

Westchester PTO

Who: Anyone who has a child attending Westchester is a member of the PTO!

PTO Exec Board: A President, Vice-President, 2 Treasurers, Secretary, and the sitting president from the previous year meets monthly to prepare the budget and review grants for the PTO meeting.

PTO Committee Chairs: The amazing parents of Westchester volunteer their time and creativity to the various committees that promote our sense of community, outreach, and fundraising. These individuals report at the monthly PTO meeting on their progress, needs etc.

Art Liaison: A PTO parent works with Dr. Beckerle to coordinate the Art Department fundraiser "Art to Remember" and coordinate art displays in and around the school throughout the school year.

Bulletin Boards: A PTO parent coordinates displays within the PTO's bulletin boards throughout the school year.

Buzz Book: A PTO parent works with the office staff to gather, organize and create the phone/address book.

Cardinal Night: Coordinates the date & ticket sales for a Cardinal baseball game

Chess Club Representative: Coordinates parent volunteers for chess morning and works with Chess Teacher on any needs that may arise.

Dining Out: Coordinates with local restaurants to offer Dine Out events where a portion of the restaurant's proceeds come back to Westchester.

Family Fun Night(FFN): Chairs coordinate this WE fundraising/community event! The chairs lead the committee heads for Volunteer Coordinator, Tickets, Book Walk, and Decorations. Come play carnival games and socialize. Tickets are sold ahead of time. A silent auction and sign-up/poster parties help top off the night!

FFN Auction: A parent committee solicits donations and sign up parties for FFN.

Father Daughter Dance: Plan and host the winter dance for dads and daughters.

Field Day: Work with the PE teachers to organize volunteers for Field Day in May.

Grandparent/Special Person Day: Parents plan/coordinate with the grade level teachers and administration a special day for Grandparents/Special Persons.

Greentree Parade – Float/Candy: Every September the Kirkwood community celebrates the Greentree Festival. Westchester parents build a float for the parade. Parents collect candy and separate it into bags for the kids to hand out in the parade. Students and families march in the parade to show our school pride.

Ice Cream Social – Parents coordinate the volunteers & supplies for the ice cream sundae bar at the Fall & Spring Book Fairs. This is a free event for all WE families.

Information Court – A parent sets up tables/signs and communicates with the clubs and activities for the information court at Meet the Teacher Night.

Yearbook: A committee of parents coordinates the yearbook for the students. PTO funds the memory book so that every child at WE receives a book.

Welcome Committee / New Parent Rep: A group of parents contacts new families and assigns them a buddy family. They answer questions and assist new families with the transition to WE. They work with new families throughout the year. Hosts a welcome luncheon and delivers welcome signs.

Public Relations: Parents monitor & create posts on the WE PTO Facebook page. Also in charge of coordinating the PTO section of the weekly email.

Room Parent Coordinators: They coordinate snacks during the 2 class parties. As well as work with teachers for communications throughout the year.

Scholastic Book Fair Fall/Spring: Parents work with Ms. Cobb on the two Scholastic book fairs, one in the spring and one in the fall. This is a Westchester library fundraiser where the PTO offers volunteers to assist at the Book Fair.

School Supplies: Coordinates with teachers and the company to handle the school supply purchase in Spring. Handles delivery of product in August.

Spirit Wear: Parents coordinate the purchases and distribution of spirit wear. All purchases occur in August and distribution in September.

Staff Appreciation: Parents coordinate monthly snacks, special event meals, and teacher appreciation week. This includes planning the activities and obtaining the volunteers to bring in items. Teacher Appreciation Week is in May.

STEAM: Parents work with the teachers to plan STEAM nights at the school. They also promote the science fair and help guide families through the process.

PAC - SSD Representative: Host meetings for anyone that would like to discuss special needs or educational questions. Coordinate WE's Special Olympics involvement.

Teacher's Favorite Thing: Manage google documents with Teacher's list of their favorite things.

Trivia Night: Parents plan and organize an adult only trivia night and auction. The event is the largest fundraiser for our school. The parents solicit local businesses for sponsorship, pick a theme, obtain the questions, and run the event.

Trivia Auction: A parent committee solicits donations & sign-up parties for Trivia.

Culture Night Liaison: The parents plan/organize events to help kids learn about different cultures (i.e. Cultures of Westchester Night).

WE Free: Coordinates the various fundraisers in the community that support schools (Schnucks eScrip, Box Tops, Shoparoo)—*ongoing all year!*

WE Give: Parents plan and launch our direct cash donation program in August. They create the theme and giveaways to promote the program.

Welcome Back Coffee: Coordinates the Parent Coffee on the first day of school.

Westchester Wee-Ones: Parents plan events for future Westchester students to meet their future classmates and get a chance to visit Westchester.

Mother Son Dance: Plan and host the Spring dance for moms and sons.