ELLICOTT ELEMENTARY
PTO NEWSLETTER

EDITION
AUGUST 2026
WELCOME BACK!

Official PTO Website: ellicott.opschools.org/parent-and-student-resources/pto

Welcome Back Ellicott Families!

Welcome to the **2026–2027 school year!** We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful summer. The PTO board and volunteers have been hard at work preparing an exciting year full of events, enriching activities, and community support. Let's make this school year extraordinary! **Join the Ellicott PTO:** https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/ellicott-elementary-pto-membership-2026--2027

KEY EVENT

NEW DATE: September 8, 2026

Welcome Back Night Supply Drop Off & Chicken Dinner PTO Fundraiser

Menu: Chiavetta's Chicken Dinner PRE-ORDER online until 8/31; limited on-site sales available.

Order Link: https://givebutter.com/chicken-bbq-at-ellicott-elementary-2026

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WELCOME BACK NIGHT:

- **Drop Off Supplies & Meet the Teacher:** Meet your child's teacher for the upcoming school year! Be sure to sign up your child's size for the PTO provided Ellicott t-shirt.
- **PTO Welcome Table & Volunteer Sign-Up:** Donation collections, pay membership dues, and volunteer sign-ups!
- **5th Grade Families:** Sign up for 5th Grade Liaison positions during supply drop-off (or contact your child's teacher if you cannot make it).
- **Buffalo Sports / Ellicott Gear Collection:** Bring gently used gear! Swap will happen during Sept 24 Fall Fundraiser event.

DINNER PRE-ORDER

givebutter.com/chicken-bbq...

SCHOOL HOURS & DISMISSAL
9:10 AM – 3:20 PM
Half Day Dismissal: 11:40 AM

Donate to Ellicott PTO

Donate via Givebutter

Ellicott Spirit Wear Sale!

Show your school spirit with official Ellicott t-shirts, hoodies, hats, and fleeces!

crossbarathletics.com/collections/op-ellicott-elementary

2026-2027 Executive Board

President Tara Manteghi	Vice President Amber Worral
Treasurer Erin Ware	Secretary Leah Kruger

WE HAVE A NEW EMAIL!
EllicottPTO@gmail.com

URGENT VOLUNTEER NEED

Chicken Dinner Volunteers Needed (Sept 8)!

We need help to set up, serve food, and clean up for our Chicken Diner Fundraiser during Welcome Back Night! Sign up for a shift!

Sign Up to Volunteer →

Volunteer Signup Link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd_gJFxRZhXKJWgCVVdh8u1_BCaKtexrctHXF-rPKIXjsbotw/viewform

More Ways to Volunteer

Enthusiastic parent volunteers make our school community thrive! Here are additional ways you can help throughout the school year:

- **Library Volunteers:** Assist Mr. Fallon with shelving books & helping students during your child's class library visits.
- **Welcome Table & Event Committees:** Help staff our welcome table on 9/8 or join planning teams for upcoming events like the Fall Fundraiser or Spring Fling.

Stay Connected & Essential Apps

ParentSquare App

School communications, forms & direct teacher messaging.

Download App

OP Schools App

- District news & updates
- Virtual Backpack
- School Lunch Menus

opschools.org

MySchoolBucks App

- Add money to lunch account
- View cafeteria purchases

MySchoolBucks.com

Social Media Channels

PTO: @ellicottpto

School: @ellicottelem

Facebook: ELPTO Ellicott Elementary

Important Dates (2026–2027)

SEPTEMBER 2026

Sept 8: Welcome Back Night Supply Drop Off & Chicken Dinner

Sept 9: First Day of School! (9:10 AM)

Sept 15: EL PTO Meeting (9:40 AM)

Sept 17: Half Day (Dismissal 11:40 AM)

Sept 24: Fall Fundraiser & Gear Swap Event

OCTOBER – NOVEMBER 2026

Oct 2: Picture Day & Early Dismissal Drill

Oct 12: Holiday — No School

Oct 13: EL PTO Meeting (9:40 AM)

Nov 11: Veterans Day — No School

Nov 13: Half Day (Dismissal 11:40 AM)

Nov 17: EL PTO Meeting (6:30 PM)

Nov 18: Picture Retake Day

Nov 24: Ellicott Turkey Trot

Nov 25–27: Thanksgiving Holiday — No School

DECEMBER 2026 – JANUARY 2027

Dec 10 & 11: Half Days (11:40 AM)

Dec 24 – Jan 1: Winter Break — No School

Jan 4: Classes Resume

Jan 12: EL PTO Meeting (9:40 AM)

SPRING 2027 PTO MEETINGS & EVENTS

Feb 9: EL PTO Meeting (9:40 AM)

Mar 11: EL PTO Meeting (6:30 PM)

Apr 13: EL PTO Meeting (9:40 AM)

May 11: EL PTO Meeting (9:40 AM)

May 14: Spring Fling Ice Cream Social & Art Show (5–7 PM)

Jun 1: EL PTO Final Meeting (9:40 AM)