



# SYMMES CIRCULAR

THE PTO NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2018

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed. Apr 11- 4th Grade Growth and Development Parent Night

Mon. Apr 16- NO SCHOOL - (Teacher Development Day)

Tues. Apr 24 - Master Facility Planning Community Engagement Session

Wed. Apr 25- S.T.E.A.M. Day

Thurs. Apr 26- Dream Dinners GG

Sat. Apr 28- Nature Trail Spring Volunteer Day

Tues. May 1 - Master Facility Planning Community Engagement Session

Fri. May 4- NO SCHOOL - (Kindergarten students only)

Fri. May 4 - Kindergarten Orientation

Fri. May 4 - 4th Grade Nature Trail Volunteer Day

Sat. May 5 - Sign Painting GG

Thurs. May 10 - Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

Fri. May 11 - Dodgeball Fundraiser

Fri. May 11 - Sun. May 13 - Symmes Players Madagascar Jr.!

Fri. May 18 - Field Day

Tues. May 22 - Talent Show

Wed. May 23 - 4th Grade Graduation Celebration

Thurs. May 24 - Last Day of School!

Symmes Elementary PTO



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## PTO MEETINGS

Please join us for the next PTO meeting on Thurs. Apr. 12th at 9:30 A.M. Babysitting is provided! If you can't be there in person, please catch us on Facebook LIVE or archived on the PTO's Facebook page (see Quick Link below). Only those presenting will be visible on camera.

## TREASURER NOTES

The Board is beginning to look at 2018-19 budgets. Please turn in any lingering reimbursement requests and receipts that may still be outstanding ASAP. Also, if you are aware of any unexpected expenses that will come in April or May, please let Ashley Werthaiser know. Expected items include 4th Grade Celebration, Symmes Players, and Field Day. Thank you!!

## 2018-19 PTO POSITIONS

There are some great PTO chair positions available for next year and we would love to have YOU be part of the team! Volunteering with the PTO is a great way to meet other parents, form relationships with teachers and staff members, and gain a better understanding of what all goes on during your child's school day. If you would like learn more about openings please contact Camilla Millar at [camillamillar@gmail.com](mailto:camillamillar@gmail.com).

## S.T.E.A.M. DAY

Don't miss the first annual Symmes S.T.E.A.M. Day Wed. Apr. 25th! S.T.E.A.M. activities encourage learners to become problem solvers, innovators, inventors and critical thinkers. We invite parents to find out what students are learning and experience a S.T.E.A.M. activity with your child!  
10:00 – 10:50am: Kindergarten & AM Kindergarten  
11:00am – 11:50pm: 2nd Grade  
12:30 - 1:20pm: 3rd Grade  
1:30 - 2:20pm: 1st Grade  
2:30 – 3:20pm: 4th Grade and PM Kindergarten  
Use the following link to sign-up! \*\*Due to limited space, please limit 1 adult per child. Thank you!  
<https://tinyurl.com/steamday2018>

## GREAT GATHERINGS

Don't miss out on the last Great Gatherings of the school year! Click the links below for more details and to sign up!

### Dream Dinners! - 4/26 - 7:30 pm

Join us for a meal prep workshop! Save time, energy and still sit down to a healthy home-cooked meal thanks to DREAM DINNERS BLUE ASH. Participants will leave with 3 ready-to-go meals (3 servings each).  
<https://tinyurl.com/GGdreamdinnerssignupgenius>

### Mom's Night In! Paint & Sip Sign Painting - 5/5 - 7:30 pm

Come for an evening of snacks, sips and creativity. You'll be guided by a professional and leave with a self-painted, custom, farmhouse-style wood sign! Several options to choose from, including Mother's Day designs and designs for your home year-round. Please sign up by Fri. April 20th!  
<https://tinyurl.com/springpaintandsip2018GG>

Please contact Michelle Martin at [michellepto@jmm.bz](mailto:michellepto@jmm.bz) with any questions!

## NATURE TRAIL DAYS

### Nature Trail Spring Volunteer Day

Sat. April 28 - 10:00 am-2:00pm  
Teams of volunteers will gravel trails, rock steps, plant trees and remove honeysuckle. Pizza will be served at 11:30. Contact Stephen Reinke if you would like to be a Team Leader for one of these activities ([reinkes@sycamoreschools.org](mailto:reinkes@sycamoreschools.org)).

### Nature Trail Fourth Grade Volunteer Day

Fri. May 4 - 9:30am-12:30pm  
Fourth graders will clear honeysuckle around the butterfly garden. Parent volunteers are welcome! More information to come as this event nears.

## PTO QUICK LINKS

Website: [tinyurl.com/symmesptoweb](http://tinyurl.com/symmesptoweb)

Carnival: [tinyurl.com/symmescarnival2018](http://tinyurl.com/symmescarnival2018)

Gatherings: [tinyurl.com/symmesgreatgatherings](http://tinyurl.com/symmesgreatgatherings)

PTO Facebook Page: [tinyurl.com/symmeselemptofb](http://tinyurl.com/symmeselemptofb)

Membership Form: [tinyurl.com/symmesmembership](http://tinyurl.com/symmesmembership)

Volunteer Form: [tinyurl.com/symmesvolunteeronline](http://tinyurl.com/symmesvolunteeronline)

Volunteer Form: [tinyurl.com/symmesvolunteerpaper](http://tinyurl.com/symmesvolunteerpaper)



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## SYMMES STEPPERS

Steppers is the lunch recess walking/running program that occurs on good weather Wednesdays in the fall and spring. Steppers will resume after Spring Break, on Wed 4/4. There are 2 shifts, 11:40-12:40 (2nd and 3rd grades) and 12:20-1:20 (1st and 4th grades). We still need parent volunteers so please send an email to [symmessteppers@gmail.com](mailto:symmessteppers@gmail.com) if interested. We hope to see you on the track!

## MASTER FACILITIES PLANNING

Sycamore Community Schools is exploring ways to enhance our 21st-century learning environments for current students and future generations. The district is developing a Master Facility Plan that includes feedback from students, families, staff, and the community.

The district is holding two open Community Engagement Sessions to seek input from our community:

- April 24, 2018 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- May 1, 2018 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Both sessions will be held at E.H. Greene Intermediate School and are **free and open to the public**. The session will include a 60-minute presentation on the state of our facilities.

Please bring a smartphone, tablet, or any device that connects to wifi to participate in a survey at the end of the session.

## SYMMES STARS

The Symmes Stars program is going strong as students continue to enjoy their turn! We now have certificates for special needs students with appropriate interview questions. Our plan is to request the teachers to offer families the opportunity to help their student answer the questions. Every student at our school is amazing and deserves a chance to be displayed in the Symmes Stars display case!

Please, look at your calendars to see when you can help to get to know our awesome students!

Visit [www.tinyurl.com/symmesstarssignup](http://www.tinyurl.com/symmesstarssignup) to choose your date!

## DODGEBALL FUNDRAISER

The Dodgeball Game will be held on May 11th.

Each grade level will get a chance to play teachers and staff at Symmes.

Cost is \$25.00 per player.

All proceeds go to the Symmes Elementary PTO which will use the funds for teacher and staff gifting!

Click here for electronic signup <http://tinyurl.com/symmesdodgeball2018>.

Paper signup forms coming home in backpack mail.

