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**Message from the Principal - Ben Ostrom:**

Two great events last week:

Thanks to everyone who was able to join us for the Dia de los Muertos potluck. There was student dancing, a Black Light Owl Cave, and an amazing performance of Aztec dancers. Special thanks to Marie Nelson, Rebecca Garcia, and first grade families for hosting the event.

On to Saturday and the annual Pumpkin Chunkin...

There were sufficient launching devices to ensure a steady stream of squash sailing and smashing mostly not near small children. Special points were awarded to the second grade team for a Rube Goldbergesque lever drop contraption that included kitty litter. Extra thanks goes to Mr. Gluck and Kathleen Voss for their vital support, and Mr. Gluck especially for his love and construction of catapults.

Don't forget the Direct Give if you haven't yet had the chance!

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**This Week:**

Date	Time	Place	Information	Details
Nov 6	6:30pm	Boren Gym		Mary Poppins Performance
Nov 7	10am	Boren Gym		Mary Poppins All School Assembly Performance
Nov 8			Chinook Books	Available for purchase

**Other Information:**

Thanks 1<sup>st</sup> grade families for a great Dia de los Muertos Potluck!

**Help Needed!**

Contact Wendy at [president@k5stempta.org](mailto:president@k5stempta.org) if interested in learning more!

- Enrollment Coordinator: Coordinate our school tours and assist families interested in STEM in navigating the Open Enrollment process. Coordinate with Mr. Ostrom on school tours/classroom visits during January/February. 2-4 hours Nov/Dec; primary coordinator during February tours (5 tours, 1.5 hours each)
- Web Team: We need a motivated leader to help coordinate our PTA Webteam. Assist in design, maintenance and posting of all PTA/STEM Community related events and news. Can primarily be done from home/weekends. Crucial position as part of our communications team.
- Advocacy: Key PTA position open for motivated, engaged volunteer. Represent STEM during Legislative voting sessions and provide key information about State decisions that will impact our school. We need you!
- Safety Team Support: Lamination assistance needed Safety committee, 3-5 hours
- Popcorn! Arbor Heights has graciously offered to let us use their popcorn maker for Spirit days (last Friday of each month). We need 2-3 parents willing to come operate it and hand out popcorn to kids during final recess. Yum!

**Upcoming Dates:**

Date	Time	Place	Information	Details
Nov 13	6:30-8pm	Boren Library	PTA Meeting	Childcare provided - NOTE THE DATE CHANGE!
Nov 18	6:30-7:30pm	Boren Library	Positive Discipline	Introduction Class on Nov 18 <sup>th</sup> . A free 8-week series will start Jan. 7th on Wednesday's evenings from 6-8pm in the library. Childcare will be provided. Maximum of 30 attendee's. Must commit to entire program.
Nov 21	8:30-9:30am	Cafeteria	Coffee Chat	Coffee Chat with Mr. Ostrom
Nov 24-26				Parent Teacher Conferences - sign up with your student's teacher(s)!
Nov 27-28				Thanksgiving Break

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