

# Corl Street Chronicle

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## From the PTO Presidents

Thank you to all of the parents who have helped with PTO related matters this year. We appreciate your help!!! As a reminder, the PTO relies heavily on parent volunteers to be able to do what we do for your children and their school. We currently have several volunteer positions open and are in need of your assistance. Please consider volunteering with the PTO to be a part of all the great things we do.

Take care,

Samantha and Mike Banning

## From the Principal

We're in the home stretch for the 2020-2021 school year and there is a lot happening. Cougars are working hard to show PAWS behaviors at recess.

Each week, classes are working toward earning 🍦 ice cream scoops 🍦 with the hope of earning the ice cream truck at the end. They're all off to a great start! **EXPO** is coming up, and you'll be learning about **Read to Feed** as well over the next week. Our teachers continue to amaze me day in and day out.

**May 3-7 is Teacher Appreciation Week** and we look forward to celebrating our beloved faculty and staff. Thank you so much to the wonderful PTO for all you do to support the teachers and students at Corl Street.

Dr. Kelly Mark

## Corl Street EXPO 2021 is coming May 12th!

Record your student's performance/presentation on Flipgrid: <https://flipgrid.com/9ea2dafc> or bring your student's STEAM project to school! Let Mrs. Kate Hooper (5th grade teacher) know about your student's performance or project by completing the form that came home from school.

**Next PTO Meeting is May 4, 2021 at 7 PM on Zoom**

🌸 **No school on April 30th** 🌸

## Get in Touch!

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The **PTO needs volunteers** for several positions for the next year:

**Treasurer:** Handles the PTO budget, deposits funds, writes checks, creates monthly reports for PTO meetings.

**Committee Chairs:**

Cougar Cat Run: Sets up online fundraising, organizes sign-up for day-of-event volunteers (if in person), and delegates helpers for handling things like contacting corporate sponsors, creating a playlist, etc.

Spirit Sale: Contacts local t-shirt company about ordering, takes orders, sorts orders when they are delivered.

Box Tops: sorts physical Box Tops for twice per year mailing (minimal effort). Serves as liaison for school's online account.

5th Grade Recognition: Works with 5th grade parents to organize a recognition or celebration in late May or early June. Should be a parent of an upcoming 5th grader.

EXPO: Works with teachers and other parents to organize the Corl Street EXPO (either online or in person).

**Committee Co-Chairs/Helpers:**

PTO Directory: Sets up Corl Street PTO in membership toolkit account. Manages requests for paper copies. Needs someone to help next year and take over following year.

Field Day: Works with Mr. Hoover and others to organize Field Day in June. Gets day-of-event volunteers, organizes prizes, etc. Current chair needs someone to help and learn the ropes.

If you are interested in helping out or have questions about what these committees/positions entail, please let **Sonya Miller (sonyakm@gmail.com)** or **Samantha Banning (sjzbier01@hotmail.com)**



**Box Tops Reminders:** Download the Box Tops app from the App Store or Google Play Store, buy products that have the Box Tops logo, scan your store receipts with items that have the Box Tops logo, and earn cash for the Corl Street PTO Sunshine Fund. Any physical Box Tops can be returned to the main office.

**FREE FOOD**

SCASD Food Services has meals available for any child under the age of 18. Meals must be ordered before 7:00 AM on Monday. A confirmation email will be sent to the email address provided on the order form by Tuesday. Pick-up will be at the North Athletics/Delta Building on Wednesdays. More information about free meals at school or for home can be found here: <https://www.scasd.org/Page/1046>

 **SUNSHINE FUND** 

If your family is in need of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact **Dr. Mark (kmp27@scasd.org)** or the school counselor **Shelly Blair (mrb44@scasd.org)**. The Sunshine Fund exists to help Corl Street families, and your request will be kept absolutely confidential.

## Hike the Appalachian Trail without leaving town on May 8-9th!

(an optional family event)

This spring, all K-12 SCASD students are getting to know the true story of Grandma Gatewood, the first woman to successfully hike the entire Appalachian Trail, and other inspiring Appalachian Trail through-hikers for **#SCASDReads!**

**When:** May 8-9, dawn to dusk

**Where:** 14 SCASD locations --each representing a state on the Appalachian Trail

**What:** Visit as many "states" as you can throughout the weekend -- 1, 2, or all 14!

\*At each stop, your group will learn facts about the trail, find clues, and tackle challenges.

### Extend the Fun at Radio Park Elementary School on May 8-9 from 2-4 PM

Register your family's hike, collect a special keepsake, enjoy the Grandma Gatewood story trail, and explore the nature playground (must be masked and distanced)!

Each School Represents a State Along the Appalachian Trail:

| School                                 | State          |
|--|----------------|
| Mount Nittany Elementary School        | Maine          |
| Mount Nittany Middle School            | New Hampshire  |
| Panorama Village Administrative Center | Vermont        |
| Spring Creek Elementary School         | Massachusetts  |
| Easterly Parkway Elementary School     | Connecticut    |
| Memorial Field                         | New York       |
| Delta Program                          | New Jersey     |
| State College Area High School         | Pennsylvania   |
| Corl Street Elementary School          | Maryland       |
| Radio Park Elementary School           | West Virginia  |
| Park Forest Elementary School          | Virginia       |
| Park Forest Middle School              | Tennessee      |
| Gray's Woods Elementary School         | North Carolina |
| Ferguson Township Elementary School    | Georgia        |

Please check out the SCASD Reads Elementary Webpage (<https://www.scasd.org/Page/39114>) for all the info! Students will also bring info home about the weekend event on the bookmarks they receive on **May 3rd** when they celebrate **Grandma Gatewood Day** at school. With their specials teacher, students will hear the story Grandma Gatewood Takes a Hike to learn about Emma "Grandma" Gatewood and the Appalachian Trail.

## **How has the PTO benefited Corl Street Elementary in 2020-2021?**

### **Items purchased with PTO funds for this school year**

- The Sunshine Fund
- Teacher Back-to-School Luncheon (catered)
- School supplies
- \$250 donation to the food bank
- School wide reward with ice cream truck
- Virtual field trips
- Winter hats and gloves
- School wide holiday gift (Usborne book/bookmark)
- Spare clothing for the nurses office
- Harvest party gift bags
- Funds to the diversity book fundraiser
- Teacher gifts
- Bags for school supplies and remote learning distribution
- Sensory walk in the school building
- Chalk for use at recess
- Umbrellas for kids to use for mask breaks
- Tents for outdoor learning
- Picture badges
- Garden project
- Yearbooks for 5th graders
- Music books for band classes
- 5th grade planners
- Yoga mats for the Kindergarten classes
- PAWS winner prizes
- Teacher stipends for teachers to purchase items needed for the classroom
- Art projects for the school
- Blacktop art mural