



Hello! We are the Lewistown K-8 Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), a group of parents and teachers, just like you, who come together to help our K-8 schools be the best they can be. We've been getting a lot of questions lately about who we are and what we do so we thought this would be a great way to do just that! If, after reading this, you still have questions or would like more information, please reach out to us at [lewistownk8pto@gmail.com](mailto:lewistownk8pto@gmail.com) or call/text Mariah Shammel at 406.855.0297 or Ashley Morris at 406.366.9667. We would love to hear from you!

### What Does the PTO Do?

- \* We fundraise to help make student field trips available to everyone
- \* We show teachers appreciation through snacks, cash gifts to spend on classroom wishlists, and more!
- \* We provide schools and clubs the extra funds they need to put on special events and activities
- \* We help schools get the volunteers they need for classroom activities and school events

### How do we do it?

With lots of small (or large!) contributions of time or money from parents, local businesses and community members!

### NEXT MEETING

**November 21, 6:30PM at the Civic Center.**

Elections for both Vice President and Secretary will be held. Meetings are always the third Monday of each month, same time, same place. Come and be heard!

### Thanks to you, Carnival a HUGE Success!

Whether you took the time to bring your family, helped run games, brought treats for the Cake Walk, decorated the Trade Center, supported us financially, or anything in between, you all made October's carnival a huge success! Thanks to the combined efforts of our amazing community, you brought in more than \$31,000, with over

\$17,000 coming in just from ticket sales. That's right, our students made this the most successful fundraiser to date in K-8 PTO history! After expenses, that puts around \$27,000 back into the K-8 schools in our community, allowing our teachers and classrooms the ability to do things they otherwise would not be able to do. Due to the exciting results of the carnival, as well as an interest in wanting to try new fundraising efforts, the PTO will not be participating in the Great American Fundraiser this year. We know some people will miss the wrapping paper and chocolates but we also know staying relevant and being willing to try new things is important. So thank you, Lewistown! You have shown us what can be done when community comes together for one shared purpose and we are all so grateful for that.

Please return this portion to your child's teacher.

## Join Us!

Whether you have more time than money or more money than time, there are tons of ways to participate, contribute and dip your toe in the PTO water

(Please make a check mark next to your choice)

\$ 1: I want to volunteer! I've checked my preferences on the back of this sheet.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (You pick your donation): I would like to give a bit extra to help with all the exciting opportunities the PTO allows our Lewistown students.

I want more information before making a decision; please contact me!

Your Child's/Children's Names and Teacher Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact me by (circle): text/email/phone

(Complete reverse side)

# THANK YOU to all of the area businesses, organizations and individuals who supported our K-8 PTO Carnival! Be sure to show your appreciation by shopping local this year.

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| Allied Steel                                  | Central City Auto & RV         | True Value                    |
| 406 Design                                    | Fleet Wholesale Supply         | Yogo Inn                      |
| Ballyhoo Printing & Design                    | Huffine, McMillan, Arntzen &   | Central Montana Variety Store |
| Instructional Media Center/<br>Kristin Rутten | Ruckman, CPAs                  | Rindal Oil                    |
| Central Drilling                              | Lewistown Physical Therapy     | Snowy Lanes                   |
| Lisa Stainbrook Karaoke                       | Northwest Farm Credit Services | Town & Country Foods          |
| Fergus Electric                               | 618 Coffee                     | Central MT Youth Mentoring    |
| Anonymous                                     | Ace Hardware                   | Central Montana Shrine Club   |
| Fergus Federal Credit Union                   | Albertson's                    | Lewistown Soccer Club         |
| HCR, Inc.                                     | Alpine Floral                  | The Hungry Hideaway           |
| Jamison Door Company                          | Blue Line Taxidermy            | Montana Cheesecake Co.        |
| Lewistown Insurance                           | Lewistown Area                 | Chicken Chariot               |
| Lewistown Livestock Auction                   | Chamber of Commerce            | Full Curl                     |
| McKenna Agency                                | Coffee Cup                     | Stockyard Bar                 |
| Peak Electric                                 | Creel Funeral Home             | FHS Drama Club                |
| Seiden Drug                                   | Intermountain Distributing     | The Mint                      |
| Bank of the Rockies                           | Judith Mountain Lodge          | Brooks Market                 |
| Bighorn Physical Therapy                      | Krings Greenhouse              | Doc's OK Korrall              |
| Greater MT Land Company                       | Lewistown Art Center           | El Rancho Alegre              |
| Lewistown Honda                               | Lewistown City Pool            | McDonald's                    |
| Moen Family Dental                            | Lewistown Coffee Company       | Subway                        |
| O'Dells Small Engine Repair                   | Long Livestock                 | Dash Inn                      |
| Pat & Ashley Morris                           | Montana RANCHERS Beef Co.      | Central Feed Grilling Co.     |
| Stockman Bank                                 | Rising Trout                   | Fergus County 4-H             |
| Wells Fargo/Carlee Knox                       | Showdown Montana               | TORCH                         |
|   | Snowy Mountain Mudd            | Montana Army National Guard   |

**A big thanks also goes out to the Carnival Committee, K-8 principals and secretaries, and all the teachers, parents and students who sold tickets and volunteered. Together, we did it!**

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## VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Let us know what you're interested in (please mark any that apply):

- Attend monthly PTO meetings | Have a say in how the PTO runs. We try to keep these short and sweet (and fun); the more, the merrier!
- Fall Carnival Planning | It's our BIGGEST fundraiser of the year! Help us plan the event, put raffle baskets together, decorate, run games and concessions, set up/tear down, solicit donations, etc.
- Teacher Snacks | Make or buy snacks and deliver to the school of your choice; pick any month throughout the year and choose whatever day in that month works best for you
- Teacher Appreciation Week | In May, help plan gifts/snacks/show of appreciation for our amazing teachers
- Fundraising Team | Come up with new ideas, help with the long-standing ones, and help organize events for the Lewistown K-8 PTO
- Help with book fairs
- Other ideas? We want to hear them! \_\_\_\_\_