



# Shady Side PTO News

## President's Message

As we reach this time of the year, it's hard to believe that we are already in December, and with it brings the beginning of the busy holiday season.

Just to recap, we had our first Family Fun Night! It was great to see everyone come for crafts and holiday shopping with the local businesses! We also had our Scholastic Book Fair and Ice Cream Social! The team that organizes the shelves, helps students with wish lists, counts change from a piggy bank, and helps students make good choices with their money is amazing, and we are lucky to have so many great volunteers!

December brings the holiday staff appreciation luncheon and of course the winter break. This holiday season, I am thankful for the volunteers, staff, teachers, administration and families here at Shady Side Elementary.

Our next PTO meeting is scheduled for January 16th at 6:30 pm, no meeting in December, please join us and share your ideas and opinions and learn how our organization works to enhance the quality of our children's education at Shady Side Elementary. Free childcare is available during our meetings if needed. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

We look forward to hearing from you and hope that you continue to support the Shady Side PTO. Have a safe and happy December!!

Thank you,

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### PTO Executive Board

President	Julia Howes
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### PTO Mission

The PTO is organized for the purpose of supporting the education of children at Shady Side Elementary by fostering relationships among the school, parents, teachers, and community and to support the activities and programs of the school through financial and/or voluntary support.

### Upcoming Events

**Winter Concert at Southern High School  
Monday, December 9**

**Teacher Appreciation Holiday Luncheon  
Friday, December 13**

**Spirit Day: Holiday/Festive Shirt Day  
Friday, December 13**

**School-Wide Sing-A-Long (Students Only)  
Friday, December 20**



# Family Fun Night

*Thank you to our vendors that participated in the Family Fun Night Event! Please consider supporting their small business this holiday season and throughout the year!*

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# Scholastic Book Fair



Our Fall Book Fair was a success! The students had a great time visiting the Arctic Adventure Scholastic book fair and picking up some great new books this November. We had a few technical difficulties at the fair on Wednesday night and appreciate everyone's patience and positive attitudes working through the difficulties. We will see you again in the spring for our annual Buy One, Get One Free book fair. Thanks to all who donated to *All for Books*, which helps our Media Specialist, Mrs. Guy, buy new books for the school library.

Contact: Jessica O'Connor & Kathy Haley, Book Fair Co-Chairs

## December Happenings

### Holiday Staff Appreciation Luncheon

The hospitality committee is holding its annual Staff Holiday Luncheon on Friday, December 13th. Our faculty and staff look forward to this luncheon every year and enjoy the delicious treats our families provide.

Donation requests include items such as sandwich toppings, soup (in a warmer), and salad bags. Thanks to all who have signed up to supply items already.

All donations should be dropped off to school or to myself no later than Friday, December 13 at 10:00 AM. To sign-up to contribute, please go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0944a9a92da7f49-holiday2>

Hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday!

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### School Store

The school store now has several seasonal items in stock this December. They have all sorts of scented pencils, candy cane erasers, fuzzy tree-topped pencils, "Elf on the Shelf" pens, pencils, notebooks, and more. These specialty items will be available through December! Most items cost around \$0.50 to \$1.50 (with a few things in the \$1.75 to \$2.75 range).

The store is open on Wednesdays (Kindergarten through 2nd grade) and Thursdays (3rd through 5th grade).

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