

Lone Pine Elementary PTO 2021-2022
Welcome!

The Lone Pine PTO is excited to welcome all new and returning students and families to Lone Pine Elementary School! Our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is a parent volunteer group that enhances our school community and your student's academic experience. By becoming involved in your child's school, you enrich the lives of not only your children, but of all of us at Lone Pine.

What does the PTO do? Our PTO provides a wide variety of programming that aims to make the Lone Pine student experience fun, educational, meaningful and memorable! Our annual events include programs such as an Art Fair that showcases our student's unique artistic creations, our annual Halloween Bash where we come together to celebrate as a community, and a fantastic end of year Spring Carnival. We provide programs that enrich our student's learning, such as cutting-edge assemblies, interesting author and artist visits, and Math Pentathlon. We pride ourselves in creating empathetic students who truly care about the world around them – along these lines, our PTO also focuses on various community service events and drives that highlight important issues and organizations.

This packet contains all of the different opportunities that exist at Lone Pine to become involved with the PTO this year. Whether you can volunteer once a week, or every few months, we hope you will get involved. Our active parent volunteer community makes our school unique and inviting. Our parents and staff have wonderful relationships, and, together, we all work as a team to make Lone Pine feel like a second home to your children.

We encourage each of you to support the PTO, so that we can continue to provide stellar programming for our children that our decreased district funding does not provide for. Your PTO membership dues not only fund all of the events, school programs and committees found in this packet, but also expenses related to your children's classrooms (projects, parties, books, technology).

In the pages that follow, you'll find important information, such as: a PTO membership form, school contact numbers, volunteer opportunities and descriptions, and a PTO calendar of events. We have exciting programs planned for this year, so please take some time to read about what the PTO has to offer.

On behalf of the Lone Pine PTO Executive Board, welcome! Looking forward to a wonderful year together!

Stacey Goodman
Lone Pine PTO President

Lone Pine School Resources

- Contact #'s:
Lone Pine Office: (248) 341-7300, hours are 8:30 am-4:30 pm
Attendance Line: (248) 341-7310
- To change your child's dismissal online go to:
<https://www.bloomfield.org/schools/lone-pine-elementary-school> and click "dismissal change form," OR contact the attendance line and leave a voice-message. Messages left after 3 pm on full school days and 11:30 am on early dismissal days, will not be checked until the following school day.

School Hours:

Start Time: 9:10 am

- Dismissal: 4:00 pm
 - Early Dismissal (on a ½ Day): 12:35 pm
- Latch Key Hours: 7:00 am - 5:30 pm
Lunch: 11:15 - 12:00 pm

The school is **locked** at all hours. You will need to ring the doorbell, and the office staff will allow you to enter.

Lone Pine Website: www.bloomfield.org/schools/lone-pine-elementary-school

Email Distribution List: Please follow these instructions –

- Visit www.bloomfield.org/about-us/connect-with-us and log into you're My Bloomfield account. This account should be automatically created for you. If you do not have an account, click the "create new account" link on the My Bloomfield login page.
- Hover your mouse over your name in the top left hand corner of your browser window.
- Click "subscriptions" in the drop down menu.
- Click "settings" to the right of "current subscriptions- email mailing lists (eNotify)
- Navigate to "available subscriptions." Check the boxes of the emails you wish to receive and then click the "update settings" button at the bottom of the window.

Staff Email Addresses: Each of our staff members can be emailed using the following format - First Initial, Last Name@bloomfield.org. For example, Dr. Mary Hillberry's email address is: MHillberry@bloomfield.org.

PTO Facebook Page: Please join our PTO Facebook page – **Lone Pine Elementary PTO** - to receive constant and up-to-date information on our many PTO events. The most current information and news can be found on our Facebook page and weekly Listserv.

Teacher Conferences and Report Cards: Parent/Teacher Conferences are held in September, November, and April. Report Cards are posted online in January and June.

Lunch Debit Cards: In previous years, pre-covid, debit cards have been used to purchase lunch, beverages and snacks. No cash was accepted in the lunch line. For this school year, there will be no debit cards needed to obtain a lunch, and all school lunches will be free for all students. If your child does not want a school lunch they are still welcome to bring in a lunch and snack from home.

Check Writing: As mentioned above, when writing checks to the school for any reason – filling lunch accounts, event attendance fees, yearbook or Spirit Wear orders, field trips – you will always make the check out to “Bloomfield Hills Schools,” and make sure you put your child’s name, and the purpose for the check in the Memo. For example, if this is for your child’s lunch account make sure to write “lunch account” in the memo line.

Food at Lone Pine

Food is not permitted at any event held during school hours. This is due to the increased number and variety of life-threatening food allergies in the school. Events and parties are extremely enjoyable for our students, but do not center on food items.

Food is permitted at PTO-sponsored events held before/after school hours, where parents are in attendance with their children.

Lone Pine is a **nut-restricted school**, and we ask parents to adhere to this policy when packing your children’s school lunches and snacks. This means all varieties of nuts, all the time. Selected classrooms may have additional food restrictions. Your child’s teacher will advise you as needed.

If you would like to celebrate your child’s birthday at school, consider donating a book or game to your child’s classroom. Contact your child’s teacher for further instructions. Birthday treats are not allowed. Lone Pine students and teachers appreciate the additions to their classroom libraries and indoor recess game collections! Make sure you write your child’s name and birthday inside the book/game you are donating so that they can be remembered for years to come.

We thank you for your support of these policies and for keeping our children safe!

Lone Pine School Holidays/Dates to Note:

Wednesday, Sept 8 - 1st Day of School, 1/2 Day (12:35 dismissal)
Thursday, Sept 16- No School
Monday, Oct 11- 1/2 Day
Friday, Oct 29- 1/2 Day
Tuesday, Nov 2- 1/2 Day
Tuesday, Nov 23-1/2 Day
Wednesday, Nov 24-Friday, Nov 26 - No School
Monday, Dec 20-Friday, Dec 31 - No School
Monday, Jan 17 - No School
Friday, Jan 28 - 1/2 Day
Friday, Feb 18- 1/2 Day
Monday, Mar 7 - 1/2 Day
Friday, Mar 25 - 1/2 Day
Monday Mar 28- Apr 1 - No school
Tuesday, Apr 12-No School
Friday, April 15 - No school
Tuesday, May 3 -No school
Friday May 27- 1/2 Day
Monday, May 30 - No School
Friday, June 17 - Last Day of School, 1/2 Day

PTO Meetings:

Tuesday, Oct 12- 9:30 am
Tuesday, Nov 9 - 10:30am
Tuesday, Dec 7 - 10:30 am
Tuesday, Jan 11 - 9:30 am
Tuesday, Feb 8 - 10:30am
**Friday, Mar 11 - Superintendent Dialogue, 9:30am
Tuesday, Apr 19- 9:30 am
Tuesday, May 17 - 9:30 am

Lone Pine PTO Executive Board

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Lone Pine & PTO Calendar of Events

Note:

- *Dates and times are subject to change.
- *Unless otherwise stated, events will be held at Lone Pine Elementary School.
- *All events are considered “as conditions allow” due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Dates:

Wednesday, September 1st Virtual New Parent Orientation Meeting, 6:30 pm
Friday, September 3 - Kindergarten Playdate, 10:30 am-12:00 pm
Wednesday, Sept 8 - 1st Day of School
Welcome Back Coffee, 9-10:00 am
Friday, Sept 17 -Welcome Back Pizza Party & Movie Night, 6:30 pm

Monday, Sept 13–Classroom Photographer & Room Parent Orientation Meeting, 9:30 am
Monday, Sept 13 - Curriculum Night, 6:30pm; Specials Info 6:30-7pm & Classroom sessions 7:00 pm and 7:35 pm (2 sessions)
Monday, Sept 20 & Tuesday, Sept 21 - Goal Setting Conferences
Friday, Sept 24 – Fun Run
Wednesday, Oct 6 Walk/Bike to School Day
Friday Oct 8 – Picture Day
Friday Oct 15- Donuts with Dudes, 8-9:00 am
Friday, Oct 22- Halloween Bash / Trunk or Treat, 6:00-8:00 pm (West Hills Middle School)
Friday, Oct 29 -Halloween School Parade, 9:30 am
Monday, Nov 8-Friday, Nov 12- Book Fair
Tuesday, Nov 9th & Wednesday, Nov 10 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
PTO Teacher Dinner
Monday, Dec 13- Friday Dec 17 - Bus Driver Appreciation Week
Friday, Jan 28 – Lone Pine Family Fun night, 6:30pm
Wednesday, Feb 14 – All School Assembly (*Note: School-wide student celebration for Valentine’s Day*)
Friday, Feb 18 - Bingo Night, 6:00-8:00 pm (West Hills Middle School)
Wednesday, Apr 13- Parent/Teacher Conferences
Spring Book Fair
Monday, May 2- -Friday, May 6 - Teacher Appreciation Week

Friday, May 13 – Kindergarten Orientation, 9:30 am
Friday, May 20 - Special Persons Day Picnic, 12:00 pm
Friday, May 27 - 3rd Grade Move Up Day
Wednesday, June 1 – Staff/PTO/Volunteer Lunch
Friday, June 3 – Carnival, 5:30-8:00pm
Friday, June 10 - Field Day
Thursday, June 16 - End of Year Picnic
Thursday, June 16 – 3rd grade party
Friday, June 12 – Last Day of School
3rd Grade Clap Out, 9:30 am

PTO Committees

There are many opportunities for involvement in the areas listed below. If interested in anything, please complete the volunteer sheet below, and a committee chair will be in touch with you.

Events:

Welcome Back Coffee – After you say goodbye to your kids, on the 1st day of school, join us for coffee and to mingle with other parents outside.

Back to School Pizza Party and Movie Night – Hope you will join us on Friday, Sept 10 at 6:30 pm! This is a wonderful way to kick off the school year, meet our teachers, and get to know other families.

Bingo Night – An evening of bingo, dinner and prizes. Bingo Night is a Lone Pine tradition, and it is lots of fun!

Book Fair – Week-long event where Scholastic Books are available for sale. The children will create wish lists for books they would like to purchase, and there will be several opportunities throughout the week for parents to come in and shop with them.

Bus Driver Fuel Up – Thank you receptions held for our wonderful bus drivers.

Curriculum Night – Beginning of the year evening for parents to get to know their child's teacher, and hear about what they will be learning throughout the year.

Donuts with Dudes – Kids can bring their favorite dude for a before school treat and activity.

Fun Run – One of our largest school fundraisers. The kids run laps around the lower fields in order to earn pledges that go towards supporting Lone Pine's PTO.

Halloween Bash – Held on a Friday night the week before Halloween at West Hills – Dress in costume, and come celebrate Halloween with the entire Lone Pine community.

The party will begin with Trunk or Treating in the parking lot. There will be dancing, dinner, treats and fun for all!

Kindergarten Playdate – Held before the start of school, this event is a great opportunity to meet our Kindergarten teachers and other families.

Pistons Night– Come cheer on the Pistons with your Lone Pine friends. Kids will even get to participate in a fan experience!

Special Persons Day Picnic – Your kids will enjoy a picnic lunch with a special person in their lives.

Spirit Days – Students can show their weekly school spirit by dressing in either Lone Pine Spirit Wear, or our school colors (blue and green), each Friday. On the last Friday of each month, however, students will have fun dressing according to that month's changing theme – for example, Mismatch or Crazy Hair Day. Sometimes money is raised for a good cause on these days, other times it is just to show school spirit together.

Spring Carnival – This carnival brings together the entire school to celebrate the end of another marvelous year together. Carnival games, inflatables, dinner, face painting, treats – it's such a good time!

Teacher Appreciation Week and Dinners – This one week in the spring provides a chance for the PTO and families to thank our unbelievable teachers and staff for all that they do for our children.

Third Grade Clap Out – This takes place on the last day of school, a clap out ceremony is held for 3rd graders to wish them well as they are exiting Lone Pine to begin their journey at West Hills.

Third Grade Party – This party celebrates our graduating 3rd graders.

School Programs:

Assemblies – PTO brings some excellent and interactive assemblies for the entire school. From STEM to a traveling Detroit Opera House children's group to assemblies on historical figures – we bring new assemblies to the school each year that our kids love taking part in.

Author/Artist Visits – Both authors and artists are brought in by the PTO to share their work and creative process with the students.

Box Tops – Download the app Box Tops for Education on your smartphone and start scanning your grocery receipt for all the grocery box top items you purchase!! This committee monitors Box Tops collected throughout the year to raise money for Lone Pine. Raffles and contests are held, and students can win prizes and class parties for participating.

Bulletin Board – Check out our PTO bulletin board, outside the school office, information on current PTO programs and events.

Classroom Photographers and Room Parents – We will be looking for the following for our classrooms this year: 1 Classroom Photographer to make sure great pictures and moments are captured for the annual yearbook; 1-2 Room Parents to work with their classroom teacher to coordinate volunteers, class projects, and distribute information to families. Specialist Room Parents will also be needed to help our Art, Music, P.E., Spanish, and Media Center teachers.

Family Connection - A Lone Pine/West Hills Middle School parent group designed for international families, families new to the district, or anybody who wants to make new friends. Monthly meetings will help families make connections, provide support, and answer any questions about the schools, area resources, or culture.

Hospitality – Providing snacks and drinks at many of our PTO events held over the year.

Junior Achievement – Kindergarten through 2nd grade students receive an education in economics during the spring. Volunteers are needed in each classroom to teach this topic in an age-appropriate and creative way.

Math Pentathlon – Interested students participate in interactive problem-solving games that strengthen basic math problems and skills, and stimulate creative thinking ... all while having fun with their peers! The program runs throughout the year, and culminates with a spring tournament.

School Beautification – Making the school a beautiful and welcoming place to be. This committee often works in conjunction with the Michigan Green School Chairperson.

School Store – 3rd graders will participate in an optional monthly seminar teaching them about economics, customer relations, product selection, the importance of supporting local businesses, and creativity. 3rd grade students and parent volunteers will then implement these teachings by running Lone Pine's School Store for the remainder of the year.

Spirit Wear – Show your school spirit by purchasing various Lone Pine items for sale to raise funds for the PTO.

Student Action Team – Student representatives are chosen per class to learn about important community organizations and issues, and they relay these messages back to their classmates. The kids organize collection drives and bring awareness to the school. Several groups are formed, during the year, allowing different students to participate.

Yearbook – End of year publication, available to purchase, highlighting that school year's special moments.

Committee Representatives:

Allergy Awareness – Parent volunteers dedicated to the safety of our student population and raising awareness regarding food allergies.

BHS Foundation - Parent volunteer who serves as a liaison with the BHS Foundation

Global Education Team– Parent and teacher representatives serve on the district's committee that ensures Bloomfield Hills Schools are equitable and inclusive, and that our students are given the proper tools to be members of a meaningful global society.

Leadership Team – Parent volunteer who serves on a faculty committee that oversees curriculum, programs, and the school's Primary Years Program.

Legislative Representative – Parent volunteer who keeps the school informed about relevant/current educational state legislation.

Michigan Green School: Parent volunteer who works with teachers and the principal in order to prepare and submit the Michigan Green School application - for designation as an "Evergreen" Michigan Green School.

PTO Volunteer Opportunities

Lone Pine PTO offers a variety of opportunities to be part of your child’s elementary school experience, and these events cannot happen without you! We are looking for volunteers to make these events happen. If you would like to volunteer in any of the areas listed on the previous pages, please let us know. You may turn this into your child’s teacher, or to the office, Attention: Stacey Goodman or email Stacey @ npstaceyg@gmail.com.

Thank you!!

Yes, please sign me up to volunteer for a committee!

NAME: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

COMMITTEE NAME(S)

- 1.**
- 2.**
- 3.**
- 4.**
- 5.**

SUPPORT THE PTO!!

With decreased public school funding, supporting our PTO is more important than ever! With your support, our PTO can continue provide events and programs that are NOT provided by the school, such as:

- Assemblies
- Community Service Days
- Math Pentathlon
- Fun Run
- Art Fair
- Playground Renovations
- Spring Carnival
- Author and Artist Visits
- Classroom Resources & Technology
- ... and so much more!**

Getting involved with the PTO allows you to:

- Volunteer in the school
- Stay informed
- Create new student programs
- Meet other parents
- Make your voice heard

Support our PTO by joining today. The cost is \$25/family. There are a couple ways to join the PTO.

- Send a check in an envelope labeled PTO in your child’s folder and return it to school. Please be sure to make the check out to Bloomfield Hills schools and put the comment “PTO dues” in the memo line of the check.
- Sign up electronically by accessing your child’s community pass account (this is the same location where you would add money to your child’s lunch account).

Last Name: _____ First Name(s): _____

Child 1: _____ Teacher/Grade: _____

Child 2: _____ Teacher/Grade: _____

Child 3: _____ Teacher/Grade: _____

Email: _____

Questions? Contact Stacey Goodman npstaceyg@gmail.com

Class Photographers and Room Parents 2021-2022

Are you interested in being a Class Photographer or Room Parent this year?

A **Class Photographer** takes pictures of the classroom students at various events throughout the year, so that these special moments are not missed and can be represented in our annual yearbook. 1-2 per class will be needed.

A **Room Parent** works with their classroom teacher to coordinate volunteers, class projects, and to distribute information to parents. 1-2 per class will be needed. Room Parents are also responsible for coordinating the Classroom Basket for our Parents Night Out Fundraiser.

Specialist Room Parents will help in our Art, Music, Spanish, P.E., and Media Center classes. 1-2 per area will be needed.

Applications are due by Friday, September 10th. If chosen, there will be a Virtual Orientation Meeting on Sunday, September 12th at 7:30pm. A zoom link will be emailed to you to join the meeting.

Questions? Contact Sarah Stricher (saradoo15@hotmail.com)

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You can return this form to the office, Attention: Sarah Stricher (PTO Room Parent Coordinator), or email Sarah (saradoo15@hotmail.com) to let her know the below information by **September 10**.

Yes! I would love to volunteer as the:

(Check 1)

Class Photographer ___

Room Parent ___

Specialist Room Parent in the area of: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Classroom: _____

Have you previously served as a Room Parent?

(Circle 1) **Yes** **No**

*Please note that if you have multiple children at Lone Pine, we ask that you choose **One** class to be the Class Photographer/Room Parent in. Thank you!