

# Montpelier Elementary PTO Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

**Penny Challenge - 2/6**

**PTO Board Meeting - 2/7**

**Ice Skating Night - 2/10**

**Chick-Fil-A Night - 2/22**

**PTO Black History Concert - 2/24**

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## Montpelier Elementary

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## Message from the President - 1/23/17

We hope you all enjoyed your Winter Break and are having an amazing 2017 so far. 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter has just ended and we are moving right along to Quarter 3. The PTO has been very busy the past couple months and we wanted to highlight some of key points since school started.

**1<sup>st</sup> grade field trip grant:** The PTO approved a grant of \$325 to lower the "out of pocket" costs of the 1<sup>st</sup> graders who wanted to go on the field trip to Port Discovery.

**Author Visit - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** On January 24, the 4<sup>th</sup> graders will have a chance to listen to a local author named - Fred Bowen. He will explain how his love for life inspired him to put it in writing. Each 4<sup>th</sup> grader will receive a FREE book during this visit.

**Author Visit - (2 assemblies):** On January 26, the school will be split up between 2 assemblies to listen to a well-known and famous local author named Barry Louis Polisar who loves to sing his books to the students. The cost of having this author come to the school would have cost over \$1,500.00 but through grants offered by the author we were able to pay \$320 for him to come out and speak to all of the students at Montpelier. Books and CD's will be on sale prior to this event and will be signed by the author.

**Author Visit - (2 assemblies):** On February 15, the school will have a chance to hear all about black history through books. A local author by the name of Frantz Deroncourt, Jr. and he has spent much of his adult life speaking to children of all nationalities about history and how it became.

**Kaboom Playground Grant:** Montpelier Elementary PTO applied for a grant for new playground equipment. This equipment will replace all older outdated equipment and the students would be the designers. We have passed the first round of the grant process and are now in contention of getting approved. Before the build date we would need to come up with 10% of the cost, which comes to \$8,500.00. We are working with local community businesses and organizations but may have to do some fundraisers to help with this effort to. To get this done, we would need lot of help from the community so any help would be greatly appreciated. .

**Feed the Children Grant:** During this past summer, we applied for a grant for school supplies and furniture. We were finally approved and received several filing cabinets, chairs, school supplies for the students and even some supplies for the teachers. The items were located in PA, so we had to ship them to our location but everyone was delighted.

## Penny Challenge - February 6

The penny challenge is back! Starting on February 6 to March 6, the hallway with the most points will win a "no uniform" day. RULES - Each hallway has their own jugs for collecting money, you gain points by adding pennies and bills to your hallway's jug and lower other hallway's jug by adding silver coins to their jugs.

## Ice Skating Night - February 10 (7:30pm - 9:30pm)

Please join us for a fun night of ice skating at Garden's Ice House on February 10 from 7:30PM - 9:30PM. The cost of skating is \$7.70 and this includes your skates, at the end of the night Montpelier Elementary PTO will receive 50% of the sales.

## Chick-Fil-A Night - February 22 (4pm-9pm)

Please keep an eye out for a flyer that will be coming in your child's Friday Folder that has a certificate to take to Chick-Fil-A on February 22 and a portion of your total amount due will go towards events/activities that we can plan for your children.

## Black History Month Concert - February 24

Please join us for a beautiful night of musical talent to learn more about Black history. The concert will be located in the cafeteria at Montpelier Elementary from 7PM - 8PM. We will be collecting canned food donations to give to a local homeless shelter.