bingo - Coordinator -

- Thursday, January 15th 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in Gym
- FREE Bingo Cards
- Free Popcorn
- Looking for a new coordinator - great, simple event to get your feet wet with the PTA!

Update by Tanya Bishop: This is a free event. We do popcorn and are looking for a coordinator. This is a very easy event. Mr. T usually announces the numbers. The PTA puts together gifts for the winners, e.g. swag, prizes, and \$5.00 gift to B&N. Coordination involves stock of cards, daubers, game types. The snack shack last year donated drinks.

A member recommended new “music” bingo a la the Friends of Auburn event at the school recently. There was a DJ with games and cheap beer at the back of the gym. When they collected gift cards for donations, they put it on a clothes-line. You could pay \$20 and pick a gift card that ranged up to \$100. This was a clever way to encourage participation. One member described it as a “wedding without the wedding” – interactive, limbo, fun.

Mother/Son & Father/Daughter Events - Tanya Bishop

- Date changes for both:
 - Mother/Son will be Saturday, February 14th from 9am - 11am at McIntyre - Snowtubing. Tickets will go on sale in January. Limited to 200 guests
 - Father/Daughter will be Saturday, March 7th from 6pm - 8pm.

Update by Tanya Bishop: As per the last meeting, the dates for these events have changed as set forth above. Tickets will go on sale in January 2026 for snow tubing. Guest limit is 200 and there are height requirements, e.g. 44” tall.

Financial Report- Bailey Trahan (asst treasurer)

Update by Bailey Trahan: Spooky Walk numbers included. The report includes camp numbers for last year. We paid the NH state PTA membership fees, which are reflected. There are updated numbers for Meadow Farms and Mabels Labels. This is through the end of October, so anything in November 2025 is not yet reflected.

School Admin Update - Dr. Lori Collins, Principal

Update by Dr. Collins: Date changes for School Board meetings – December meeting now on 12/3; April is now 4/15/2026. There is a budget meeting 12.11.2025 at 6 p.m. to discuss the fiscal year 2027.

We had our kickoff for the mosaic mural at the Brave rally. The kids were engaged with ideas (lots of bald eagles and American flags as suggestions). We are welcoming Melissa Kamic as the middle school reading specialist. She worked in MA and transferred her certification to NH. We also have hired a curriculum coordinator – Jacqueline Karabeenus (sp?). She has a high level of input, from a state level. One of the big events with Ms. Reinhalt is a STEAM night. We need to add presenters to set up a booth, anyone with an affiliation to cutting edge technology, science, etc. The event is 01.23.2026.

Veteran’s Day event went well with 136 veterans. The 6th-grade team has this under control and well-organized. It is such a good learning experience to serve adults, speak respectfully, engage with adults. We also had Honor Society induction (Ms. West/O’Neil) with 14 students being inducted (total 35). We build the society around 6 characteristics as per strategic plan (perseverance, empathy, etc.). Red ribbon week, many thanks to school counselors. The kids enjoyed it.

December 12 is the first middle school dance. The hope is to have three (3) this year.

There is a secret teacher dress-up this week. Tomorrow is denim day!

****Sherry Smith, John Wheeler, and Lori Collins are all retiring this year!*

School Board Update- Anthony Piascik

Update by Anthony Piascik: We are in the throes of budget planning. Looking at a \$900K increase for Pinkerton. To be finalized in December. Healthcare had a special assessment. There is still an increase this year for the following year, plus a special assessment from last year. We are close on the budget, and are close to getting the meetings online so that folks can partake virtually in monthly meetings. Michelle Gilbert is the lead on it, making sure that we are legally compliant. Trying to follow what other districts/towns are doing. This will be both live recorded and sent out after-the-fact. There was a district that was sued because it lacked certain things (unclear of what), but trying to ensure all compliance is met regardless.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- December 3rd - LaBelle Winery Holiday Lights
- December 5th - Family Movie Night & Kids Holiday Shoppe
- **NO PTA MEETING IN DECEMBER*** Next meeting is 01/20/2026.**
- December 24th - January 2nd - CHRISTMAS BREAK
- January 15th - 6:00 pm-8:00 pm Family Bingo in AVS Gym
- January 20th - 6:30 pm PTA Meeting in AVS Library
- February 14th - Mother/Son Event
- March 7th - Father/Daughter Dance

MEETING ENDED AT 7:11 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

- Heidi Mader
- Stephanie Billingsley
- Tanya Bishop
- Bailey Trahan
- Alana Hedrick
- Alyce Stevens
- Lori Collins
- Jen Strabone
- Brittany Carlson

- Emily Seidell
- Melissa Mavrogeorge
- Kate Phengsysouvanh
- Bethany Keefe
- Andrea Klein
- Alyssa Stanton