

SYMMES CIRCULAR

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

THE PTO NEWSLETTER

NOV-PEC 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri. Nov 2 - Symmes Ambassadors Gathering

Sat. Nov 3 - Nature Trail Volunteer Day

Mon. Nov 5 -9 - Book Fair

Wed. Nov 7 - Muffins with Moms

Thurs. Nov 8 - PTO Meeting

Fri. Nov 9 - Muffins with Moms

Fri. Nov 9 - Veterans' Day Celebration

Wed. Nov 14 - Picture Re-Take Day

Thurs. Nov 15 - Cookie Dough Pickup

Sat. Nov 17 - Girls on the Run Race

Wed. Nov 21-23 - Fall Break

Fri. Dec 7 - SA Gathering

Tues. Dec 11 - 4th Grade Music Concert

Fri. Dec 21 - Winter Break Begins

Symmes Elementary PTO



PTO MEETINGS

Please join us for our 2018-19 PTO meetings held the 2nd Thursday of every month.

<u>Babysitting is provided!</u> The next meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov 8, at 9:30 A.M. 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). There will be a digital-free zone at the meeting if you prefer not to be seen on camera.

SYMMES SPOTLIGHT

Thank you to those who have already volunteered, and big shout out to new volunteers Vanessa Holland, Amanda Luedecking, and Delphine Matray for diving right in! The students are enjoying having their turn in the Spotlight and depend on us to make this program successful. School pictures are in, so they will now be on each certificate if available. Continue to look at your schedule to see when you can help. The Sign up link is: https://tinyurl.com/symmesspotlight2018-19.

MUFFINS WITH MOMS

Muffins with Moms is scheduled for November 7th and 9th at 8:15-9:15 a.m. in the cafeteria. Moms, grandmas and special friends are invited to come enjoy breakfast with their children. RSVP forms will be coming home in backpack mail!

We are also looking for a few Dad volunteers for the Muffins with Mom event! Wednesday or Friday 8:00am-9:15am. Please email lennon_megan@yahoo.com for more details and to sign up to help!

BOOK FAIR

Book Fair will begin on Monday, Nov. 5th and WE NEED YOU! All students will visit Book Fair during their scheduled library class during the week. Please consider being a Book Fair helper during your child's class visit! We especially need help with our Kindergarten and 1st grade classes. Please sign-up to volunteer via the SignUp Genius at

https://tinyurl.com/symmesbookfair2018. Class schedules are posted on the sign up!

COOKIE DOUGH PICKUP

Please mark your calendars! Cookie Dough Distribution will be Thursday, Nov. 15th from 2-6:30pm. Student orders must be picked up from the cafeteria that afternoon as products need to remain frozen.

If you are able to help organize and distribute orders, please visit the SignUp Genius at https://tinyurl.com/symmescookies2018.

SYMMES AMBASSADORS

Join us for the next *Gathering* hosted by the Symmes Ambassadors on Friday, Dec. 7th from 1:30-3:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

This is a time to chat, connect and have any questions answered. It's a wonderful opportunity to spend time with friends and meet new people. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Please contact Jackie Ogden at jakey_07@yahoo.com with any questions. You can also check out The Ambassadors Facebook page at https://tinyurl.com/symmesambassadors.

PTO QUICK LINKS

Website: tinyurl.com/symmesptoweb
PTO Facebook Page: tinyurl.com/symmeselemptofb
Online Membership Form: tinyurl.com/symmesmembership
Online Volunteer Form: tinyurl.com/symmesvolunteeronline
Paper Volunteer Form: tinyurl.com/symmesvolunteerpaper



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SYMMES STEPPERS

The Symmes Steppers walking program is off and walking! Participation has been great so far this year, and we hope to keep it going. This year 2nd & 3rd grades are in the 1st shift (11:20-12:20) and 1st & 4th are in the second shift (12:10-1:10). We need volunteers to track laps and supervise. If you are interested in helping out please contact Rebekah Erck at rbreech18@hotmail.com. Thanks!

YEARBOOK

If you capture great moments from your students' field trips, class parties, sporting events or other school functions be sure to submit them to the Yearbook Chair, Michelle Martin, at michellepto@jmm.bz.

AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Enriching Kidz is offering 2 classes at Symmes this fall. Flyers went home in backpack mail with details for both classes, Hand Build with Clay and Kidz Home Alone. You can also *click here to view*.

To register go to <u>www.enrichingkidz.com</u> and click on "Register for a class". 10% of class proceeds go back to the PTO!

CARNIVAL

Plans for the Symmes 2019 Carnival are underway! There are many ways to get involved with our biggest fundraiser of the entire year. Information will start coming home over the next several months and we are excited for this amazing event. Please see below for some opportunities to contribute.

<u>Auction Items</u> - we are working hard to collect awesome items for the online auction. If you have items you would be willing to contribute or connections to businesses that may want to donate, we'd love to hear from you! You do not need to be responsible for pickups, we are happy to pickup and organize any items!

Sponsorships - Carnival is made possible in part due to our generous sponsors. Perhaps your business would be interested in donating products, services or in making a cash contribution in exchange for advertising and recognition as a Symmes Sponsor. Families or businesses can also sponsor individual game rooms and earn extra chances to win our \$1,000 cash raffle prize! Be on the lookout for more information to come!

Please contact Leigh Grause at Igrause@hotmail.com with any questions or if you know somone who may want to be an auction donor or Symmes Sponsor!

KROGER and AMAZON SMILE

The Kroger and Amazon Smile programs are simple ways for families to contribute to the PTO. Especially with holiday shopping on the horizon, these companies will donate a portion of your shopping totals back to our PTO. It's quick and easy to register, and participating has no effect on your personal rewards. It's simply FREE MONEY! See below for how to register:

Kroger -

Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com. Select location. On the next page choose "Enroll"

Log in if you have an existing account, or create a new account. Click on 'Community Rewards' and select Symmes PTO.

**Our organization number is 81716.

Amazon Smile -

Bookmark https://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-1340714. Use this link when shopping through Amazon. Your shopping experience will be exactly the same, and it works with Amazon Prime!