



## **BOOTH FREE SCHOOL PTO**

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Dear Booth Free School Families,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! While many things have changed in the last 6 months, the BFS PTO remains committed to bringing our children many of the same activities we have come to cherish over the years. Our goal as PTO board members is to support children and collaborate with teachers, staff, and families to make sure each student has the best possible experience while learning and growing at Booth Free School. Please join us when we meet on Wednesday, September 9th and on the 3rd Wednesday of every month thereafter at 6:30 pm. **We encourage you to get involved wherever you can -- our BFS traditions are renewed each year with your participation!**

We would like to take a moment to introduce some changes to PTO programs and remind you of the many ways the PTO works in partnership with the BFS community. Check in often with the PTO website, [www.bfsptonews.digitalpto.com](http://www.bfsptonews.digitalpto.com). You can find a calendar synced with BFS; access PTO agendas, meeting minutes, and forms; donate directly to the PTO, donate through Amazon Smile or Stop & Shop, or browse teacher wish lists to donate items directly to your child's classroom. The PTO will continue sponsored events and services such as Spirit Wear, Book Fair, Lyman Orchard Pies, and Square 1 Art. Some services and events, such as Hot Lunch and the Ice Cream Social, will not be offered. While the pandemic continues, the PTO, Region 12 administration, and the Town of Roxbury will work closely together to determine the safety of school and community events in October, November, and December.

We do have immediate need for the following activities and programs:

- ★ The **Roxbury Community Legacy Garden**, a bird-friendly outdoor classroom across the street from the school, needs TLC in weeding and identifying plants. Reestablished a few years ago with the help of an Audubon grant, BFS science classes, and families, it has been neglected this spring and summer. Imagine your child actively learning in the garden!
- ★ The **Book Fair** needs a co-chairperson for a virtual fair this fall and, hopefully, a physical fair this spring.

Every PTO event happens because a dedicated group of volunteers gives their time, talent, and treasure! We cannot provide all the enrichment activities, community events, or fun without the help and cooperation of all our families. Can you commit to helping the PTO behind the scenes or during one event this year? Please complete our [Directory and Volunteer form](#). The **Booth Free School Directory** is distributed to every family and staff member and contains each family's contact information. Please complete and submit by the first day of school, August 31st! We like to get them distributed as early as possible, and can only do so with everyone's forms completed.

Thank you and we look forward to having a great year!

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