



# Shady Side Elementary PTO September 2022 Newsletter



Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! This school year our new executive team is: Renee Piche, Marissa Leach, Julie Jones and Christina Gardner. Amanda Fincher (last year's president will be in transition and helping as well). Thank you to all those that have helped so far and those that will help in the future.

Our first order of business as a PTO is to run our membership drive. We hope you and your family will join the PTO. With your membership, you will be able to vote at meetings and run for office. All school community members are welcome to our meetings. Membership dues also help provide fun activities and educational support to our school. All donations and fundraising go directly back to the school and your child(ren). We are looking forward to a great year and hope you will participate in PTO activities and meetings. Please remember that the PTO is not an advocacy group. We do not take sides on political issues or take a stance on issues concerning school or Board of Education policies. We are free to advocate for our children and school as individual parents but not as representatives of the PTO. Our main purpose and mission are to support the school and students financially and through volunteerism.

Also remember, a small number of volunteers cannot do all the things we want to do by ourselves. We all have families and full-time jobs. Any amount of time you can give would be greatly appreciated, benefit your child and all children as well as the school as a whole.

1. Fundraising- we do a lot more than fundraising, but let's face it, without it we wouldn't be able to do much. Are you upbeat, detail oriented, able to motivate people, and can handle last-minute surprises- if so we could use you?
2. Coordinators- are you a person that can strike up a conversation with anyone and is good at recruiting, enthusiastic, and can think outside of the box to help with parents' many time constraints- this may be how you contribute.

If you have any questions, please contact us through FaceBook/Messenger and/or

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Executive Team: President- Renee Piche

Vice President- Marissa Leach

Secretary- Julie Jones

Treasurer- Christina Gardner

I am your new president, Renee Piche. I have a son, Tyler, in 3rd grade and a daughter, Sarah, in 5th grade. I have been involved at Shady Side for 8 years.

I am Julie Jones, this is my second year as PTO secretary. I have a 4th grader, Christina and a 3rd grader, Brian. The PTO offers many opportunities to help the community at Shady Side Elementary. Please consider helping out our awesome school!!

Hi! I'm Marissa Leach and I have resided in Shady Side for the last 7 years. This is our second year at Shady Side Elementary. My daughter, Harper is a 3rd grader this year. I have been assisting as a volunteer with the PTO since last year. I loved it so much that I decided to join the board as Vice President. I am very passionate about helping others and being involved in the town I reside.

I'm Christina Gardner, this is my second year as treasurer for the PTO. I have two kids at SSES this year. My daughter, Alice, is in second grade and my son, Henry, will be starting Kindergarten this year.

My name is Amanda Fincher. I have a 5th grader. I have been a part of the PTO since 2017 and have worked as the secretary, vice president, and president. I have two middle schoolers this year. I run the scholastic book fair because it is a lot of fun for the adults and students! I love Shady Side Elementary School!

**We need help with the following committees for the 2022-2023 School Year**

- 1. Dance committee-** we have a committee chair but need helpers
- 2. Hospitality committee-** we have a committee chair but need helpers
- 3. Cultural arts assemblies-** schedule two school-wide assemblies for next year
- 4. Family fun nights-** committee chair or co-chair- run fun activities to bring our community together
- 5. Beautification-** committee chair or co-chair- help the outside of our school look good!
- 6. Volunteer Coordinator-** communicate to parents about volunteer opportunities in the PTO, as well as the school. Coordinate with PTO and school directly.
- 7. School store-** set up, run and break down school store on Fridays as available. Count and deliver money to the treasurer.
- 8. Scholastic Book Fair-** help students choose books and calculate totals or run register during the day and/ or evening. Nov 4-10 and April 24-28
- 9. Joe Corbi-** help with pick-up day by sorting orders. One evening commitment in November
- 10. Boosterthon-** help support students on run day. Help distribute flyers, make phone calls for donations, advertise on Facebook, etc...

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### **What your PTO accomplished in August**

- we planned and organized, along with the principal, clean up for the front of the school for the start of the school year
- we planned the logistics and scheduled two assemblies for the kids this calendar year. This will cost the PTO approximately \$2500
- we scheduled and organized a back to school luncheon for the staff and teachers for school year- PTO spent approximately \$500
- we distributed money out to teachers/principal to assist them with purchases for the school and their classrooms
- we scheduled our first 2 restaurant fundraiser nights
- we planned and organized our first day of school sidewalk chalk for the kids
- we copied and distributed over 500 copies of flyers for PTO membership and background check guidance
- distributed \$4000 worth of books to Mrs. Blundell and Mrs. Guy- that we earned from last years scholastic book fair
- we run a Facebook page to keep parents informed
- we continue to manage a budget
- we started working on our Joe Corbi fundraiser with our committee chair Kate Moore.
- planned and supported meet and greet with new principal and assistant principal
- supported sneak a peak- distributing information about membership, volunteering and programs.



### **What we have in store for September**

- schedule another restaurant week
- continue to recruit for available committees and volunteers in general
  - continue to recruit for PTO membership
  - continue to push out vital information over our Facebook page
  - figure out logistics for getting the school store up and running
- plan logistics and organize the Joe Corbi fundraiser with our committee chair

## Events for September-

- Conferences/ Staggered Openings for PreK, Kindergarten- September 1-7
- **SCHOOL CLOSED, Labor Day- Sept 5**
- **Restaurant Spirit Night- Ledos, Deale Tuesday, September 20**
- *PTO meeting- Sept 21, 6:30pm*
- **SCHOOL CLOSED, Rosh Hashanah- September 26**

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**Next PTO Meeting  
September 21, 2022 @ 6:30**