

WELCOME BACK

Southeast Families!



Southeast PTO Newsletter, Fall 2019

The mission of SE PTO is to:

- enhance and support the educational experience at Southeast
- to develop a closer connection between school and home by encouraging parent involvement
- to improve the environment at Southeast through volunteer and financial support

The **Southeast Elementary PTO** would like to welcome all new and returning students and families back to school!

Every parent, caregiver, teacher and staff member is a member of Southeast (SE) PTO. There are no associated dues and everyone is invited to attend and participate in SE PTO meetings and events.

PTO's goal is to foster a nurturing and caring environment that strives for continued parent involvement in helping build a better educational environment for our children. We also promote a school community where teachers and administrators can do their best work with the resources we can provide and help make school fun. Through Southeast families' participation in our fundraising efforts, the PTO can donate funds to purchase educational materials and equipment for the school.

You may be wondering just exactly what do we do and what have we accomplished in the last year? Well, we are proud to tell you that Southeast families have done quite a bit to be proud of!

Recent contributions include:

- the **water bottle filling stations** that can be found near the gymnasium and the office
- **new tables and chairs** to enhance collaboration and student engagement in each pod (pod: the quadrants that our classrooms are divided into)
- **baby chick incubators** for our Kindergarten classrooms
- \$6,750 to purchase **books** for classroom use
- providing each classroom teacher with a \$100 Amazon gift card to purchase **items for their classrooms**
- showing **appreciation for our teachers and staff** during Teacher Appreciation Week and Parent/Teacher conference weeks
- **hosted fun and free (or minimal cost) events** for Southeast students and families like BINGO Night, Movie Morning, Skate Nights, Innovators Academy STEAM night, Southeast Power Reading Hour and the Summer Pool Party!



First PTO Meeting
Monday, Sept. 9
7:00 pm
Media Center

For the PTO to be effective and truly representative of the school, it is essential to have parental involvement from as many parents and caregivers as possible. Our first meeting of the year is Monday, Sept. 9 at 7:00 pm in the school media center/library. Many parents feel that they cannot be active in the PTO because they cannot come to every meeting or be at school during the day; this is simply not true. There are endless possibilities of ways you can help. Whatever your own level of flexibility, SE PTO always appreciates their parent, teacher and staff volunteers. Keep in mind that by volunteering, you will get to enjoy interacting with the kids, become friends with other parents, and accomplish things that truly make a difference.

We Can't Do It Without YOU

We strive to offer free, fun events for SE students and families all year long. Mark your calendar for the dates on the other side of this sheet so you and your kid(s) don't miss out! Want to help make these events a success?

Sign up at <http://www.southeastpto.org/sign-ups.html>

Whether you have 30 minutes or a couple of hours, your ideas, your time, and your talents are truly needed. We can match your time constraints and interests to needed tasks. We have many ways in which moms, dads, aunts, uncles, and grandparents can contribute. Please consider volunteering, it really does make a difference in the lives of our children!

SE PTO meets the first Monday of every month (the 2nd Monday in September) from 7:00 to 8:00 pm in the Southeast Elementary media center/library. As the year progresses and the event/activity committees come together, you will be contacted by phone and/or e-mail from committee chairpersons. Come and see first-hand how the students benefit from so many programs and all our/your hard work. Please join us - this is your PTO and as an active member you can help us achieve these goals. We need your ideas and your energy!



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PTO is publishing a Student Directory this year. What a great way to schedule playdates with classmates or invite school friends to birthday parties. Be sure to complete the online sign up to be included. More information coming soon.

PTO Event Calendar

August 20

Meet The Teacher Night & Ice Cream Social

September 24

Skate Night

October 18

Southeast Fun Run Fundraiser

primary fundraiser

October 31

Monster Mash Bash

November 21

BINGO Night

January 11

Pancakes with Parents

February 28

Family Fun Night

March 7

Movie Morning

March 24

Skate Night

April 16

STEAM event

May 16

Spring Picnic

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