March 2024

PTO Newsletter

We aren't quite to spring yet, but it is in the air! If you intend to plant spring flowers, or maybe tomatoes or strawberries this year, why not purchase them through the Spring Flower sale? It is easy to purchase the plants online, then pick up at the school in May. And for those of you who may not have the greenest thumb, these are high-quality and hearty plants, that in my experience, have survived a full week+ without rain or watering. *-Elizabeth Beach*

PTO Dollars at Work





Did your student recently come home talking about a visit from the Columbus Zoo? How fun to see a sloth, penguin and macaw in your own school! These wonderful enrichment activities can only happen through support of the PTO.

In addition to supporting students, the PTO supports teachers for all their hard work and dedication. During the February Parent -Teacher conferences, the PTO provided dinner both nights for all teachers and staff.

Thank you parents for your support in fundraisers like the Fun Run, which allow the PTO to continue to enrich the lives of students and support our wonderful SME teachers.

It's time to get involved in the PTO!

It takes a village to keep all the PTO activities going. In March we have the 2nd Annual Shale Meadows Talent Show and in May we have Donuts with Grown-Ups. In addition, there are less visible activities that are always happening. Did you know that teachers request PTO funding for field trips? All of this takes review and coordination. That is where we need your help!

The PTO is actively seeking volunteers to get involved with events and start thinking about joining the PTO board next school year. Not sure where to start? Join an info session on **April 2nd** at **6 pm** in the **SME Library**. PTO elections will be held May 7th at 6:30 pm in the library.

NEW PTO Social Media Pages

- There are now PTO specific Facebook and Instagram pages to keep you connected to all things SME PTO!
  - SME PTO Facebook Page
  - Instagram - Shale Meadows Elementary PTO

Note that Shale Meadows Friends (Facebook page) and Shale Meadows Elementary (Instagram) still exist for all SME related matters

Upcoming Events

March 6: SME Multicultural Night, 5:30 – 7:00 pm.
March 8: No School, teacher work day
March 14: 5th grade musical, 6 pm
March 21: SME Talent Show, Berlin Middle School
PreK-2 5:00-6:30 pm
3rd-5th 7:00-8:30 pm
March 25 – 29: No School, spring break
April 2 – PTO Info Session, 6 pm in the library

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Monarchs in the Meadows, Make today Amazing!