

Dearest PTO Members:

I would like to express my thanks for all you have done for the library this year. I LOVED the Christmas gifts! That pencil sharpener is awesome! And now I can start decorating my walls a little more with those Velcro tabs.

I also appreciate you agreeing to purchase digital titles for our students. I am sorry it has taken so long to get that accomplished, but it finally is almost done! I tried submitting the order online. There is no "Bill Me" option, so I called our Customer Service Rep & left a message asking how to order and have them send you a bill. The titles are all requests the students have made so far this year with a few newer titles to replace outdated ones just to fill the list. Also, just so you know, some of the requested titles were not available in digital format, so I purchased the paperback/hardcover version (whichever was available).

Finally, I would like to say "Thank You" for helping sponsor the Blind/Speed Date Book Tasting for grades 7-12 on February 2nd. I believe it was a success. Nine students requested a book they "tasted" during the day! And NONE of them were duplicates! That is really amazing!! I made announcements the following three days of the week for students to make "Thank You" cards for the PTO *only if they enjoyed the Book Tasting*. (I didn't want them to be forced to say "Thank You"). Below are some of the comments I received. There were MANY more. If you ever want to look through them, stop by the library sometime.

"Thank you for making the blind date with a book. I didn't know that the musical Wicked was a book. Thank you for buying the snacks for it." ~Emma Lee Greff

"Thank you so much for hosting the blind date! The meals were delicious, the hostess was delightful & the dates were a charm. You went all out for it, and it really paid off!" ~Brady Quinn

"I really appreciate the 5 course meal. It was nice to have while on the dates." ~Braydon Jahnig

"Thank you so much for the snacks during our Blind date with a book in the library. It was very nice to have something to munch on during my date." ~Skyler

"Thank you for allowing me to discover some very interesting books. The first one wasn't as good as the second. The second one was wonderful." ~Marcus Toineeta

"I really appreciate being able to discover new and interesting books that I never thought I would like." ~Wyatt Flinn

"Thank you for provided our five couse meal and special thanks for helping my find my new boyfriend." ~Macey Filipek

"Thank you so much for the snacks and the book tasting and the opportunity to see and explore all those books! I appreciate you guys encouraging us to get more involved in the library and books, I think it is very important and some of us need to use our library as an advantage for more learning." ~Kalyssa Schock

"Thank you PTO for providing the "5 course meal" to us, it was quite tasty. Thank you for exposing us to new books in a fun way, it was very enjoyable. Also thank you for taking the time out of your day to do this for us." ~Justus Boos

"Thank you for the memorable experience of being able to decide on a book without looking at I's cover first. The 5-course meal was exquisite and delightful, I would 10/10 come back again." ~River Soto

"The effort put into attempted to get kids to dig deeper into reading is very much appreciated. I actually got _____ (one??) of the books I read yesterday! The 5 course meal was delicious, and I give it 5 stars! Special thanks to Mrs. Quinn for working hard to set up stations and deliver food all day." ~Landyn Miller

"Thanks for the snacks that you provided us with during our book reading! They were nice and tasty and I was hungry, so it was very nice. Thank you!" ~Patrick Conoly

"Thank you for supporting our book date day. It was tons of fun & was set up to perfection. Had an amazing time & would love to do it again." ~Cael Hilzendeger

"Thank you so much for the treats! On top of that, thank you for all you do for our school." ~Tanner E.

"Thank you for supplying our 4 course meal. BEST MEAL ever! I enjoyed this opportunity to find out about more books in a fun way!" (Sorry, I could not read their signature. Ironic. The "Thank You" is very nice & neat, but the signature is not. 😊)

"I like that you helped us with reading because most people don't read." ~Joe B.

"Thank you for the snacks at our book tasting yesterday. I loved the juice and slimjims. I appreciate how much thought was put into it." ~Chelsey Landsiedel

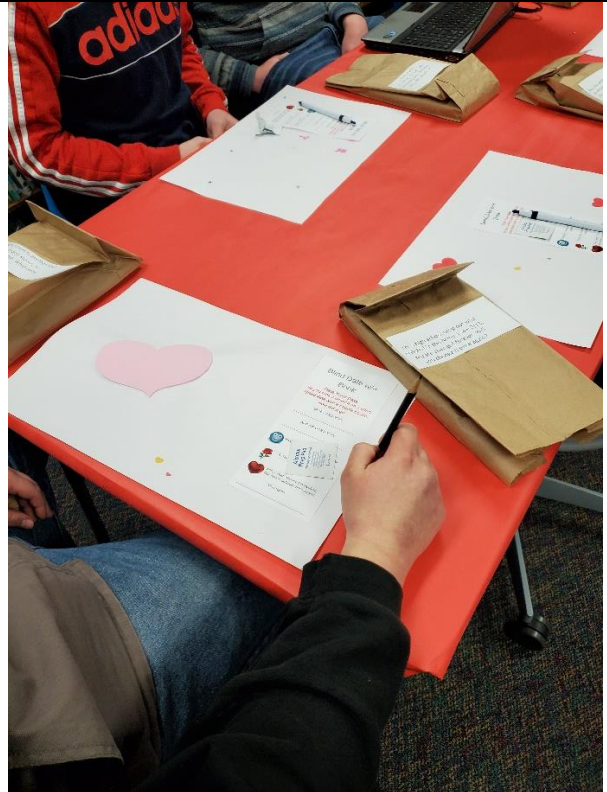
"Your five-course meal (snacks) for the Book Tasting Blind Date was oh-so tasty! It helped to enhance the blind date experience that Mrs. Quinn creatively put together for the students! WE really enjoyed all of it. THANK YOU!!!" ~Mrs. Kabanuk



A romantic restaurant, dates at the ready, soft lighting, and candlelight all set the mood for our Blind/Speed Date Book Tasting.



7th Grade party of 22? Your dates are ready and waiting!



Each student had a placemat while eating their 5-course meal. The little sheet is a "Rate Your Date" sheet to help them remember how well (or not!) their date went.



The "dates" were covered with a brown bag. The tag on the front gave a sneak peek of their personality. Students walked around the "restaurant" reading the tags & chose the date they found most interesting.



Some of our dates joined us virtually (AKA Digital Book Titles).



Some Junior boys rating their dates