



PTO
Progress South
Elementary

News to You

August 2015

~ President's Corner ~

The PSE PTO is looking forward to an amazing 2015-2016 school year! We ended last year with a 'Teach Boutique' where classroom teachers received lots of useful supplies for their rooms. Imagine their surprise when we unveiled tables of room decorations, markers, electric staplers and tons more provided by the PTO and some Office Max Donations! They were really shocked when they also received a \$50.00 Wal-Mart gift card to use on additional necessities. It was a fun time and the PTO is honored to be able to support our teachers and students this way.

To start the year off we hope to assist some students with filling their supply list. As you shop for your kids supplies, pick up a few extra and drop them in the bins outside the office or at any PTO event including curriculum nights. See a list of desired items on page 2.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the curriculum nights! Please make note of ALL the exciting events we have coming up this year, the events schedule is on page 6.

Anticipating a GREAT year,

Dawna Currigan

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2015-2016 PSE PTO Officers

Dawna Currigan - President
Tonya Steinmeyer - Vice President
Kara Reynolds - Treasurer
Erica Lehmann - Secretary

PTO will use Peachjar to send home information about events, Spirit Stick sales & more so keep an eye on your inbox for lots of fun information!



August & September Dates to Remember:

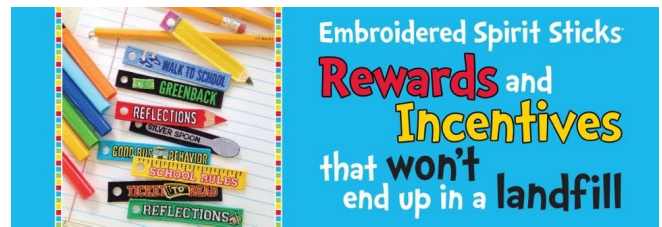
First Day of School	Aug 12	8:20 AM
5th Curriculum and Camp Meeting Night	Aug 24	6:00 PM
2nd Curriculum Night	Aug 25	6:00 PM
4th Curriculum Night	Aug 25	7:00 PM
1st Curriculum Night	Aug 26	6:00 PM
3rd Curriculum Night	Aug 26	7:00 PM
Family Picnic	Sep 1	6:00 PM
Spirit Stick Sales	Sep 3	8:00 AM
Papa John's Day	Sep 3	all day
Fundraiser Kick Off	Sep 11	2:15 PM
Mini Golf Night	Sep 11	6:00 PM
Spirit Stick Sales	Sep 17	8:00 AM

School Supply List For Donation

Your donation of the following
school supplies
is greatly appreciated:

Highlighters
Dry Erase Markers
Binders - 1/2" or 1" various colors
Folders (the pronged ones in as-
sorted colors)
Protractors
Composition Notebooks
Loose leaf paper
Scissors
#2 Sharpened Pencils
Backpacks
Gift Cards can be sent in an enve-
lope marked "PSE Student Supply
Drive" . The counselors will
distribute items to students & use
the gift cards as needed.

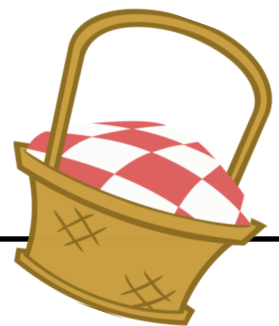
We've got spirit!



Spirit Sticks® are small custom-embroidered patches that students can earn, collect, and display on a Spirit Ring™, lanyard, or key ring. Spirit Sticks® promote school spirit and participation by providing meaningful extrinsic rewards with lasting value, beyond the school year. "

-Spirit Monkey

Progress South sells \$1 Spirit Sticks twice a month to support the incentive Spirit Sticks and other sticks provided throughout the year. Spirit Sticks will be sold before school from 8:00 to 8:20 AM twice a month. A flier will be sent home prior to each sale featuring the available designs.



PSE PICNIC

PTO is happy to invite you and your family to the PSE picnic,

September 1st from 6:00-7:30p.m.

Shake out the picnic blanket one more time. Grab take-out or pack your basket and come enjoy an evening at the school. Let the kids play on the playground, blow bubbles and eat a free popsicle while you relax with other parents.



How can you, your friends, family & neighbors
support the PSE PTO?

It's as Easy as 1-2-3!

1. Sign-up for a Schnuck's eScrip card, 3% of each purchase goes back to the school! You can sign-up at any PTO event or online at www.escrip.com & select Progress South Elementary School PTO as your school.
2. Order convenient frozen home delivered food from Schwann's, further details to come in September.
3. Collect Box Tops



Box Tops For Education is one of the nation's largest school earnings loyalty programs. With over 250 participating products, it's an easy way to earn cash for the things they need. PSE uses the money to we get from Box Tops for technology.

There are several easy ways to earn money for your school.

1. Become a Box Top member online, www.bboxtops4education.com.
2. Clip Box Tops from participating products.
3. Earn eBox Tops when you shop online.
4. Earn bonuses. Check online for coupons, sweepstakes, and special offers.

Go to boxtops4education.com to learn more on how you can help your school.

The class that earns the most Box Tops in each month receives a traveling trophy. At the end of the school year the grade level that has earned the most for the year will win a pizza party. Only those Box Tops that are sent in are applied, as it impossible to account for any-thing done online.

Box Top Collection Dates

September 17th
October 22nd
November 19th
December 21st
January 21st
February 18th
March 1th
April 21st (last collection for year)

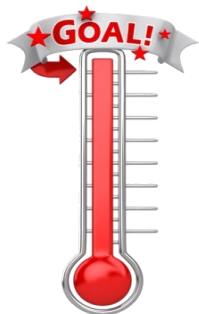




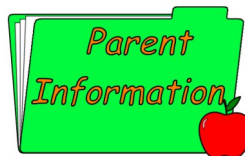
The outpouring of support for the school fundraisers, shopping at the book fair, and collecting Box Tops has allowed the PTO to financially sponsor many programs and events at PSE. Here are highlights of things funded during the 2014-15 school year:

- Books for the library and each classroom
- 5th grade camp t-shirts
- STEM night, Math competitions & Robotics Club
- Student incentive programs like Spirit Sticks & Principle Round Table
- Clay Extruder for Art teachers
- Playground equipment &
- Scholastic Trueflix series for Library
- 30 Chromebooks & cart
- Free Fun Family Events throughout the year
- New portable sound system
- Playground equipment

Looking ahead the PTO has set a goal of providing a Chromebook cart (a mobile computer station) for each grade level. Four additional stations are needed to reach this goal, each one is approximately \$11,000 so you can see that collecting those Box Tops is extra important! Please help us reach our goal!



Volunteers play a key role at PSE. Parents, grandparents & former students assist in classrooms, help monitor lunch & recess at PTO events and other school activities, as well as contribute donations when requested. As a member of PTO your email will be added to our volunteer list. Every time a volunteer or donation is needed, a SignUpGenius email will go out and you can choose to help or not. So be on the lookout for many opportunities to lend a hand at PSE!



PTO INFO

As fellow parents at PSE we want to get to know you! Please feel free to contact the board at PSEPTO@hotmail.com with any questions or suggestions. We're excited to see familiar faces & meet new families at all of the curriculum nights where you can complete your membership form, purchase Spirit Wear & Spirit Sticks, as well as, learn more about what PTO does for PSE.



Membership Registration 2015-16

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT

HOME _____ CELL _____
PHONE NUMBER EMAIL

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CHILD'S NAME GRADE/TEACHER CHILD'S NAME GRADE/TEACHER

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Please include \$5.00 cash or check (payable to PSE PTO)
per family to complete your registration.

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Some volunteer opportunities require a specific skill set to fulfill. Please indicate below if you have computer or literary education and are willing to assist in these areas.

*Please complete a Volunteer Form **only** if you have not yet completed one in your child's classroom. Some volunteer positions may require additional/further background checks. Forms are either attached or available in the PSE office. Submit Registration & Volunteer form to PSE Office or return to your child's teacher. Please email PSE PTO at PSEPTO@hotmail.com noting "membership" in the subject line with any questions.*

Literacy Team	Computer Lab	
Please indicate any other areas of special interest or expertise that you think might be useful:		

PAID	CHECK #		CASH		DATE	
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PSE PTO 2015-16 School Year Events Schedule

DATE	DAY	TIME	DESCRIPTION
8/12/15	Wed	8:20 a.m.	First day of school
8/24/16	Mon	6:00 p.m.	5th Grade Curriculum and Camp Meeting 6-8
8/25/15	Tue	6 & 7 p.m.	2nd 6p & 4th 7p Grade Curriculum Night
8/26/15	Wed	6 & 7 p.m.	1st 6p & 3rd 7p Grade Curriculum Night
9/1/15	Tue	6:00 p.m.	**Family Picnic - 1st Unit Mtg**
9/3/15	Thur	8-8:20a.m.	Spirit Stick Sales
9/3/15	Thur	All Day	Papa John's Day
9/11/15	Fri	2:15 p.m.	Fall Fundraiser kick offs & packets sent home
9/11/15	Fri	6:00 p.m.	Mini Golf Night
9/17/15	Thur	8-8:20a.m.	Spirit Stick Sales
9/20/15	Sun	? p.m.	Fifth Grade Camp drop off date - Return on 9/24
9/28/15	Mon	All Day	Fall Fundraiser DUE BACK
10/1/15	Thur	8-8:20a.m.	Spirit Stick Sales
10/6/15	Tue	All Day	Chevy's Fundraiser
10/8/15	Thur	8am-12pm	Picture Day
10/22/15	Thur	8-8:20a.m.	Spirit Stick Sales
10/22/15	Thur	3:30 p.m.	Fall Fundraiser Pickup
10/23/15	Fri	1:45 p.m.	Fall Party 3-5
10/27/15	Tue	3-10p.m.	Freddie's Fundraiser
10/30/15	Fri	1:45 p.m.	Fall Party K-2
10/30/15	Fri	6:00 pm	Monster Mash!!! NEW EVENT 6-7PM
11/4/15	Wed	All Day	Papa John's Day
11/5/15	Thur	7:00 p.m.	Movie Night
11/14/15	Sat	8:00 a.m.	Fall Scrapbooking Day
12/1/15	Wed	4-8p.m.	Chik-fil-A fundraiser
12/4/15	Fri	6:00 p.m.	Pancakes with Santa
12/17/15	Thur	1:45 p.m.	Winter Party K & 3-5
1/28/16	Wed	All Day	Papa John's Day
1/28/16	Thur	5-7 p.m.	STEM NIGHT
1/28,29 & 2/1	multi	3:30 p.m.	Book Fair afterschool sales 3:30-6pm
2/2/16	Tue	3:30 p.m.	BIG BOOK FAIR - in Gym 3:30-8pm
2/11/16	Thur	All Day	Staff Appreciation
2/12/16	Fri	1:45 p.m.	Winter Party 1-2
2/23/16	Tue	7:00 p.m.	**Family Trivia & Literacy Fun Night - 2nd Unit Mtg**
3/5/16	Sat	8:00 a.m.	Spring Scrapbooking Day
3/15/16	Tue	7:00 p.m.	**Basketball Shootout - 3rd Unit Mtg**
4/6/15	Wed	4-8p.m.	Chik-fil-A fundraiser
4/9/16	Sat	8:00 a.m.	Fun Run
4/26/16	Tue	7:00 p.m.	**Elementary Expressions Arts Expo/BOGO Book Fair - 4th Unit Mtg**
5/3/16	Tue	10am-2pm	Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
5/5/16	Wed	All Day	Papa John's Day
5/18/16	Wed	1:30 p.m.	Parade (if no snow days)

Spirit Stick sales dates will be added monthly

*** * Unit Meeting**

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