



MMS PTO NEWS

Welcome to the 2017-2018 School Year!

PTO Board Members – Karen Reeds, President; Dana Degrazia, Vice-President/Fundraising; Marianne Terpack, Secretary; Anne Patterson, Treasurer; Dave & Amy Consiglio, CHEERS Coordinator; Julie Konett, Box Tops Chair; Erin Wilson, Staff Appreciation Chair; Lori Willett – Facebook Chair, Laura Carino - Spirit Wear Chair

PTO Meetings – Please join us at the MMS PTO meetings to offer your input and ideas! We generally meet the third Wednesday of every month at 1:30pm in the Library Gallery. Our first meeting of the year will be **Wednesday, September 20th**. The meetings are posted on the MMS calendar and the PTO Facebook page.

What does PTO provide? – PTO provides funds for enrichment activities and supplies for our students and teachers. That includes completely funding the start up of our WEB mentoring program between 6th and 8th graders and a team building assembly for 7th grade students to continue to foster respect and friendly relationships during these fast-paced middle school years of growth. We supplement providing an 8th grade celebration at the end of the year for students during the school day, along with providing partial assistance of field trips for each grade to places like the Detroit Science Center, Henry Ford Museum, the Holocaust Memorial Center and the Lansing Lugnuts ballgame. We also use funds to purchase headphones for Google Chromebooks, electronic devices, TIME magazine for kids, monthly prizes for Habits of Mind, 8th grade dance items, items to run two Mustang Madness exam prep events, counseling snacks, classroom games and more. Our PTO has been able to do much more for our students, staff and school in these past few years, thanks to generous and thoughtful parents and businesses in our community.



Fundraisers – We cannot do what we do without the generosity of our Millennium families and our South Lyon businesses. We have two major fundraisers to help provide all the great things for our students and staff. **Our easiest and quickest way to help is to participate in our “PTO Membership/Donation Drive” - just make a monetary donation online by clicking this link (<https://mmspto2016.dntly.com>) and giving an amount with which you feel comfortable. (If you would prefer to send a donation in by check or cash, please see attachment letter)** Our other big fundraising event is our magazine sales through QSP this fall where kids can earn prizes for orders collected. Throughout the year, we also have benefit nights at Dairy Queen, McDonald’s and Lucas Coney Island, as well as “Pizza Wednesdays” at Hungry Howie’s on the first Wednesday of every month and various days at the Lyon Cantina. If needed, we may also do a fundraiser in the spring.

Box Tops for Education – Every Box Top is worth 10 cents for our school and can be found on a variety of products. It is an easy way to make free money, so please spread the word and get family members involved. Please make sure that the Box Tops are not expired and the date of expiration is visible. We hold a monthly drawing of various prizes (gift card/DQ treat/Wendy’s treat) for students who bring in Box Tops. There are collection boxes in both the 6th grade and the 7/8th grade office for students to turn them in - for every 10 Box Tops a student brings in, he/she should complete one entry form with their name and grade for the drawing (located by the collection boxes). Prizes are awarded each month September-May.

Spirit Wear – Spirit Wear will be designed and offered at various times throughout the year. Look for information to come in the monthly PTO Newsletter and through weekly Skylert emails from Mrs. Gallagher.

Clothing Closet – PTO sponsors a clothing closet at MMS. The closet is available for any students needing assistance. We have a variety of clothing sizes appropriate for middle school students as well as hygiene products. Contact one of our social workers for more information. Donations are appreciated and can be dropped in the donation box in the attendance office.

Volunteers – There are many volunteer opportunities throughout the year, so please sign up with our CHEERS committee to be kept informed of upcoming events and needs. To be added to this email list, please contact our CHEERS coordinators, Dave & Amy Consiglio at mmscheers2014@outlook.com with your name, student's name and grade, and preferred email.

Communication – Our primary source for communicating with families is through email/weekly Skylerts. PTO sends out a monthly newsletter after our meetings with an overview of events and happenings. We are also on Facebook (Millennium Middle School PTO, and the school's page Millennium Middle School South Lyon, Michigan), so be sure to like our pages, and follow MillenniumMS on twitter to stay informed. To contact the PTO with questions, concerns, suggestions or additions to the monthly agenda, please contact Karen Reeds at familyreeds@yahoo.com.

We look forward to working with you to do great things for our students and school!