

# PTA Agenda

## January 20th, 2026

### Welcome and Introductions — Stephanie Billingsley, President

Meeting called to order by Steph Billingsley at 6:29 p.m.

### Labelle Lights - Fundraiser: Coordinator Bailey Trahan

- Event - December 3rd
- Sold 78 Tickets - Profit: \$713.00

Update: Quick and easy event. Nice addition and costs us nothing. One consideration is to push it back a bit from an event in Litchfield (Mel's Funway) that does free kids. Perhaps push it another week. Food truck & drinks were delicious.

### Movie Night & Kids Holiday Shoppe: Coordinator: Jen Alldredge

- 2nd Time Hosting Event - in place of Holiday Vendor Fair
  - Profit 2025: \$1,698 v Profit 2024: \$1,353
- Winter Theme Movie v. Holiday Movie
  - FEEDBACK?
- The art displayed & ornaments on trees was K- 4th grade - sent back home
- Holiday Shoppe ran much smoother - sufficient help with elf shoppers & elf wrappers
  - Special Thank you to Mrs. Reinelt who helped the entire time
- Still Issues with kids running in gym - thoughts to help control this?

Update: We ran with a winter theme event and are curious as to overall reception. Per membership, winter is more inclusive and has more variety of ideas. Members liked the photos, setup, and flow. Class artwork was much appreciated and per one of our teachers, the kids really loved partaking in same. Safety risk issues raised with kids running around in the gym. Requested to share this information with those in attendance to monitor children and help control the crowd in that respect.

### Family Bingo: Coordinators: Tanya Bishop & Heidi Mader

- Event was Thursday, January 15th
  - (½ Day for Students & Pinkerton Course Nite for 8th Graders)
- FREE EVENT - no charge for bingo cards, popcorn or drinks!
- Prizes were Gift Bags w/ \$5 Barnes & Nobles Gift Cards & Swag or Toys
- About 75 people attended (½ of last years estimated attendance)
- Issues with kids running in the gym - thoughts to help control this?

Update: Bingo is hit or miss. It felt full this go around, but less attendance from last year. We were unsure of how the half day would play into attendance, as well as the Pinkerton Course Night. It went well all things considered. For those kids running around, do we max out the space in the back of the gym to control little kids from running around? It was hard to hear Mr. T announce bingo numbers. Seems to be a universal issue at any and all events from Parks &

Rec to school. Perhaps a sign that said no running in the gym at events? Perhaps we need more middle schoolers involved to help manage/monitor the little kids? Yard-sized bingo? Beach blanket bingo?

**Reflections Art Program: Coordinator: Kristi Petri**

- Theme - "I Belong" - Awards Nights was January 8th
- 19 Participants - Total of 27 Entries
- 5 categories including: photography, visual arts, film, music composition, and literature.
- We also had representation in all age groups from primary all the way to high school!
- 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners advance to State level competition
- PTA gave Amazon gift cards to winners (\$25 1st Place, \$15 2nd, \$10 3rd)

Update: This is the art program that the PTA runs. Winners are listed below. We suspect that Dr. Collins will send out a Bloomz notice as to the winners. Dates pending for states. Maybe at Derry Middle School – usually May.

Visual Arts:

Primary: First: Lexi Bettencourt, Second: Rowan Mierzwa, Third: Emma Bettencourt  
Intermediate: First: Harper Vincent, Second: Lilah Lippert, Third: Sawyer Mills  
Middle School: First: Delaney McCarthy, Second: Delaney McCarthy, Third: Skylar Hamel  
High School: First: Anna Stanton, Second: Rylen Petri, Third: Rylen Petri

Music Composition:

Intermediate: First: Adeline Tengstrand

Film:

Primary: First: Eric Tengstrand  
Middle School: First: Eli Hayes

Literature:

Intermediate: First: Josephine Monroe  
Middle School: First: Charlotte Folia

Photography:

Intermediate: First: Jacoby Petri, Second: Jacoby Petri,, Third: Jacoby Petri  
Middle School: First: Violet Monroe  
High School: First: Rylen Petri, Second: Rylen Petri, Third: Rylen Petri

**Mother/Son Event: Coordinator: Tanya Bishop**

- Saturday, February 14th - Snow Tubing @ McIntyre Ski Area 9AM - 11AM
- Must be 5 years old & 44" Tall
- Ticket Sales released WEDNESDAY 1/21
  - \$27 per person (regularly \$35 @ mountain)
  - Includes private room, hot chocolate, selfie opportunities & a gift
- Prebuy ONLY as we need to give final numbers - LIMITED to 200 people total
- Tickets will go home week of February 9th - McIntyre WAIVER must be digitally signed to participate
- Raffle Baskets Tickets for Sale (One Mother & One for Kids)

Update: Members got first call for tickets. Fliers to go in teachers' mailboxes tomorrow morning. Coffee and hot chocolate will be available, as well as a photo backdrop opportunity. This is pre-buy ONLY. We cannot sell at the door because waivers have to be verified. When purchasing tickets, please click the link to sign the waiver. Already sold 35 tickets since being posted this morning – there is a chance it will sell out.

**Father/Daughter Dance: Coordinator: PTA Board**

- *Event Date: Saturday, March 7th*
- **THEME:**
- Planning Committee - looking for volunteers
- Raffle Baskets - Looking for Donations

Update: Taking place on 3.07.2026. It always sells out, so stay tuned. We are actively scouting for ideas. Perhaps we do online voting as to theme? Setup usually occurs on Friday night. Tickets will be sold in advance and includes a favor, snacks, dancing, photo opps.

**Possible ideas** - Harry Potter/Yule Ball, Dance the Night Away/Disco, Candyland Ball, Ties & Tiara's, Mario Theme, Enchanted Forest, Boots & Bows

**Past themes:** Butterfly Kisses, Beauty & the Beast, Gems & Gents, Sunflowers/You are My Sunshine. This is our 5th year upcoming!

**Summer Camps: Coordinator: Sara Nusbaum & Stephanie Billingsley**

- 3 Full Day Weeks - confirmed
  - June 22 - June 25
  - June 29 - July 2
  - July 27 - July 30
- Camps run Monday - Thursday
  - AM Session 8:30 -11:30
  - PM Session 12:00 - 3:00
- Camp Registration estimated to open by end of January

Update: Camps will not interfere with Summer Academy. Full-day camp days are 8:30-3:00 p.m. Summer Academy is a teacher-recommended program, so that is a student-by-student consideration separate from the PTA. Speak to your child(ren)'s teacher. We currently have 38 summer camps being offered, with more options for middle school this summer, e.g. flag

football, floor hockey. We suspect a huge turnout, and lots of teachers are requesting the gym. Sara will be meeting with Scott for room assignments (AC to be considered with this!). The August week is usually the lowest attended. Note, two years ago, we did camp in the afternoons of Summer Academy weeks and it was very well attended because of work schedules, etc. However, there are staffing and confidentiality issues. Those camps were only available to Summer Academy kids, which foreclosed the week to non-Summer Academy kids.

Cost is per camp session, e.g. a.m. and/or p.m. Base price is \$105.00 plus a supply cost set by the teacher, up to an additional \$35.00. No additional cost to stay for both camps & do lunch. Lunch must be packed though, as it is not provided. There will be an Early Bird special once registration opens. Camp is M-Th. No Fridays. Target registration to open at end of January. Registration closes in April, when notifications also go out as to replacement camps if slots are not filled in various camp sessions.

### **PTA Funded Clubs: Steph Billingsley**

- SAVE Promise Club - Mrs Avellino - 7th & 8th Graders - Meet 2 per month Starting in January - total of 11 meetings
  - FIRST MEETING was December 10th - had 6 students
  - Student-led violence prevention club. We will focus on creating a welcoming school climate and place where everyone feels included and belongs .This is a national club. We will tweak activities to fit with our AVS community needs. Students wanted to start this club after I taught the See Something Say Something Lessons in 7th and 8th grade
  - **TOTAL STIPEND REQUEST: \$825 (BRING TO A VOTE)**
- Music Club - Ms. Johnston - 6th, 7th & 8th Graders - Meet Weekly Starting 2/4/26 - total of 12 meetings
  - This will be a fun, collaborative space for students to play their instruments and learn new music. We can connect with the community for opportunities to perform at places such as the library, nursing homes, the Night of the Arts, and at the spring concert. This is an opportunity for band students who want to play more music and share their talents with the community
  - **TOTAL STIPEND REQUEST: \$900 (BRING TO A VOTE)**

Update: New concept trialed at the end of last year. Minimum is 5 students and has to be offered for at least one grade level. Violence Prevention Club discussion? We will have to issue a 1099 if over \$600.00. Funding is on a per-request basis. It must be requested every year. Good idea to re-evaluate club attendance, impact, etc.

**\*\*\*Steph Billingsley MOTIONED to provide \$825.00 stipend for Student Violence Prevention Club. Seconded by Bailey Trahan. All in favor. MOTION PASSED.**

Second request from music and band teacher. Looking for music club.

**\*\*\*Heidi Mader MOTIONED to provide \$900.00 stipend for the Music Club. Seconded by Steph Billingsley. All in favor. MOTION PASSED.**

**Teacher Grants: Steph Billingsley**

- 2nd Grade - will submit grant request for 2nd grade books (3rd year)
  - Estimated around \$2,000
  - Will discuss and vote at February meeting

Update: There is a publishing party and dedication that brings the second grade writing projects full circle. It means a lot to students, parents, and teachers. Will defer to next meeting.

**Financial Report: Treasurer: Andrea Sankovich**

Update: Copy of expense report at the end of the agenda. We did contribute to Destination Imagination for the kids involved. Earlier we spoke about the success of Movie Magic night (~\$1600 net). Great success. Missoula Theatre deposits and payments to be noted. If any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Andrea or Bailey.

**Administration Update: Director of Student Services: Mrs. Davine**

Update: Meredith Davine is the director of Student Services. Spelling Bee is this Friday. Ms. Barnhill will be running it for the first time. Scott Dube and Ms. Davine will be part of it as well. Perhaps one other teacher. This is for 5th-6th graders. The 7th and 8th grade classes are opting not to attend. It is open to a representative from every home room. This time, there will be more participants. It could go upwards of 90 minutes, so time and behavior was a concern.

Wednesday & Thursday is the Lion's Club vision screening. They can help to provide glasses if students cannot afford and need them.

STEAM Night is this Friday, 6-8:00 p.m. This is a lot of fun. Nitrogen ice cream, STEM mobile.

Monday, the 8th graders are going to Pinkerton to transition day. The kids have to select courses by January 30th.

On 2.13.2026, the AHS is having a winter carnival/parents' night out. Last year it was a big hit. There is a meeting tomorrow for planning to take place. Perhaps grades K-5.

Vocabulary/IXL Bowl upcoming in February 2026. IXL Bowl is a contest that other schools will also compete in. An email went out from Dr. Collins today to teachers. They go into an arena within their account and a leaderboard tracks performance.

There was a school dance in December 2025. Another is scheduled for March 13, 2026.

The State has added a lot of requirements for high school students this year, per one PTA member. Need to start planning ahead to fit everything into block scheduling. Both a credit and core course issue. The total has increased but less choice overall. More mandatory requirements.

**The job opening for principal for 2026-2027 school year will be posted soon.**

### **School Board Update: Anthony Piascik**

Update: School Board representative was out sick, so deferred until next meeting. Lots of concern on need to condense Pinkerton bus routes due to lengthy time on bus, early rises, and late drop-offs to school.

### **Upcoming Events**

\*\*\*Do we want to float the idea of one additional fundraiser? Krisy Kreme??? Not doing Joe Corby's pizza again. This was a food catalog that was also less than successful.

What about a walk-a-thon? Used to do a Color Run with PTA. Not well-attended. Hooksett had reached out to join efforts on a Color Run, but never responded. They ran their own event ultimately. One year, AVS and Hooksett combined, then we separated, then we were asked again and it didn't pan out. One member offered insight on how to run a Color Run or Walk-a-Thon on our own. Another member noted that Auburn is small and we need a big turnout to make something like this successful.

The only thing we dropped is the cash calendar. That was usually our Spring fundraiser, but we consistently stopped making money on it. It was a wash.

NOTE - Volunteership has steadily decreased year to year, which makes events a challenge. How can we maximize the revenue to the school but limit overall time invested.

**MEETING ENDED AT 7:38 p.m.**

### **FEBRUARY**

- 14** Mother/Son - Snow Tubing @ McIntyre Ski Area 9-11AM
- 17** 6:30PM PTA Meeting in AVS Library
- 23-27** February Break

### **MARCH**

- 2-6** Read Across America
- 7** Father/Daughter Dance
- 16-20** Missoula Children's Theatre- The Secret Garden (Grades 2, 4, 6, 8)

**ATTENDEES ON 1/20/2026:**

- Stephanie Billingsley
- Tanya Bishop
- Heidi Mader
- Andrea Sankovich
- Bailey Trahan
- Sarah Nusbaum
- Jennifer Strabone
- Jennifer Alldredge
- Alexandria Peront
- Allyce Stevens
- Alana Hedrick
- Alyssa Stanton
- Meredith Davine
- Kate Phenysysovich