



**Carmel Middle School PTO
Board Meeting**

Carmel Middle School PTO Community Meeting
Thursday, September 24, 2026
10:00am am Pacific – via Zoom

The mission of the Carmel Middle School PTO is to strengthen and enhance our children's education and development through the collaborative effort of parents, teachers, and administrators. We're here to help provide the highest possible educational experience for our students allowing them to reach maximum potential in all aspects of school life.

Thursday, 09/24/2026 10:00 am – Via Zoom

In Attendance (participants via Zoom): 18 participants: Jessicah Hartley, Jessica Ortega, Lisa McGill, Kristi Kahle, Dan Morgan, Jen Barnes, rbanuazizi, Ashley Patania, chelle rittermal, Deonna Jefferies, Elpida Scott, Jen Smith, Quincy Yaley, HJ, Angelina, Melissa Rosenthal, Alex, Ryann Williams.

- I. Call to Order: 10:02 am - Jessicah Hartley
- II. Treasures Report - Lisa McGill
 - A. \$53,865.00 current balance as of 9/22/2026
 1. Starting balance in August \$29,073.00
 - B. Cash for Cougars extended through October 9th.
 1. Fundraising does not close October 9th, and is open all year for donations and fundraising.
 2. 68% of goal raised to date with 27.4% of CMS families participating.
 3. Ice Cream party for the students coming up with additional raffle tickets to students whose families donate \$25.00. Squishies this year!
 - C. Chipotle fundraiser raised ~\$160.00 and matched to Domestic Arts
 - D. Expenses ~\$16,099.00
 1. Teacher stipends, MBOE, new student welcomes, Ohana Day, 6th Grade BAC, Operating expenses.
 - E. Tax filing due mid-November.
 - F. Grant submissions
 1. Yellow Brick Road, Rotary Club, Carmel Gives and Montage Health.

III. Principals Update - Dan Morgan

A. Happy to be in September, lots of positive events happened or are coming up.

1. Ohana Day, Fall play in the Drama Department, Lava Beds Trip, Emergency Evacuation Drill, Thrive trip, Wiffle Ball Tournament. Upcoming Music Concert Season kicks off next week.

B. CVR Road thank you to Dan and Jen for helping with traffic!

IV. Grant Recipient Spotlight

A. Deonna Jefferies, CMS Librarian

1. Library Competitions (\$2,000.00 sponsored by PTO)

a) GEO Bee

(1) All participant prizes, top 9 RG Burger lunch, 1st place local restaurant gift card. ~ 85 students per year participate.

b) Pumpkin Contest (students guess weight in KG to win the pumpkin, to win the pumpkin!)

c) Pi competition

(1) 6 pies provided, top digits recited wins!

(a) Record of digits recited: 628

d) BOB (Battle of the Books)

(1) All participant prizes, top 9 RG Burger lunch, 1st place local book store gift card. ~ 85 students per year participate.

e) All winners from above events pictures go onto the library wall hall of fame for the school year.

2. Maker Space (\$500.00 sponsored by PTO)

a) The library is more than just books!

b) Digital and research resources, reading & literacy, collaboration, creativity, programs and competitions, quiet spaces, and technology.

3. PTO Funding —> Program & Resources —> Student Participation —> Learning & Growth for Students

B. Domestic Arts (\$500.00 sponsored by PTO)

1. Jessie Krislyn recorded presentation

a) PTO funds cover items and materials not able to be purchased with district funds alone.

- (1) Thrifting for fabric, addressing letters, soap and essential oils, Pfeiffer 3rd annual camping trip, working in MEarth, International foods.
 - b) Domestic Arts is its own class but also a part of the 6th grade exploratory loop. Funding is crucial to keeping the program going.
- V. Parent Connect - Alisa Barnes presented by Jess H.
 - A. 1st event last night @ O'Callahans
 - B. Next event in December - TBD
 - C. Email Alisa: alisa2317@me.com to connect
- VI. Social Media and Restaurant Fundraisers - Amber Manglona - Presented by Jess H.
 - A. Follow, like and share!
 - B. Restaurant fundraisers continue to be matched to specific grant requests.
- VII. School Gear Store - Alex Lintern - Presented by Jess H.
 - A. Sales and Swag underway!
 - B. CMS & ASB no longer purchase gear to sell in the office.
 - C. Store has parent and kids sizing
 - 1. Great for gifts, general wear, coaches, grandparents and more!
- VIII. 8th Grade Committee - Quincy Yaley
 - A. More volunteers needed!
 - 1. Watch for Sign Up Geniuses
 - 2. Great to have lower class grades (6th & 7th) take on lead so 8th grade families can participate and enjoy without the stress.
 - 3. Thank you to Lisa McGill for her help last year and again this year.
- IX. Teacher Appreciation Update - Rose Woodruff - Presented by Jess H.
 - A. Upcoming breakfast burritos for teachers early October.
 - B. Always looking for more volunteers
- X. Old and New Business - Jess Hartley
 - A. None to discuss
- XI. Announcements and Adjourn
 - A. Meeting adjourned Jess Hartley 10:41am

The next CMS PTO meeting is on Thursday, October 29th 2026. 10:00am via Zoom.