

Parents-R-Us Meeting 4/7/16

- Robert started meeting by letting parents know that this will be the last meeting of the school year.
- Facebook page has been active for a month. Parent feedback, they like the page. It gives them opportunities to talk to their children about things going on in school (i.e. Did the Easter Bunny come to school today?). Page is still private, so no one can post on the page, if there is something a parent would like posted they can email Jen Wallis to get it posted. Robert sent out sample Messenger email to all parents about activities in the month of April. Next school year, he will send out monthly emails using Messenger to keep families updated on what is going on for the month.
- Month of the Young Child: activities scheduled for the month were shared. Artwork will be displayed at the Arnold library. Parents signed up to help with the book fair.
- Mr McKee talked about the Garden Project – Weather permitting he would like to plant the greens (spinach, lettuce, etc.) next Thursday or Friday, he will send out email with more information. Classrooms will be invited outside to help if it is on Thursday and if it is on Friday, parents can bring their kids to help out. The first week of May, the plan is to plant the peppers and tomatoes. This weekend (Saturday at 9am), a garden will be put in at Ferd B. Lang park for the city of Arnold, all are invited to help out.
- Parents Night Out – This was addressed at the last staff meeting and has been tabled until next school year.
- Character Ed Update: Site visit for National went well. We will know May 10th is we won. Antonia Elementary 2nd graders collected 1000 books to donate to our center and read to the classrooms.
- Parents-R-Us 16-17 Year: Parents liked having the meetings after the assembly, they would like to keep it that way next year too. Would like dates added to school calendar. Parent mentors for next school year, a parent to call new parents that start throughout the year to help them or answer any questions about the program. Open house- would be helpful if on a different night that way parents can attend elementary and early childhood. If on separate night, parents would volunteer to give information out about the Parents-R-Us club. Send out quarterly upcoming events that might need volunteers.
- Interviews for new teachers: Danielle Singleton & Sarah Absheer volunteered to help Robert with this and serve as the parents on the panel.