

CANNON FALLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO



2022-2023 Information Packet

PTO EVENTS* **2022-2023 school year**

October 17, 18	Book Fair, parent-teacher conferences
October 31	Family Halloween party
December 11	Family Santa visit
February 17	Winter Carnival and silent auction
February 7, 9	Book Fair, parent-teacher conferences
April 28	Family movie night
May TBD	Elementary Field Day

*Events are subject to modification/cancellation, pending health and social distancing guidelines in place at the time.

2022-2023 PTO BOARD MEMBER

Chair: Melinda Sabelko
Co-chair: Jill Ekstrom
Treasurer: Elizabeth Johnson
Secretary: Mackenzie Reberg
Teacher representative: Katie Quinlan
General Board Members: Tonya Miller

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WHAT IS THE PTO?

The Cannon Falls Elementary School (CFES) Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is an organization for parents, school staff and community members who want to take an active role in the education of the children in our community. The PTO organizes several fundraising events, not only to help fund school and classroom items that fall outside the school's budget, but also to provide fun, family-oriented activities for students, their families and the community.

The PTO is only successful if parents, staff and community members get involved! We're *always* looking for new faces to join us and bring new ideas, share opinions or insight, and help the board stay informed. Whether you are interested in being a voting member on the board (spots are always open), just want to attend the meetings, or would like to help plan an event, we'd love to have you!

WHAT DOES THE PTO SUPPORT?

Funds raised by the PTO help pay for school and classroom items that fall outside the normal budget. In recent years, that includes:

- Provision Media projector
- The "Angel Fund"
- Flexible learning stations and seating
- New playground equipment, Gaga pit
- Conference room big-screen TV
- Literacy Night
- Atomic clocks in classrooms, common areas
- Mrs. Chappuis' birthday books and book markers program
- Nikki folders
- New dictionaries for 4th grade
- Welcome-back baskets
- Classroom organizers and storage items
- Hat/mitten storage for Kindergarten
- Science materials
- Donation to supplement 4th-grade Eagle Bluff trip
- Scholastic book dollars for all classrooms
- Voice saver for teachers
- Clipboards for Kindergarten
- Cricut machine and cardstock for bulletin boards
- Supplies to support distance learning

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Attend meetings:

PTO meetings are held on a Thursday of every other month at 6:30 p.m. via zoom

During meetings, PTO funding requests are reviewed, we plan and discuss activities and events, and hear from teachers and Mrs. Chappuis on what's happening around the school. Meetings are a great opportunity to meet teachers and other parents and talk about ways to support students and the school. All are welcome!

2022-2023 meeting dates:

September 15
November 17
January 19
March 16
May 11

Volunteer!

Every event needs support from parents and teachers to be successful. There are many opportunities and ways to volunteer.

- Complete the attached Volunteer Interest form and return to your child's teacher.
- Complete the Sign-up Genius surveys sent out for each event.
 - Volunteer sign-up will begin 30 days prior to each event with reminders 2-weeks before and the week of.
- Email or Facebook
 - Send an email to pto@cf.k12.mn.us to be added to the volunteer distribution list or Facebook group.

Clip and collect

The PTO and Elementary School collect the following items to raise funds:

- Family Fare receipts: For every \$150,000 collected, the PTO receives \$1,000.

****All items can be dropped off in the collection bin at the Elementary School office.****

Parent Volunteer Form

2022-2023 PTO

PTO events would not be possible without volunteers and we're always looking for more! We know events may look different from previous years, but we'll be flexible and adjust as we go. Details for each event will be communicated as dates near.

Review the current list of events scheduled for 2022-2023, indicate your interest and return this form to the school office or your child's teacher.

The PTO will contact you for scheduling approximately 30 days prior to each event.

NAME: _____

PREFERRED METHOD OF CONTACT: _____

_____ Family Halloween party (afternoon, evening October 31)

_____ Family Santa visit (morning, December 11)

_____ Winter Carnival and silent auction (evening, February 17)

_____ Book Fair (during parent/teacher conferences, October 17, 18 & February 7, 9)

_____ Family movie night (evening, April 28)

_____ Elementary Field Day (during the school day, May)

_____ Shelving books in the school library (ongoing, year-round. I'm available: M T W T F)

_____ I'm unsure of my availability; please contact me directly for volunteer opportunities.

_____ I'm not able to volunteer my time but have enclosed a donation to support these events.

****To help in your child's classroom please contact their teacher.****

****The PTO maintains an Amazon Wish List ("Cannon Falls Elementary School PTO") for those who prefer to donate items to enhance classroom experiences.****