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### **Winter Wonderland Project for Sandy Hook**

#### **Elementary School**

The National PTA will be providing a positive atmosphere to welcome the students back in January to their new home at a neighboring middle school. The theme will be "Winter Wonderland". They are asking schools across the country to make paper snowflakes to represent how each child is individual and special. They will then use them to create the wonderland. A number of our students created wonderful snowflakes to add to this project.

#### **Shade Structure**

This project is progressing nicely. The initial steps of construction began in early December. The structure is scheduled to be completed early this month. Your children will soon have a covered playground!!

#### **ABE Parent Meeting**

On Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the cafeteria, a parent meeting is being held regarding the expansion of the Air Base Elementary Magnet Program to a K-8 configuration. There will be representatives from the Region to provide information and answer questions. We are asking for your

support by attending, showing the Region that we are in favor of an onsite expansion of our program. Most of all, we would like the Region to hear from you, as parents.

#### **PTA Funds**

Currently in the General Account there is \$1,111.68. A portion of these monies will be used as a deposit on the equipment being rented for Family FUNdraising Festival.

#### **Fundraising**

The Krispy Kreme Doughnut Cards pre-sale orders were completed in late December. We do still have cards available for \$12; please make any requests for cards to [airbaseelementarypta@yahoo.com](mailto:airbaseelementarypta@yahoo.com). This was the first time that we did the fundraiser this way, and it was well received! Happy Eating!!

#### **Scholastic Book Fair and Holiday Shop**

These combined events were a great success!! The book fair profits were slightly over \$2,500. The holiday profits are still being determined. Overall, the students seemed to really enjoy themselves, and we look forward to the book fair returning in May.

#### **General PTA Meeting**

Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6 pm, will be the General PTA meeting. Science Fair winners will be announced. You will also have the opportunity to view the projects beginning at 7 pm. A parent awareness presentation on bullying will occur at the meeting as well. We look forward to your attendance!!

#### **Career/Truck Day**

Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> will be Air Base's annual career/truck day. If you are interested in volunteering, if you would like to speak, or are able to provide a truck, please contact Ms. Rocafort at the school or by email [mrocafort@dadeschools.net](mailto:mrocafort@dadeschools.net). This is always a wonderful day for students and staff alike!!

#### **Martin Luther King and Rodeo Parades**

We are pleased to announce that the Safety Patrol and cheerleaders will again participate in the Martin Luther King parade in Florida City on Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. Also, Ms. Monge's class and the cheerleaders will participate in the annual Rodeo parade in downtown Homestead on Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. Please come and join us for one or both of these wonderful events when we showcase Air Base Elementary to the community!!

#### **Save the Date for Family FUNdraising Festival Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**

On Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting this annual event. There will be games, bounce houses, bungee trampoline jump, craft activities, outside vendors, and the food trucks will again be joining us to provide delectable eats. We look forward to seeing your family there!!

#### **Reminder:**

**Magnet Application Deadline is January 15<sup>th</sup>**