



Centerville Elementary PTA NEWSLETTER

December 2018

Dear Centerville Elementary School Community,

Christmas excitement is definitely in the air, and Centerville Elementary is no exception. What a wonderful time of year!

Thank you to those who responded to our School of Excellence survey. After evaluating the responses, the School of Excellence Committee has decided to focus this year on supporting the arts at Centerville Elementary. Our main objective is to increase student access to arts programs. Already, great things are happening! The school has purchased the "Meet the Masters" art program, which our teachers are integrating in their classrooms. We have an art show scheduled for February 28th where parents can come and see some of the student art. We are also hoping to start a school choir at the beginning of the school year. We ask for your ideas and help as we look for other ways to make the arts more accessible to the students. (There is a whole cart of ukuleles available for student use ... anyone??) For students to continue to have access to arts programs, this requires parent support and volunteer efforts. If you have talents in the arts that you would be willing to share, please send me an email or contact your child's teacher and ask how you can get involved.

We'd like to thank the faculty and staff for supporting PTA! 100% of the full-time faculty are PTA Members, and so are many of our part-time staff. If you haven't had an opportunity to join, please log in to your myDSD account and join today!

Thank you for your support and happy holidays!

Thank you!

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JOIN US!

Ways to become a member of Centerville Elementary PTA:

1. Sign in to your my DSD account. Click on "Payments", then "Optional Fees" and then add "PTA Membership Dues" and/or "PTA Donations" to your cart.
2. Visit and sign-up at the PTA table at any of the school events, anytime throughout the year!

Membership dues are \$6 per membership (or 2 memberships for \$10). We are also requesting a \$15 PTA donation for each student, or \$40 per family.

PTA MEMBERSHIP PERKS!

Thanks to all those who came to Movie Night and took advantage of our PTA membership perk! We gave out a lot of free popcorn coupons that evening! Also, congratulations to Anna Brinkerhoff and Kela Smith for winning our PTA membership drawing for November. They both won hand soap from Bath and Body works. Thank you for supporting PTA!

Reflections Update:

The Reflections participants will be recognized at an assembly on December 14th. The finalists representing our school have been selected and their entries have advanced on to the council level. A big thank you to Shalaun Howell, our Reflections Chair, for running another wonderful program this year!

How we used your PTA \$\$ in November:

- ILP Dinner for the teachers
- Reflections supplies and prizes
- PTA Luncheon for the teachers
- Geography Bee prizes



PTA Events

12/4/2018	PTA Meeting 12:30-1:30 pm, Room 12
12/12/2018	Reflections awards ceremony
12/21 - 1/1	Winter Break

Getting to Know your Centerville Elementary PTA Board:

Our FAVORITE holiday movies:

Melanie Larsen – Charlie Brown Christmas

Emily Shipley – It's a Wonderful Life

Tiffany Rees – Polar Express

Jen Chamberlain – White Christmas

Bryttin Jones – Miracle on 34th Street (1947 version)

Kim Wirfs – White Christmas

Mary Booth – Home Alone

Lara Gordon – Elf

Amber Wilkey – The Grinch Who Stole Christmas

Katie Beer – Elf

Caitlin Johnson – Love Actually

APPRECIATION SHOUT-OUTS

Thank you to Kristy Browning and her committee for providing such a nice dinner for our teachers during ILP Week. Also, thank you to Lara Gordon and Emily Shipley for putting on the Geography Bee for the students. And thank you to Kimberly Silverstein who clipped and sent in over 6,500 BoxTops for our School!!

Box Tops

Remember to send in your BoxTops! Please check the dates and make sure they haven't expired. Remember: It's **HIP to CLIP!**



Want to make a BIG difference at no cost to you? Please go to smile.amazon.com and select "Centerville Elementary PTA, location: Salt Lake City" as your charity. Amazon will donate a portion of your purchase price for certain items directly to our school. YAY!

CONNECT WITH US!

We'd like to invite you to follow us on Facebook so you can stay up-to-date on all things PTA happening at Centerville Elementary! Here is the link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2082166678765690/> Also, we welcome your comments and ideas! Please email us at: ptacentervilleelementary@gmail.com