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# PTO NEWSLETTER

## Thank You for your Support!

Dear Parents, Teachers and Administrators,

We hope everyone had a terrific first day of school and is looking forward to a wonderful first semester. We know going back to school is always hectic, but now that we've had a few weeks we are sure everyone is settled into their busy schedules and ready for all the great opportunities coming our way.

Our first official event of the year was Open House and WOW, was it great! First off, **thank you to all of the parent volunteers who worked the tables.** You made the entire event run smoothly and stress free! And secondly, thank you to all the families who stopped by our table to purchase a Spirit Shirt, join the PTO, donate to AAC, sign up for volunteering or just to pick up some information on who we are and what we do for the school. Drum roll please...with your help the PTO was able to pass our goal for membership and at this time we have **over 100 families joined and over 20 staff members...**and counting, there is still time to join if you have not already done so.

Our **first General PTO Meeting** will be held on **Thursday, September 7th at 6:00 pm.** Babysitting is available for students during the meeting and A-1 Fingerprints will be there from **5:30 pm to 7:00 pm** doing **Level II fingerprinting** (see blurb to the right). Please join us! Every meeting gives you a chance to ask questions, make suggestions, meet and talk with other parents and hear important information about what is happening at PASP. Our guest speaker is Matt Gunderson, Director of School Improvement and Quality Assurance at Superior. He will be giving us an update on our campus's new location. Also on the agenda is Ms. West who will be giving a school report including a Middle School information update.

In addition to sponsoring events and fundraising, the PTO also works to provide information and to open avenues of communication among parents, school administration and staff. There are many ways for you to find out what's happening:

- Go to the school website and click on "School Documents" at the left of the page. Scroll down to the PTO tab. This is where we post all of our general meeting minutes, newsletters, announcements and forms throughout the year.
- Read the PTO newsletter, which is published electronically monthly.
- Join the PTO and receive information via **Remind** on email or text (new this year and starting soon).

Last, but not least, **GET INVOLVED!** This is a critical time in your child's development and education. When parents volunteer for school activities at PASP, it gives them a chance to be a "fly on the wall," and get an inside view into their kids' school lives. The PASP PTO strives to provide many important opportunities to get involved.

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## Level II Volunteering

REMINDER - As a convenience to our families we have arranged for A+ Fingerprints to be at our first PTO meeting on **Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>** between **5:30 – 7:30 pm** doing Level II fingerprinting. Cost is **\$45.00** in the form of **cash or check.** Level II is good for 5 years. **THE VOLUNTEER FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE SCHOOL NO LATER THAN SEPT 1<sup>ST</sup> IN ORDER FOR YOU TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE.** Forms are available at the front office on the information table. Our front office staff has the list of people who are currently eligible to be fingerprinted that night.

## AAC

We are continuing our AAC Drive. The deadline for donations is **Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>.** Forms are available on the school website under the PTO tab and at the front desk information table.

We all know that our teachers spend their own personal money each year on classroom supplies and programs. Our AAC program helps offset these costs by subsidizing classroom with funds that will have a **direct impact on our kids and how they learn!**

Every little bit helps so please consider making a **tax-free donation** in your name or your businesses on behalf of your student to their classroom(s), the extracurricular classrooms or to "Open Class" which will be split among the classrooms that receive lower or no funds.



## PTO Membership Benefits

Joining the PTO offers members many advantages such as **staying informed, getting connected, tapping into a network, being a role model for your child, voting and big raffles!** Join before our Sept meeting to be included our BIG RAFFLE – One Night Stay on St Pete Beach! **Membership is only \$10.00 per family.**

## Committees

Our PTO still **NEEDS TO FILL** several open committee positions for this year. These positions are the backbone of our PTO and are needed in order for us to continue to host programs and events for the students. Please stop by at the information table at the PTO meeting to discuss the details and see if one of these openings is a good fit for you!

- Family Fun Night
- Holiday STEM-A-Day Fair
- Holiday Gift Shop
- Teacher Appreciation - Luncheons/Week
- Recycling
- Food Drive
- Book Fair
- Field Day

We would like to send a HUGE thank you the following individuals for taking on a Chairperson position for the 2017/2018 school year:

**Christie Cambut & Leslie Weller** – Box Tops

**Mildred Hood** - PTO Hospitality

**Carrie Sinwelski & Chaleeta Mullins** - Character Enrichment Breakfasts

**Tracy Henry** – Grandparent Luncheon

## DATES TO REMEMBER



8/8 – 9/22		Adopt-a-Class Drive
9/4		NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
9/5	8:00 am	Character Enrichment Breakfast
9/7	6:00 – 7:00 pm	PTO General Meeting
9/7	5:30-7:30 pm	Level II Finger Printing
9/8		Grandparents Luncheon
9/15	\$3.00	Kona's Ice
9/21	4:30 – 8:30 pm	Spirit Night – Astro Skates
9/25 – 10/6		Fall Fundraiser Drive
10/13		Box Tops Due
10/16		NO SCHOOL – Pro-Ed Day

## Volunteers Corner



The PTO is always looking for parents & guardians to volunteer. **Your participation and involvement is a way to show our students that you are interested in the success of our school.**

Please contact VP, Emma Bryan at [emmacaroline@earthlink.net](mailto:emmacaroline@earthlink.net) to discuss to various opportunities we have that fit your schedule and help your family fulfill the annual 30 volunteer hours.

## BOX TOPS

Clip, **download the App** and go online to enter sweepstakes! It all goes towards helping our school!

BUY 10¢ + CLIP + SEND = EARN \$

BUY: Buy eligible items  
CLIP: Clip the Box Tops coupon  
SEND: Send the coupon to school  
EARN: Earn cash for your school

WIN WITH GO-GURT  
10 SCHOOLS are now receiving 10,000 BOX TOPS!

**Please drop off clipped BoxTops to your teacher before Friday, Oct 13<sup>th</sup>**

We received our first deposit from for the **AmazonSmile**. With only the limited number of families who have signed up the amount was not big but it is a great start! If you have not already started using Smile please do so and thank you to the families who have been using this since we started the program last April!

**Sign up for AmazonSmile** using the following link. When asked "which charity to support" please choose: **Parent Booster USA Inc.**  
Our unique charity link:  
<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/46-3913060>



Check out our unofficial FaceBook Group page for the latest updates and information share with other parents! **Plato People**

## Friend-raiser!

A great time was had by all who attended the Friend-raiser on August 25<sup>th</sup>. The kids took over the playground and the parents got a chance to sit and chat. Although the Ice Cream truck was late (sorry) everyone was able to cool off thanks to **Liz Porcaro & Erik Almquist** who kindly provided all attendees with fresh cut watermelon and cold water! We have such great families at our school! **Should we have another? Let us know!**



# THANK YOU....

We would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous donations to our PTO and encourage all of our families to patronize these businesses.



## We want to hear from you...

Feel free to email us with any questions, ideas, suggestions or if you would like to become more involved with the PTO at: [storm@platoacademy.net](mailto:storm@platoacademy.net)

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