

**East Ruther PTA Meeting
Lincoln School
6.4.25**

Called to order 7:07 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

PTA Mission

Our websites:

East Rutherford PTA: <http://www.erboe.net/domain/124>

NJ PTA: <http://www.njpta.org/>

National PTA: <http://www.pta.org/>

PTA Who's Who:

President: Kevin Lyon

Vice President: Jillian Cawley

Recording Secretary: Tara Pachon

Corresponding Secretary: Christine Green

Treasurer: Paola Restrepo

Membership: Charise Brown

Bylaws: Shannon Cowan

Fundraising: Linda Lyon

Cultural Events: Elyssa Martino Foster

Social Media: Holly Wagner

McKenzie Rep: Cindy Tejada

Lincoln Rep: Tara Pachon

Faust Rep: Shannon Cowan

Agenda

- **Approval of Minutes:**
 - May Meeting Minutes - passed
- **Reports of Officers:**
 - A. Treasurer's Report

- Reports are posted on the PTA page on the district website
 - <http://www.erboe.net/page/1630>
 - 8th grade committee reports on as well

B. Correspondence

Judy Schneider - thank you for lunch and thinking of me
 Mrs. Barrale, Mr. Barrow, Mr. Vilardi - Thank you for teacher appreciation week lunch and treats
 Mrs. Barrale, Mr. Barrow, Mr. Vilardi - Thank you for arranging the Holly Rock game show.

C. By Laws & Standing Rules

- Report on PTA page of District website

D. Membership Report

- Sign up Links are available on PTA on district website and on the PTA Facebook page
- Currently 191 Members

• **Reports of Committees**

A. Fundraising

- Dine & Donates going towards 3rd & 5th Grade celebrations
- *Tricky tray committee*: Email: charise314@gmail.com
 - May 9th Event was at the Community Center
 - Happy to see so much support from the community, especially the teachers attending and those that donated.
 - Net income nearly \$11,600. - Huge success Thank you to Charise, Jillian and the whole Tricky Tray team
- Givebacks shop - sign up, put on your phone, a small percentage goes back to PTA, but adds up!
- Shoe donation - Completed; Thank you DPW for storing the shoes, Pick up from the company will be next week.
 - Spirit Wear
 - Summer Sale, save 20% off with code: SUMMER
 - Free shipping over \$100
 - Shop at: <http://1stplace.sale/107768>
 - Outgrown/gentle used spirit wear can be donated to Nurse Dunn for the use of students that may have an accident at school

B. Cultural Events

- 2025 Events - Welcome to Ideas

C. Social Media & Tech

- Information and events are constantly posted and updated on our socials. Updates when made available from the schools & important PTA info is posted in real time. Great resource to stay up to date on what is happening
- New Instagram: @erptahost
- Facebook: "East Rutherford NJ PTA -Members Only" & "East Rutherford NJ PTA"

D. School Reps

- McKenzie
 - 3rd grade committee - planning 3rd grade celebration
 - Class trip to Liberty science center 6/9
 - Move-up 6/11
 - Clap out 6/12
- Lincoln
 - 5th grade committee - planning 5th grade Surprise Celebration 6/12 during morning.
- Faust
 - None
- 8th Grade Committee
 - Upcoming 8th grade committee 2026 will be meeting mid June, details to come.

• **Administration Updates**

A. Mrs. Barrale

- Thank you to the PTA for all your support, throughout this year
- NJSLA -focused determined, gave best effort
- Teen arts Festival at Bergen Community College, students artwork was showcased - 5/16
- Spring Concert 5/20 - The students put on a spectacular performance under the direction of our wonderful performing arts teachers
- Holly Rock assembly 5/23 - Thank you PTA, always a treat for the students.
- Summer Pep Rally 5/30 - wildcat pride and celebrating upcoming summer
- 8th grade kalahari trip 6/3 - beautiful and safe day for everyone.
- Trills and thrills performance competition on 6/6 at Jackson High School then to Great Adventure
- Spring concert at Becton 7pm 5/20
- Field day 6/9 at Riggins Field, rain date 6/10

- 8th grade Formal, 6/11 7pm
- 8th grade commencement 6/12; expected to attend school because there is rehearsal
- 6/13 8th grade breakfast
- Mrs. Barrel hosted “breakfast with student & principal” for Tricky Tray
- Math and ELA summer packets will be sent out last day of school

B. Mr. Barrow (not present)

- 5/5 multi-cultural day - Phenomenal day and thank you to all involved.
- NJSLA
- Thank you Mrs. Spear and congratulations on your retirement
- Field Day was 5/20
 - 2 t-shirt designs were chosen - Carmela from Mrs. Nastos 3rd grade class and Adam from Mrs. Vecchione’s 2nd grade class
- 1st & 3rd grade concert on June 3, evening
- Pre-k 4 move up ceremony June 6
- 3rd grade move up ceremony June 11
- 3rd grade Breakfast & clap out June 12
- Last day of school June 16

C. Mr. Giancaspro (not present)

- Announced retirement at May Board of Education meeting, effective at the end of August
- The PTA Board extends its sincere gratitude to Mr. Giancaspro for his dedicated service, partnership and leadership to our school district and PTA. We wish him all the best in his retirement and future endeavors.
- The PTA looks forward to working collaboratively with the Board of Education during this transition period.

D. Mr. Vilardi

- Thank you PTA for all the support
- NJSLA testing complete. Thank you for all the staff's support. Lincoln School crushed it, with the effort and work put into testing.
- 5th graders' LEAD program went to Lucky Strikes for pizza, bowling & fun with members of ERPD. 5/3 Wonderful positive community relations with students, schools and police department.
- Chromebook Collection - Friday, June 6 - make sure chromebook & charger engraved serial numbers are to match.
- 5/28 Spring Showcase at Becton Regional High School
 - a) Theme: Destination America - Amazing performances, with help of visual arts department
 - b) Thank you ERPD for escorting the students to Becton for rehearsal
- Thank you PTA, Assembly on 5/23 Holly Rock Brain Challenge

- Summer Reading packets will be sent out & math packet are both mandatory
- District website getting upgraded, different look.
- Upcoming programs:
 - Presentation: Next week, Veolia Water on Sustainable Practices & Climate
 - 4th Grade Math Carnival
 - Field day 6/5
 - Maroon shirts - 4th grade; gray shirts - 5th grade
 - Kona Ice Truck surprise provided by PTA
 - Thank you Mr. Babbini and PE staff
 - On site field trip - Grit Ninja, thank you PTA for support financially - 6/11 (4th - 7th graders) - mental grit and be able to persevere
 - 5th Grade Bridge Day 5/12; go next door to Faust, meet their upcoming teachers and then special surprise when they return to Lincoln.
 - Continue to adhere to dress code as weather is warming.

East Rutherford Recreation Speaker

- Evelyn Samtak (Event Coordinator)
- esamtak@eastrutherfordnj.net
- 201-207-6501
 - Events on town website, flyers in backpack
 - Town wide Garage Sale 5/31 & 6/1
 - Town picnic 6/7, postponed due to weather to Sunday, 6/8
 - Pet Parade
 - June 12th, 6pm Carlton Ave Firehouse start and walk to Sesselman park.
 - Live music, pet vendors, family friendly activities; all pets welcome and if you don't have a pet, bring your favorite stuffed animal.
 - Town paper shredding 6/7 9am
 - Car Show 6/22
 - Concert Series starting in June, first concert is at town picnic.
 - Soccer Registration open
- Library

<http://eastrutherford.bccls.org/> Summer Reading - Kick off Friday, June 20
1:30pm - 3:30pm; all ages thru 12th grade

*Public meetings first Tuesday of the month, community center

*Friends of East Rutherford looking for more members if you want to join.

● **Upcoming Events**

<http://wearerpta.givebacks.com/w/Events>

- **Upcoming School Dates**

- Revised School Calendar:
 - June 12- 16 Half day
 - June 16 - Last day of school
- 2025-26 Calendar is available on ERBOE website

Open discussion:

- Standing Committee Chairpersons:
 - 1 year term is coming to end in June
 - Chairpersons are welcome to continue
 - If we need additional or replacement chairpersons, we will put out a request
 - Committee Chair positions:
 - Membership
 - By-laws
 - Ways and means/Fundraising
 - Social Media
 - Cultural Events
 - McKenzie/Lincoln/Faust Representatives (one per school)
- Lincoln/Faust School Assembly
 - Holly Rock Game Show will be on 5/23
 - \$1,875 cost to PTA
 - 3rd-5th grade and 6th-8th grade taking place in Faust gymnasium
 - The Grit Ninja Assembly will be on 6/11
 - \$3,500 cost to PTA
 - \$1,800 cover by schools
 - 4th-7th grade
- Field Day T-shirt Designed - Lincoln & Faust School Designs are in and voted on. McKenzie to be received this week.
 - Lincoln School Field Day Design: Nina from Mrs. Affortunato's class
 - Faust School Field Day Design: Faith from Ms. Jackson's class
 - Field Day Dates:
 - McKenzie - May 20
 - Lincoln - June 5
 - Faust - June 9 - Shirts, Pizza Lunch, Juice, Snacks

Becton High school Scholarship:

Annual Scholarship for Becton high graduating senior - Each will receive a \$500 award
4 Recipients:

- Kaylee Dearborn
- Kristen Dearborn
- Claudia DaMata
- Nina Podkalicha

2025 Nation PTA Virtual Convention

- *Join us June 25-28 where you will connect with PTA leaders, parents and educators to boost your impact for every child.*
- *There is a fee to attend, however PTA will reimburse you the fee*
- *<http://www.pta.org/home/events/National-PTA-Convention>*

2025 PTA Dues

- National PTA dues will increase by \$1.00, from \$2.25 to \$3.25 per member
- NJ PTA dues remain \$1.75
- Cost per member to ERPTA is changing from \$4 to \$5
- We charge Teachers/staff \$6 and Individuals \$10.
- Do we need to modify our pricing? Per discussion, will leave membership fees as is for 2025-2026 year and look to the following year to discuss if need increase.

PTA 2024-2025 video year in review! :)

ERBOE website→ pta link & givebacks site similar info - volunteer links here

Closing: Thank you ! See you in September.

PTA board will meet twice over summer. Dates to be determined

Meeting Adjourned: 7:48 pm