

Esperanza Middle School

New Year 2017 Newsletter



Happy New Year & a warm welcome to all our new PTO members who have signed up this school year.
(N.B. Your membership automatically continues as long as you have a student at the school.)

The school year is flying by! Here is what the PTO has been up to since August:

We have shown our Esperanza staff some love by:

- Hosting a “Back To School Luncheon” (catered by Earth 2 Table) in August.
- Treating them to some delicious home-made food with our “Fall Comfort Food Luncheon” in November. (A huge thank you to Nancy Bobrowski, whose hard work makes this so easy for us all to contribute)
- Making sure our bus drivers enjoyed a breakfast goodie bag on Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- Holiday goodie bags for our staff PTO members for the last day of the 2016 school year.



We have raised funds with:

- Agenda and t-shirt sales at the open houses in August (both sellouts!) (approx. \$750 & \$450)
- Spirit nights at Chick-fil-A, Sweet Frog and Potbelly (approx. \$600)
- And most recently, ShoeBox Recycling – 3 full boxes have been sent off.

What you don't see happening:

- Monthly board meetings. Welcome on board, our new Treasurer, Tina Miller, an 8th grade parent and a great asset to our team.
- Monthly meetings with our PTO Student Reps. We have 5 student reps at this time representing all three grades and the Student Council and National Junior Honors Society. They give us that student insight that we might not work out on our own!
- Monthly meetings with the administration to acquire information from the school and pass on any parental feedback.

Coming up in 2017:

- PTO General Meeting 6pm Tuesday 17th January in the media center.

- PTO Dance 6:30pm Friday 24th March (theme is being voted on by the students).
- Staff Appreciation Meal Tuesday 7th February.
- Chipotle spirit night Monday 13th February 5-9pm
- New art contest for the 2017-18 planner
- “Name the Pirate” contest for our mascot now appearing at events.
- A special event for all our students...more details to follow.
- 8th grade student- staff annual basketball game.



How you can help:

- Maybe you would consider volunteering for at least one event a year?
- Would you be able to donate snacks/drinks for dances/field day or food for staff appreciations meals?
- Consider joining a committee (staff appreciation, dance, annual special events, donations) – the 3 board members would love help to make everything happen!
- Consider running for PTO board for 2017-18 as all of the current board will then have to move on.
- Come and join us to help make the PTO Dance March 24th Dance a success. We need chaperones and people to run the games.

We would like to thank:

- The parents who volunteered for the October and November school dances.
- All those who generously donated such delicious food contributions for the “Fall Comfort Food” staff appreciation meal. As always, it was a big hit.
- Our student representatives: Gracelyn Casas (her 2nd year helping us), Samantha Abell, Ellie Geiger, Isabella Dever and Tyler Arends
- Our teacher liaison representative, Ms. McKay
- Paula Ross, our spirit night organizer.
- Linda Ferm who spends a lot of time sorting out Lost & Found (check website and Facebook regularly for updated photos)

Thank you for your continued support

YOUR EMS PTO

(Virginia Richardson, Tina Miller & Tracy Clinning-Noel)

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