



The Deerfield PTO works hard to support our school, our teachers and our kids! The more families that are involved in this work, the better! There are wonderful opportunities to get involved no matter what your schedule may be.

Throughout the year, we provide extra support for teachers and staff, enhance the school environment and organize exciting activities for our students.

**Want to stay in the know?**

PTO meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the Deerfield music room.

Join our Facebook page.

Sign up for PTO text reminders. Text the number 81010 with the message @ptodf.

If you have any questions or are interested in getting involved, please contact us at [ksdeerfieldpto@gmail.com](mailto:ksdeerfieldpto@gmail.com)

**Fundraising:**

Fundraising is critical to the PTO's ability to support and enhance Deerfield for our teachers and students. There are two committees to organize the fall and spring fundraisers and help develop innovative ways to generate resources for Deerfield.

Fall-Readathon

Spring-Eileen's Cookie Dough

**Room Parents:**

The PTO coordinates room parents and grade level representatives for each classroom at Deerfield. The room parents and grade reps work together to assist the teachers, as well as to plan three classroom parties each year - Fall, Winter and Spring. Families will be able to sign up online to be room parents and to help with class parties.

**Marathon Club:**

Students participate in the club by running or walking the course around Deerfield to accumulate laps/miles. The goal is to complete a marathon (26.2 miles) during the school year. This club meets most Wednesdays in the fall and spring from 1:35-2:35pm. In order to ensure all kids are safe while participating, PTO needs many volunteers to supervise the 300+ kids that participate in Marathon Club each week.

**Teacher/Staff Appreciation:**

This committee helps demonstrate our gratitude for the teachers and staff who make Deerfield such a great school. They organize treats and activities to thank staff throughout the year, especially during National Teacher Appreciation Week, which is the first week of May.

**Book Fair:**

This week-long event serves as a fundraiser for classroom resources and library enhancements. It takes place every year in conjunction with October parent/teacher conferences. The book sale is open to the public. Families may buy items for home or for classrooms. Many volunteers are needed to set up, promote and work the event. It is a favorite of many students! Additionally, there is a BOGO fair at the end of the year where you get a book for each one purchased!

**Carnival:**

This is the largest event the PTO puts on each year. The carnival is a celebration, complete with games, activities, food and inflatable rides for the kids. Volunteers are needed to organize the day, set up and tear down and supervise the booths and games. Some of the main events are a silent auction, cakewalk, bounce houses and other games. This is a fabulous event that requires an army of volunteers to execute! We need all of the help we can get!

**Kindergarten Orientation:**

Kindergarten Orientation is held each April for new students and their families who will start Kindergarten the following fall. This is the first time many families are introduced to Deerfield. This committee assists the Kindergarten teachers and school staff in planning the day and working during the sessions.

**Deerfield Dines Out:**

Each month the Dines Out committee will organize and promote a benefit night for the school at a local restaurant. A percentage of the sales for a specified time and date will go to support the school.

**Wish List:**

PTO receives and reviews teacher requests for additional funding for items to be used in the classroom or school. Volunteers on this committee will meet a couple of times during the school year to evaluate and approve requests.

**Snowman Gifts:**

In November & December, the PTO committee organizes a gift-giving program for staff and teachers who wish to participate. We collect lists from teachers and staff for classroom supplies and/or personal gift ideas. Parents can view the lists online and then purchase gift(s) for the staff and/or teachers of their choosing. There will be a special week in December designated for gift-giving.

**5th Grade End of Year:**

This committee works with parents to recognize 5th graders as they finish their studies at Deerfield. Volunteers work with the 5th grade teachers to organize end of year activities for the 5th grade class.

**Deerfield High Five:**

Students write letters nominating teachers and staff for special recognition. Students share how the staff person impacts their day at Deerfield. Winners are chosen and receive a special gift donated by Dillons and Toppers Pizza.

**Penny War:**

This committee works to raise money for the Deerfield Pantry by coordinating a Penny War. Each class raises money with a class fun time on the line for the winning class (typically popcorn and a movie in room). Collection tubs are placed outside of each classroom and taken to the bank each day so that status updates can be emailed out to keep participation going.

**Holiday Bake Shop:**

This committee coordinates a day where teachers and staff can fill up a plate of holiday goodies, like cookies and chocolates, to take home and enjoy the day before winter break. An electronic sign up is generated so that parents can sign up to bring the treats and the committee also sets it up and decorates the day of the shop.

**Deerfield Family Outreach:**

This committee organizes events for the families of Deerfield. Example events include Movie Night, LGA nights, Trunk or Treat, etc.

**The following PTO committees are in need of a chairperson for the 2024-2025 school year.**

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- Deerfield Family Outreach Co-chair
- Carnival Co-chair