



# SANBORN PTO NEWSLETTER



## Hello, Welcome Back Friends!

Dear Sanborn Families,

On behalf of the Sanborn Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! As we gear up for a year that promises to be like no other, our PTO Leadership is dedicated to supporting our students, families, teachers, and Sanborn staff in navigating this adventure! This packet includes important information to get our PTO year started. Additional information will be provided in our weekly newsletter and on our website.

## PTO Information PTO Board



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***If you have not received the PTO newsletter in the past, please  
email us [pto@sanbornpto.net](mailto:pto@sanbornpto.net) and we will add you***

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## **Collaboration between PTO and Sanborn team:**

This year, given all the unknowns and potential challenges we may face, the Sanborn PTO is dedicating our resources to supporting the students, teachers, and Sanborn staff in navigating this adventure. This will include working closely with Mr. DiCarlo and the teachers to identify and support the needs of students and the classrooms. We also look forward to working with the room parents to help us in relaying information to families and providing feedback to us along the way.

The PTO would like to help ease the burden on parents as well. At the start of the school year, a donation is usually collected by the Room Parents to put toward teacher gifts. For the 2020-2021 school year, the classroom parents will not be requesting this donation. Instead, the PTO will work with Mr. DiCarlo and the Room Parents to organize, purchase, and deliver teacher appreciation gifts throughout the year.

We kicked this initiative off with a Back to School Breakfast on Monday September 14th, supplied by Somebody's Place in Andover.

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## Stay Connected with the 2020-2021 Family Directory!

Support the PTO and connect with other families by participating in our Directory Drive fundraiser. The kick-off is September 28th- watch for more details in the coming weeks!

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### Room Parent Sign Up:

Zoom Call 10 am  
Friday, Sept. 18th:

Interested in being a Room Parent this year? Though things will look different, we hope you will consider getting involved as a room parent. This is a great way to be 'in the know' with your child's teacher and get involved this year, when typical volunteer opportunities may be unavailable. Responsibilities include maintaining open communication with your child's teacher and other grade level room parents, relaying information to parents, and welcoming new families to our community. This year the Room Parent Meeting to review this essential role will be coordinated virtually by Kim Millien, our Room Parent Coordinator.



For more details about the role, please contact Kim at [kimmillien@yahoo.com](mailto:kimmillien@yahoo.com). To sign up, please click [here](#).

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### First PTO Meeting:

**Thursday, October 1st at 7:00 pm**

Though we would love to see you all in person, our first meeting this year will be virtual! PTO meetings are a great way to stay informed on plans for the year, find ways to get involved and connect with the Sanborn community. Regular PTO meetings are held every other month, alternating between evening and morning, and feature a parent education topic. Our first meeting will be a panel of staff and teachers, ready to answer your questions! Questions must be

submitted ahead and we will do our best to address them all!! Please pre-submit your questions [here](#).

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## Kindergarten Virtual Meet-up:

Throughout the fall we will be focusing on communication and connection. The PTO Leadership will be coordinating virtual meetings to connect with our families and to allow you to connect with one another. We will begin with our Kindergarten kids Thursday, October 8th. For our youngest Bulldogs, the transition to Kindergarten is both exciting and overwhelming! We want to ensure families have a great start this year, despite the challenges we faced in hosting our typical meet and greets!



## Back to School Night:

**October 21st**

So, like most things, our Back to School Night will look a bit different this year! We are working closely with Mr. DiCarlo in an effort to create an event that embodies the spirit of our Sanborn Bulldog community and shows how we can rise to any challenge! More details will be shared about this event as they are finalized.

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## Don't be a Stranger!

The PTO would not function without the support of our wonderful volunteers. Please consider joining the fun! We are working behind the scenes to reimagine some of our annual events and community activities to meet social distancing guidelines. We will be updating you in the coming months on potential ways to get involved!

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Wishing you all a wonderful year!

Sincerely,

Lori Turgeon

Sanborn PTO President

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