



EXETER ELEMENTARY PTO

2017 - 2018

On behalf of the Exeter Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), we would like to welcome everyone back to school. For our new parents, welcome to our community - we're glad to have you!

If you're wondering, "What is the PTO?" – The PTO consists of parents and teachers of both the Main Street School and Lincoln Street School working together to provide our schools with funds, programs, resources, and services that will enrich and maximize the education of every child and benefit the school.

Thanks to our volunteers and fundraising efforts in 2016-2017, we were able to

- reimburse each of our teachers \$100 toward the purchase of classroom items.
- provide bus services for most of our school's field trips.
- invite artists, authors, and athletes to visit our schools and lead cultural enrichment programs.
- sponsor Lincoln Street's cross country track team.
- purchase 34 Google Chromebooks for classrooms at Lincoln Street and Main Street.
- purchase a shade structure for Main Street School's playground.
- host a Welcome Back Breakfast and Teacher Appreciation Day Luncheon for teachers and staff.

2017-2018 PROGRAMS & FUNDRAISING

To help us continue to serve our students and staff this school year please consider volunteering or supporting any of our fundraisers:

- **ANNUAL DONATION** - We appreciate anyone who's able to make a donation of \$10.00 (or more) to the Exeter Elementary PTO. We are a 501c3 non-profit organization and donations are tax deductible. All funds received go directly back to the Exeter Elementary community and students. Please place checks in an envelope labelled 'ATTN: Exeter Elementary PTO' and either
 - send the envelope to school with your child, or
 - hand deliver the envelope on any one of the Open House nights [September 7th (K), September 14th (3rd, 4th & 5th Grades), or September 21st (1st & 2nd Grade)].
- **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION** - We collect Box Tops all school year! Please send in any box top labels in an envelope or bag labelled with your: **Child's name, Teacher's name, Grade, and # of box tops**. All envelopes/bags will be entered into a drawing on the first Wednesday of each month and one winner from MSS and one winner from LSS will each be awarded a \$5 gift card to Water Street Bookstore.
- **ALUMINUM CAN DRIVE** - Drop off your aluminum cans anytime in the cage located at **Tiger Auto Works, 57 Epping Road**.

- CLOTHING DRIVE - Drop off your gently used clothing anytime in the bins located in the LSS parking lot.
- CHARLESTON WRAP SALES - In September we will be asking students and their families to fundraise by selling the beautiful and popular gift wrap offered only by Charleston Wrap.
- SQUARE ONE ART - This Fall we are partnering with Square One Art again to offer fun and unique keepsakes featuring your child's own artwork. Your child's personal catalog will be sent home this Fall and will be loaded with items that can be purchased just in time for the holidays.
- TEACHER/STAFF RAFFLE - During the 3rd Quarter we are partnering with the teachers and staff of MSS & LSS to raffle several unique and FUN activities that, for a small fee, your child can enter to win. These activities are always fun and provides your child with valuable one-on-one time with their favorite teacher or staff person!
- "GET FIT IN MAY" ROAD RACE - In May, the PTO will hold its LARGEST fundraiser focusing on the importance of being fit and healthy and including a 1-mile fun run (for our younger runners) and a 5K run/walk as well as other fun activities for the community.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are a small group in need of growth and are seeking volunteers to continue re-establishing the organization. If you're a parent, grandparent or guardian of one of our students and/or a teacher or staffer at either of our schools you're already a member of the PTO.

To become an active member,

- **Join us at our monthly meetings** to learn about recent activities and upcoming events; meet other parents; connect with your school principal, assistant principal, teachers & staff; and voice your ideas or concerns. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 3:15pm in the Main Street School Library. Meetings typically average one hour and child care will be provided.
- **Serve on the PTO Board:** we are still in search of a Secretary as well as the Hospitality Chairperson and Road Race Co-Chair.
- **Volunteer your time** to plan or run any of our fundraisers. Volunteer sign-up links will be posted on our Facebook page and emailed through the PTO email blast.

Our success is dependent on you and our community businesses who volunteer their time or provide fiscal support through annual donations, fundraising, and product donations.

Sincerely,

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