

PTO Meeting

May 6, 2026

Next meeting:
See you in November!
save the date

Welcome & Introductions

Thank you

Before we start today's meeting I want to take a moment to recognize Mandy, and all she's given of herself to North Cape.

Over a decade ago, Mandy joined the North Cape PTO. What started as volunteering became years of unwavering dedication, leadership, creativity, and heart. And in all that time, one thing has never changed: Mandy has always shown up for North Cape.

She has spent countless hours making this school a better place for every student, parent, staff member, and even grandparents who walk through these doors. Even as her own time here as a parent comes to a close, Mandy has continued to give everything she has to this school community.

As PTO President, Mandy didn't just run events — she has helped create community.

Because of Mandy, events like Trunk or Treat became what they are today — filling every available trunk spot year after year because families wanted to be part of something special. Even while battling through illness, Mandy still showed up, worked tirelessly behind the scenes, and never asked for recognition because making memories for kids mattered that much to her.

From Bucks games, Wave games, Grandparents Day, open gyms, Christmas lunch, snack cart and countless other events — the list goes on, Mandy made sure North Cape always had something bringing people together. She was never afraid to try new ideas, not just because they could raise money, but because they could strengthen our school community.

And somehow, Mandy found time for all of it. She truly operates on 25 hours in a 24-hour day.

But beyond the events and leadership, Mandy brought joy. Her humor, her smile, her positive attitude, *her memes & gifs*, and her ability to make people feel welcome made North Cape better in ways that can't be measured.

I have so many moments from the years I've gotten to know Mandy, but one always stands out. As I started taking on a bigger role with Christmas lunch, I decided we also needed decorations. One year, I handed Mandy a package of balloons and casually said, "It's no big deal... just make a Santa out of these balloons. You've got about an hour. The kids will love it."

And of course, she did. And not a small Santa. A TEN-FOOT Santa made out of balloons. That quite literally was more memorable to every single kid than the food served at that lunch.

Because that's Mandy. She takes every idea, every event, every challenge — and somehow makes it bigger, better, and more special than anyone imagined.

As Mandy steps down as PTO President and follows her kids into their next chapter, we want her to know how deeply appreciated she is. Many of us are lucky enough to call her a friend, but all of us at North Cape have been incredibly fortunate to benefit from her leadership, her kindness, and her dedication.

Mandy, thank you for the years you've given to this school, for the memories you've created, and for the community you helped build.

North Cape is better because of you.

And while we truly don't know what we'll do without you... we will always be grateful for everything you've done.

Thank you, Mandy.

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**Can't attend PTO
meetings?
That's okay.
There are so many
ways to help
throughout the year!**

**[Use this link](#) for ongoing
volunteer opportunities for
events throughout the year.**

General Items

- Meetings on the first Wednesday of the month

Treasurer's Report

- Expenses for grandparents day, coffee warmers, gift to Mrs. Peter
- Income from snack cart
- Current balances:
 - \$14,653.55 in checking
 - \$2,207.71 in savings

Old Business

Grandparents Day

- April 17th
- ~240 grandparents signed up
- Make sure who has reserved parking spots and front row seats
- Consider – no decaf, cut doughnut order by 1/3 or 1/2
 - Need more apple fritter doughnuts

Teacher Appreciation Week

- Happening Now 😊
- Lead: Kim Johnson
- Candyland theme, great sign created by Connie for conference
- Lunch meal: Salad & Soup
- Keep lunch on Monday: Pizza & salad - Purchased by PTO
 - For 2027, many places are closed on Mondays
 - Antioch Pizza was great
- Consider higher budget for week
- Move note to 'Monday'

Scholarship Selection & Presentation



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- Five applicants; two people were
- Make sure to remove all names, available to bigger audience worked
- Awards given May 20th
- If there is a lot of applications – consider three scholarships

selected
making this
well.



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Snack Cart

- Great sales so far this year
 - Current profit is \$1,134 YTD
 - Start considering what we want to do with the funds
 - Potential portable gaga ball pit
 - Indoor recess activities like giant jenga, connect four, etc
 - Consider where to store anything that we purchase

New Business

Mother/Son Epic Kickball Event

- Friday, May 15th
- 52 participants
- Order Pop's pizza and t-shirts for participants

Doughnuts for 8th Grade

- Mandy to get doughnuts – May 29th

End of the Year PTO Dinner

- May 29th @ The Cruise

Last day of School Popsicles

- Hand out popsicles with lunch
- Connie can find popsicles

Elections for 2026-27 PTO Board

- President: Beth Holding
- Vice President: Dawn Menken
- Secretary: Michelle Waddle
- Treasurer: Rachelle Senese
- Membership Coordinator: Katie Olszewski

Other Business

General Q&A

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Have a great summer! See you next school year.



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Attendance

- Mandy James
- Dawn Menken
- Rachelle Sense
- Beth Holding
- Michelle Waddle
- Katie Olszewski
- Kim Johnson
- Connie Trempt
- Angel Cannon
- Tammy Fritsch
- Amy Acklam



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Events & Fundraisers throughout The Year

Sign up to help, please consider leading (past help/tag team with you)

leads will

- **Open gym – Need to a lead to do this** (approximately every other month, especially during colder months)
- **Bingo** (hosted in cafeteria & offer pizza for dinner)
- **Ice Cream Social** (hosted during Open House; great way to meet other families)
- **Trunk or Treat & Chili** (set up in parking lot, if there is enough interest, we'll host a chili cookoff)
- **PTO Christmas lunch** (favorite of students & staff!)
- **Father / Daughter dance**
- **Mother / Son event** (bowling, kickball, open to ideas)
- **Grandparents day** (April 17th)
- **Teacher / Staff appreciation week** (May, variety of events throughout the week)
- **SCRIP gift cards** (fundraiser, at Christmas holiday time)
- **Bucks game**
- **Snack cart**



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