

District 91 PTO Newsletter

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President's Message

Welcome back students, faculty, staff and families to the 2018 - 2019 school year. The District 91 PTO spent the summer planning some great events for the upcoming school year.

We are starting the school year with something new, a movie night at both Milne Grove, September 14, and Kelvin Grove, September 21. Family fun can't get any better than a trip to Konow's Corn Maze on October 19. Family Paint Day was a big hit last year. We are looking to make it better this year. See you in January for a paint party. The Daddy Daughter Dance, Breakfast with Mom and Breakfast with Dad will be held in the spring. Mother Son Bowling is coming back this year. Look for that in early May. Who knows, we might have a few surprises planned as well.

To pay for these events and supplemental educational resources for our students, the PTO relies on fundraising. The fall spirit wear and membership drive starts our fundraising.

Two hugely successful fall/winter fundraisers will be offered again this year: Affy Tapple (September) and Yankee Candle (October). Little Caesars will start in January and Mixed Bags in March. Keep clipping Box Tops.

In order for any of these events to take place, the PTO relies on the kindness and generosity of volunteers. Four board members can't do this alone. To our regular volunteers, thank you and thank you again! To our new volunteers, please come and help. Attend a monthly meeting, usually the third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm at Milne. In January, the meetings move to Kelvin.

We also want to thank our generous building administrators and support staff. We wouldn't be successful without your continued support. Here's to a great school year!

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PTO BOARD RESIGNS

Effective May 31, 2019

Upcoming Events

- ◆ MG Movie Night, 9/14
- ◆ KG Movie Night, 9/21
- ◆ Membership Drive
- ◆ Spirit Wear
- ◆ Konow's, 10/19

The PTO needs you! No experience necessary! The current board wants to help those thinking about coming onboard. We will mentor, help, collaborate and share our experiences in order to insure a smooth transition. Without a PTO, the students, the school, and the community lose.

The four current PTO Board members are resigning in accordance with the PTO's bylaws regarding term limits. These were written to insure that new parents get involved with new perspectives and new ideas. The bylaws

also state, no board, no PTO.

If interested in a position, come to a meeting. Nominations are reported at March meeting. Elections are in April. Position starts June 1.

The board members when asked about their experiences had this to say. Chlebicki (5 years), "I did it for the kids." Hull (4 years), "It was a great opportunity to contribute." Garrett (4 years), "I became part of the school community on a more personal level." Anson (3 years), "It was a way to meet fellow parents."

What Does the PTO Do



*District 91
Kelvin & Milne Grove
Hornets.*

**Volunteers
Do not
Necessarily
Have the
time,
They have
The
HEART.**

-Elizabeth Andrew

The PTO has a long-standing tradition of parents and teachers working together to engage students and families both in and out of the classroom through purchasing educational materials planning activities and events.

With your financial support through the membership drive, fundraisers or clipping box tops, the PTO provides the funding for both print and online educational

subscriptions, supplements field trips, supplements the hot lunch program, and purchases educational supplies and resources for the classroom.

The PTO fosters a sense of community while hosting various events throughout the school year and offering Spirit Wear. Show your Hornet pride with Spirit Wear!

Dollars and Cents

During the 2017-2018 school year, the PTO raised \$11,543.80 in fundraisers and \$1,280 in membership. The PTO had \$45,094.61 as cash in and \$43,871.53 as cash out.

The PTO spent the following (a more detailed list can be provided upon request):

- ✓ \$690 - online educational tools
- ✓ \$2417.24 - K-8 educational magazine subscriptions
- ✓ \$2,559 - K-8 fieldtrips

- ✓ \$1,500 - new science equipment
- ✓ \$1,000 - hot lunch program
- ✓ \$956.74 - MG/KG special requests
- ✓ \$729 - breakfast w/mom & dad
- ✓ \$4,481.46 - hosting events
- ✓ \$1072.26 - hot dog day

Membership Drive

Families, teachers and staff members please renew your membership today! The one-time donation of \$10 per family, teacher or staff member provides funds to supplement school programs and initiatives, purchase educational materials for the classroom, and sponsor activities/events for the whole family.

Last year's drive earned \$1280. Only 128 families, teachers and staff members pledged their support;

only 24% of the whole D91 family joined.

District 91 has approximately 90 staff members and 435 families. If everyone who benefited from the PTO made the membership contribution of \$10, we could raise approximately \$5,200. Think of all the possible ways we could assist our school in providing the best opportunities for all our children.

Just imagine!



All four board positions will be vacant as of May 31, 2019.

PTO is seeking all persons interested in becoming more involved in the D91 community. Many opportunities exist and new ones can be created depending on your availability and interests.

Another opportunity with a smaller commitment would be assisting or running a fundraiser. If this is new territory for you, we've got your back. We can help you every step of the way. It was new to all of us when we started with the PTO.

Other possibilities include:

- ★ correspondence
- ★ social media
- ★ event planning
- ★ volunteer recruitment
- ★ copy and handout flyers
- ★ historian
- ★ box tops & bulletin boards
- ★ membership
- ★ nominating committee, and
- ★ special programs.

Come check us out. Make new friends. Make a difference.
Next meeting, Tuesday, September 18 at 6:00 at Milne Grove.

D91 needs you!

*Alone
 We can
 Do so
 Little;
 Together
 We can
 Do so
 Much.*

-Helen Keller

PTO HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ PTO provides educational enrichment materials for our children!
- ★ PTO builds and fosters a sense of community!
- ★ PTO supports our school!
- ★ PTO provides opportunities for our children!



PTO Membership Drive

Your continued support is essential in maintaining a long-standing tradition of parents, teachers and staff working together to engage students and families both in and out of the classroom.

Your membership has always allowed us to offer and support materials needed for both Milne and Kelvin Grove, as well as donate to field trips & sponsor activities/events for the whole family.

We will continue to make purchases that support student learning such as Encyclopedia Britannica Online at KG and Starfall at MG, sensory chairs at MG, contribute to the hot lunch program and new science equipment.

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PTO Membership 2018 - 2019

Please use this notice. Write your name, address, phone number and email address along with your child(rens) name(s), grade(s) and teacher. Send this form to school in an envelope with the \$10.00 membership fee. Thank You.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Child 1: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Child 2: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Child 3: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Child 4: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

- I would like to receive PTO updates sent to my email account.
- I would like to receive PTO updates sent to my phone via a text message.