



Cold Spring/Swift River Newsletter

August 2019

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WELCOME BACK!!! It is the start of a new school year and we hope you will get involved with the PTO! New people are always welcome.

August & September Events

- Saturday, August 24 - "Play Date with the Principal" at CSS and SR. Freeze-pops for kids! Thanks to Emily Bambacus for organizing.
 - 9:00 am at Cold Spring School Playground
 - 10:30 am at Swift River Elementary Playground
- Monday, August 26 - Teacher Appreciation Breakfast at CS and SRS. Thanks to Anja Potter for organizing!
- Tuesday, August 27 - Open House at Swift River Elementary - PTO Table, 5-6:30pm
- Wednesday, September 18 - PTO meeting. Beginning of year meet & greet! Come together for an informal opening meeting. Come to the kickoff meeting to start the PTO with energy for 2019-20! We welcome new faces - mothers, fathers, and caretakers of children in the Cold Spring and Swift River Schools as well as teachers, staff and administrators! Come, meet others, and weigh in on this year's plans! Meetings will be held at 6:15pm at the Swift River Elementary School Library.

Executive Board

CSSRPTO welcomed a few new faces to the Executive Board. [Check out their bios on the website](#) and come and meet them at the 9/18 meeting!

Social Media

Have you noticed we have been active this summer on social media? Follow us and like us.... and please do share us with other parents and caretakers. You can choose how you'd like to get information on fun events, programs, and news from the the Cold Spring/Swift River Parent

Teacher Organization.

- Text Messages. Sign up at www.remind.com/join/cssrpto Our class code is @cssrpto
- Facebook. Like our NEW Facebook Page at www.fb.me/cssrpto
- Twitter. Follow us @cssrpto
- Instagram. Follow us @cssrpto

Wish Lists

Teachers submit wish lists (not a required school supply list) and we post them on our website. Please take a look and donate if you are able. www.cssrpto.org

Fall Raffle!!

It is going to be amazing this year! The Fall Raffle is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. Raffles prizes have been generously donated from many area businesses. Ticket packets will be sent home during the first few weeks of school. They will also be a PDF on our website soon if you prefer to print extras from home. Ashley O'Connor has been working all summer on this and she has received some wonderful donations. Stay tuned for more details and see baskets on our website and social media! **See a few pictures of baskets at the bottom of this newsletter.

Update on Finances

So what does the PTO do anyway?? Check out this Financial Report of average spending 2015-2019

69% Classroom Supplies (wish list items, educational programs in schools)

17% Teacher & Staff Appreciation

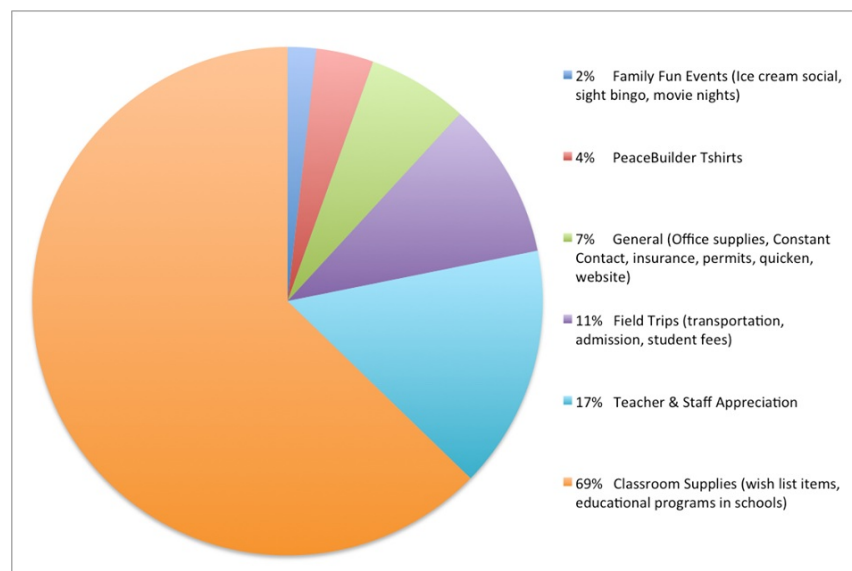
11% Field Trips (transportation, admission, student fees)

7% General (Office supplies, Constant Contact, insurance, permits, quicken, website)

4% PeaceBuilder Tshirts

2% Family Fun Events (Ice cream social, sight bingo, movie nights)

Thanks to our Treasurer, Melissa Preston for this report!



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Get involved in the PTO today!

Sincerely,
The PTO Executive Board

