



Union Valley Elementary PTO

General Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2026 at 7:00 PM
Union Valley Library

I. Principal's Report:

- A. SNAP, or Students Needing Assistance Pronto, started this week on Tuesdays and Thursdays for extra help.
- B. CHAMPS Clubs for 5th grade students are being finalized for the spring. More info to come.
- C. This Friday, 1/16, is an early dismissal day for the students due to a staff inservice. It is also the 80th day of school, and will be an 80s dress day for staff and students.
- D. On Monday, 1/19, Gloucester Township holds its Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service at CWL school. A student from each school in the district will receive an award for service. Second grader Bridget Milano has been selected for Union Valley this year.
- E. Our next Bingo Night will be on Friday, 1/23 at 6:30 in the cafeteria.
- F. There will be an assembly on 1/29 for all grades, the Illusion Maker.
- G. Spirit Day this month will be Friday, 1/30. This is also a PBIS reward day and a pretzel sale.
- H. On February 3, 2025 students in grades 3 and 5 will take the OLSAT test. This test is an IQ test, and is used as one of the markers in determining eligibility for the Impact program. It is an hour long and will be taken in a student's homeroom classroom. There is no way for students to prepare other than to get a good night's sleep and to have a healthy breakfast.
- I. 100th Day of School is 2/18, provided there are not any snow days before that.
- J. There will be another round of parent teacher conferences on 2/19 in the evening and 2/20 in the afternoon. Students will have early dismissal on 2/20 to allow for conferences.
- K. The "My County" Poster Contest in New Jersey is an annual event for 4th graders, sponsored by the [Constitutional Officers Association of NJ \(COANJ\)](#), encouraging students to learn about their county's government and history through art. All 4th grade students will be encouraged to participate.
- L. We are collecting gently used shoes at this time, can be sent into school with your child.

II. Board Updates:

Board Report:

- 1. We had a lot of events and fundraisers in the last few months. While it is quiet now, it will soon begin to pick back up again.

2. No meeting last month due to the Holiday Shop.
3. Santa visit was 12/23, student and staff gifts were distributed.

Treasurer's Report:

4. December treasury reports was distributed.
5. Our most recent fundraising profits came in December from Texas Roadhouse (over \$200) and in December from the Santa Breakfast (over \$600) and the clothing drive (\$326).
6. Our most recent outgoing expenses came from teacher and student appreciation gifts during the holidays.
7. Current account balance is \$20,000.

Secretary's Report:

1. Minutes will be posted to the PTO website

III. PTO Reports

Yearbook: 5th grade cover contest will begin the 1st week of February and end 2/27. Winners will be announced 3/20. Also, Mrs. Jackson is running a CHAMPS Yearbook Club to help with the collage pages.

Fundraising: November and December were very busy and brought in a lot of money. Coming up, we will have the Double Good Popcorn fundraiser, as well as Valentine Candy Grams. There is a Texas Roadhouse Dine & Donate on Thursday, 2/12. Looking into Monster Mini Golf and Genova Pizza.

Council of Schools: Meeting is Thursday, 1/15

Spirit Wear: Looking into 25th anniversary tshirts and a request for pajama pants for a sale that will be happening this winter. Another larger sale in the spring will happen that will include zip ups.

Student Recognition: Spotlight game/snack continues to happen monthly, no changes.

School Store: k-2 made \$472, 3-5 next Wednesday

Helping Hands: Giving Tree was a large success! And, we made over 300 tags at the last PTO Meeting, so we have enough tags for next year as well! Also, a small group of students shopped for their families with holiday shop merchandise.

5th grade: Ice Cream Social in February, ShopRite donated all the ice cream and water ice

Open Floor:

Meeting ended 7:24 PM

**Our Next General Meeting is February 10, 2026
Union Valley Library @ 7:00 PM**