

# Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Newsletter

## WHAT IS THE PTO?

The Parent Teacher Organization is first and foremost, a support system for the school. When the district is unable to provide funding or opportunities, the PTO steps up to help build a richer school environment.

*The most important part of the PTO is that it is a 501c non-profit organization. All proceeds come back to benefit the school. Due to this, all donations are 100% tax deductible.*

## HOW CAN I HELP?

**Become a PTO member-** have a vote in what we are doing this year (and be entered into a raffle)  
**Register to volunteer-**every event is run by parent and teacher volunteers. Help us any time!  
**Donate-**Simply write a check and make a difference whilst also earning a tax deduction.  
**Have your company match your donation-**Some companies will match your monetary as well as your volunteer hours with a donation of their own.  
**Collect Box Tops-** Ten cents at a time really adds up when we are all collecting together!  
**Attend a meeting-**Want to know what we have in store for the year? Have an idea you want to share? Have an idea of what we should change?  
**Eat out on one of our Dinner Nights-** Throughout the year, we will work with local businesses for a dinner night out. On these nights, any purchases made at the participating restaurant will count towards a donation to the school.  
**Shop for a cause-** Make Trace Home and School Club your charity of choice on Amazon Smile, Benefit Mobile and other fundraising programs.

## WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

Profits from the fundraisers can be divided into three major categories: Academics, Community Events and Teacher Support.

**Academics-** PTO provides funds for the science fair, STEM coding classes, class supplies and field trip busses to name a few. We also help to encourage our Visual and Performing Arts program (VPA) through supplemental equipment and instrument repair and maintenance.

**Community Events-** When your child remembers their years in elementary school, hopefully, it will be filled with memories of the fun events they shared with their classmates. We have movie nights, ice cream events and community gatherings throughout the year like our Fall Festival in October and Family Fiesta in the Spring.

**Teacher Support-** Every year, we raise enough funds to supply each teacher with classroom supplies. We also help to celebrate their hard work by hosting a luncheon and a coffee cart at least once a year. The PTO also supports the teachers by listening to their concerns and requests, collectively coming up with ways to help and then trying our hardest to accomplish those goals.

## HAVE QUESTIONS? CONTACT US

We look forward to another fantastic year. If you have a question, concern or suggestion, please feel free to contact any or all of us! You can reach the co-presidents at any time and we can figure out a solution or connect you with someone who can. Email Jeanette Marin and Liz Kessler (2019-2020 co-presidents) at [President@tracepto.com](mailto:President@tracepto.com)

WANT MORE INFO? [www.tracepto.com](http://www.tracepto.com)

# OUR THANKS

## VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED

None of this is at all possible without the help of our families. After all, the school is a community. All of the people helping to run the PTO are moms and dads like you. Please help us to make this year a success. Volunteer to help at an event, bring a baked good or just attend a meeting when you can. Becoming involved in any small way can make a BIG difference.



## INCENTIVES

We all know the joy on the faces of our children are enough of a reward to motivate us all to work really hard. If you are looking for a little more, however, we have you covered.

Free babysitting for all meetings! Sometimes a couple hours of adult conversation can make a tremendous difference.

Free Dress Bracelets! Throughout the year we will be rewarding meeting attendance with a free dress bracelet for your children. Give your child a prize and watch their eyes light up!

This year, volunteers will be receiving raffle tickets for every volunteer shift you work.

**WE WILL BE GIVING AWAY FOUR DISNEYLAND PARK HOPPER TICKETS TO ONE LUCKY WINNER!**

## WHERE DO WE START?

### Summer MOVIE NIGHT! August 9<sup>th</sup>

Come to the school and enjoy a free movie night before school has even started. Admission is free. Bring a blanket to sit on, a picnic to share or come to the concession stand for drinks and treats.

### Ice Cream Social! August 12<sup>th</sup>

The PTO sponsors the ice cream social before school. On this day, students can learn who their teacher will be, enjoy a FREE scoop of ice cream, and start to make the friendships that will last for years! This event is open to ALL students. Teachers will be in Kinderworld scooping ice cream and administration will be there to answer all of your questions. Remember to return your emergency contact forms for a special prize. We will also be selling Trace Tiger T-shirts! Don't forget, all proceeds come back to the school!

### BooHoo Breakfast! August 15<sup>th</sup>

The first day of school can be hard for Kinders and their parents. Help us welcome these new parents into the community. PTO will provide the coffee and orange juice at 8:30 in Kinderworld (behind K5). If you can, bring a baked good and come share your triumphs with the newest class of parents joining our school. Help us to make the BooHoo breakfast into the Woohoo breakfast!

## SAVE THE DATES (SUBJECT TO CHANGE) 2019

August 6, New Student Orientation  
August 9, Movie Night 6pm  
August 12, Ice Cream Social, KinderWorld 4-6pm  
August 15, BooHoo Breakfast, KinderWorld 8:30  
September 10, 7pm General Meeting, B-10  
October 8, 7pm General Meeting, B-10  
October 19, 11am-3pm Fall Festival  
October 25, Walkathon  
November 5, 7pm General Meeting, B-10  
December 3, General Meeting, B-10

### **2020**

January 7, 7pm General Meeting B-10  
January 24, Movie Night TBD  
February 11, 7pm General Meeting B-10  
February 10-14, Service Project TBD  
March 3, General Meeting B-10  
March 19, Science Fair  
April 6, General Meeting B-10  
April 24, 5-8pm Family Fiesta  
May 8, Staff Appreciation Luncheon  
May 12, 7pm General Meeting B-10

