January 2024

PTO Newsletter

A parent-teacher organization (PTO) gives parents and teachers the opportunity to work together to supplement and enrich the educational experience. Our SMPTO will work collaboratively to meet the needs of all students and support full inclusivity.

2024 PTO President's Message:

Dear Shale Meadows Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year! I hope this message finds you all well and that you had a wonderful holiday season filled with joy and laughter.

As we usher in the new year, we are excited about the opportunities and possibilities it holds for our school community. The PTO has some exciting plans in the pipeline, including upcoming fundraisers, community-building events, and initiatives to enhance the learning experience for our students.

We encourage all parents to get involved in the various PTO activities. Whether it's volunteering for an event, joining a committee, or attending PTO meetings, your contributions make a significant impact on our school community. If you have any ideas, suggestions, or if you would like to volunteer, please reach out to us at any of the email addresses below. We value your input and involvement.

On behalf of the PTO, I want to extend our warmest wishes for a prosperous and successful new year. May it be filled with joy, accomplishments, and memorable moments for you and your family.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and here's to a fantastic 2024 at Shale Meadows!

Best regards,
Jennifer Lukas

Yearbooks now on sale! *Order one here!*

SME Night at the Berlin Basketball Game

Come cheer on the Berlin Bears boys' basketball team, Friday January 19th at Berlin High School. Varsity game time is 7:30 pm. SME students get free admission with a paying adult. Ticket prices at the door are $10, or can be purchased in advance here: Berlin Bball Tickets.

Note that a ticket gets you in to all 3 games, starting with the Freshman team at 4:30 pm.

Save the Date: 2nd Annual Talent Show

Calling all dancers, singers, jugglers, martial artists, and all other talented SME students! The 2nd annual SME Talent Show will take place in March. Details are below:

Show Date: March 21

Time: PreK – 2nd grade: 5 - 6:30
3rd – 5th grade: 7 – 8:30

Location: Berlin Middle School

Dress Rehearsals: 5 – 6:30 pm, at Berlin Middle School
March 19: PreK – 2nd grade
March 20: 3rd – 5th grade

Upcoming Events

Jan. 15: MLK Jr. Day, No School
Jan. 16: PTO meeting, 6:30 pm in the school library
Jan. 17: 4th & 5th Grade Choir Concert, 6 pm
Jan. 19: SME night at the Berlin Basketball game
Jan. 22: Community Conversation at SME; Levy Facts, 6:30 pm

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