

Abate Parent Group End of Year Wrap Up
May 9, 2020

1. Financial Report

- a. Our account presently has \$591.46 in cash and \$333.28 in checking.
- b. In addition, we are receiving:
 - \$34.40 from Box Tops
 - \$75 from Spelling Bee (families who donated their \$5 registration)
 - \$125 or so from SchoolStore fundraiser
- c. Also we have:
 - \$75 Walmart gift card from SchoolStore (thank you for participating)
 - \$175 credit with the BPO from unused field trip tickets in March
- d. What do we owe Mrs. Tompkins for the Black History door contest pizza?

2. SchoolStore Fundraiser

Packets were distributed Feb. 26. The fundraiser ends Feb. 26, 2021.

It was our understanding that the fundraiser was only about people doing regular online shopping and designating Abate for a portion of the proceeds. However, the actual fundraiser presented 3 ways to participate: purchasing gift cards for teachers, shopping at SchoolStore online (magazines etc.) and regular online shopping.

72 students participated. All students who returned their fundraiser envelope already received a prize (tiny stuffed animal clip on). Students are able to earn bonus prizes as their friends and family shop.

\$125 was raised for the Parent Group, and can be claimed at any time between now and Feb. 26, 2021.

\$2,200 worth of gift cards were purchased for Abate teachers. These gift cards and the bonus prizes for students will be mailed to Becky H. who will undertake their distribution.

As a thank you for participating, SchoolStore sent us a \$75 Walmart gift card.

3. BPO

Trombonist assembly on Feb. 26 was a wonderful huge success.

The BPO Symphony band student field trip on March 4 was wonderful, except for the fiasco with bussing. ☹️

We have \$175 credit from unused tickets and can use next year.

4. Spelling Bee

At the Info Night on March 10, 75 students registered. All students were contacted this week about the event being canceled and to have their \$5 registration fee returned; 15 families donated their \$5 to the Parent Group. The others were sent their money in the mail.

Patty Felton from the district donated 6 prize gift cards to Book Corner and \$300 Wegmans gift card. Becky contacted her about returning them and is awaiting her answer.

A significant change we made to the Spelling Bee this year was to include a free meal for all registered students. We will make sure and incorporate this into any future Spelling Bee events.

Concerns from this year's Spelling Bee:

Teacher Cheryl LaBelle at Niagara Street School did not receive our packet of flyers. ☹️ She checked with other teachers at her school, and they all had gotten them. Not sure if any other district classrooms did not receive.

5. Teacher Appreciation Day

Sadly we were not able to conduct our usual Teacher Appreciation Day celebration. Becky was able to deliver a poster, treats and goody bags for the essential staff on May 6. We will save our ideas for next year's celebration.

6. Farewell!

Thank you so much for being part of the Parent Group this year! ! ! Best wishes to you and your family throughout the remainder of the school year, this summer and next fall!