September 2024

PTO Newsletter

*On behalf of our **Parent-Teacher Organization**, we would like to extend a warm welcome back to all students, faculty, and families. We trust your first month back has been a resounding success. The PTO deeply appreciates the support we have received! Your contributions enable us to **enhance our school community** and **provide valuable resources for our students**. As the school year continues, **we invite everyone** to attend our upcoming PTO meetings where you can learn more about our upcoming initiatives, participate in planning discussions and connect with other members of our school family.*
*We look forward to another **successful**, **engaging** and **fun filled** school year,*
Kristina and Kate

Who (or what?) is the PTO?

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

All parents / guardians can join the PTO. Not sure where to start? Come to our upcoming meeting, September 10th at 6:30 pm in the Shale Meadows library. Listen in, participate as much as you are comfortable with, and be a part of our school community.

Upcoming Events

Sept. 6: SMES tailgate at the Olentangy Berlin HS football game; 5:30 pm at OBHS

Sept. 10: PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm in the SME library

Sept. 16: No school, Professional Development Day

Sept 17

Sept 18: School-wide Assembly, "The Ned Show, Mindset Mission"

Sept 19: Lunch Theme Day, Start with Hello Picnic

Sept. 20: Fun Run

Sept. 24: Give Back Tuesday at Whit's Frozen Custard of Lewis Center

Sept. 25: Fall Flower Sale pick-up, 4-6 pm

2024-2025 Fundraising Activities

There are 5 fundraising activities to support the PTO this school year. Two of them are happening in September: the Fun Run and new this year, the Fall flower sale

- **Fun Run – September 20**
  - The **biggest** fundraiser of the year! Students collect donations then run around the school parking lot, with stops to dance, hula hoop, and participate in other fun activities.
- **Flower Sales: Fall, Winter & Spring**
  - Purchase your seasonal flowers through Shale Meadows and receive beautiful flowers while supporting the school!
    - Fall Flower Sale – closes Sept 6, pick up on September 25
    - Winter & Spring – dates to be announced
- **Penguin Patch – early December**
  - Students shop for presents for friends and family members during recess or scheduled times during the school day. Part of the proceeds benefit PTO.

PTO at Work!

Thank you to the PTO and all the amazing parents who volunteered to make the Open House and Kindergarten Bootcamp a big success. Whether it was separating and carrying school supply boxes, setting up the photo backdrop, or any of the other tasks needed to make these events successful, THANK YOU!

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