

ALLENDALE ELEMENTARY PTO NEWSLETTER

January 2021



I hope you had a wonderful holiday season with your kiddos and are staying healthy. We are entering the second half of our school year and I am so looking forward to things turning in the right direction with Covid. With changes hopefully coming, we have decided to hold off on virtual family dance events. We hope that spring will bring happy changes, community events and celebrations. For now, the events are postponed; please know we love these events and will try our best to make them happen this year, in some capacity.

In this newsletter, you will find an overview of our 2020-2021 income to date, as well as insights into how two different parent run organizations operate.

-Kyle Stelmach

Gus and Davy's Mom & PTO President



Wow. YOU ARE AMAZING. We appreciate you!



All three elementary buildings raised over **\$16,000** through the Poppin Popcorn fundraiser! We had no idea what to expect from our first year and this is just amazing! Thank you to all of the participating families.

Because of the unique year, we did this fundraiser 100% online, with no deliveries for our youngsters, just imagine what we can do in the future!

If you have any feedback or would like to be involved with next year's event, please email allendalepto5@gmail.com

Thank you!

PTO Income Year to Date

The PTOs modest budget is based on last year's income with minimal growth. We knew we would not be able to raise money at student/family participated events this year. Last year, these events raised over \$9,500. With the addition of the Poppin Popcorn Fundraiser, we have surpassed our financial goal for the year and still have opportunities with Reward Programs, Amazon Smile, future restaurant nights and our READ Fundraiser scheduled this March.

	2019/2020	2020/2021 BUDGET	2020/2021 ACTUAL	1/12/2020 UPDATES
Spiritwear Fundraiser	\$372	\$500	\$2,124	WOW!!
Fall Fitness Fest	\$4,793			Cancelled due to Covid
Poppin Popcorn		\$5,000	\$16,353	NEW in 2020
Restaurant Nights		\$500	\$400	Planning stages for others
Rewards Programs	\$806	\$2,000	\$1,571	Keep sending in Family Fare Receipts
Sweetheart Dance	\$3,540			Covid Dependent
Shamrock Party	\$970			Covid Dependent
March READ Fundraiser	\$2,786	\$5,000		Scheduled for March
Family Skate Night	\$228			Covid Dependent
Amazon Smile	\$86	\$100	\$73	Don't forget smile.amazon.com
Donations	\$59	\$1,000	\$1,308	THANK YOU
Total Revenue	\$13,640	\$14,100	\$21,830	

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PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Allendale Elementary PTO / Allendale Encouragement Team (AET)

The PTO - Parent Teacher Organization, is a group of volunteers that organize fundraising (and fun) events all year long to encourage parent participation and community amongst our schools. The funds raised provide each classroom with \$100 to spend as they see fit on related expenses. These funds are also used to pay for popcorn days, staff conference meals, field trip scholarships, parties for our kids, non-budgeted school supplies and the funding needs of the Allendale Encouragement Team.

The AET- Allendale Encouragement Team, is a separate branch of amazing volunteers. The goal of the AET is to encourage our incredible staff. We all love a pat on the back and this group organizes those for not only each elementary teacher/staff but supports encouragement at the middle and high school levels. This group of volunteers is made up of parents, guardians and community members who write notes and drop off encouraging treats to our teachers and staff. AET works as a group to put on the week long teacher appreciation event each spring as well as encourage every group of staff, including our custodial team, administrators, transportation and so on. Encouraging our staff is so important in any year, but over the past year, we know that these little bright lights have sure helped to remind our teachers how much we appreciate all they do for our kiddos.

If you'd like to get involved or for more information on PTO and the AET, please visit our Facebook pages at ALLENDALE ELEMENTARY PTO or ALLENDALE ENCOURAGEMENT TEAM or join their FB group AET - Making a Difference. We can't wait to meet you.

2020-2021 PTO CALENDAR

For the 2020-2021 School Year, we have opted to not host bi-monthly meetings. Instead, we will produce bi-monthly newsletters for all parents and teachers reviewing recent fundraisers, events and spending. In the 2021-2022 school year, we hope to return to meetings and encourage parents to get involved with committees for each of our events and fundraisers.

February - Grand Coney Restaurant Fundraising Night in planning stages

Sweetheart Dance -Postponed -Covid Dependent

Shamrock Party -Postponed -Covid Dependent

Roller Skating Nights -Postponed -Covid Dependent

March 8-21- Reading Challenge and Fundraiser - Read 2 books per day with your child for 2 weeks (likely something you already do) and ask friends/family members to sponsor your child's reading. You can ask for a donation based on the total number of books read or for a flat donation.

Let's stay connected!

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