



SYMMES CIRCULAR

THE PTO NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon. Nov 6** - Book Fair
- Wed. Nov 8** - Muffins with Mom
- Wed. Nov 8** - Cookie Dough Pickup
- Thurs. Nov 9** - PTO Meeting
- Fri. Nov 10** - Muffins with Mom
- Wed. Nov 15** - 4th Grade Group Pic & Picture Retake Day
- Wed. Nov 15** - Book Club Meeting
- Thurs. Nov 16** - Dream Dinners Workshop GG
- Sat. Nov 18** - Girls On The Run Race
- Wed. Nov 22** - Fall Break
- Wed. Nov 29** - Symmes Event "Looking Beyond the Diagnoses!"
- Thurs. Nov 30** - Paint & Sip Sign Painting GG
- Fri. Dec 1** - Peacebuilder Shirt Day
- Tues. Dec 12** - 4th Grade Music Concert
- Fri. Dec 22** - NO SCHOOL (Teacher Records Day & Start of Winter Break)
- Mon. Jan 8** - Classes Resume
- Thurs. Jan 11** - PTO Meeting
- Fri. Jan 12** - Peacebuilder Shirt Day
- Mon. Jan 15** - NO SCHOOL (MLK Jr. Day)
- Fri. Jan 26** - Cultural Celebration
- Fri. Feb 2** - Peacebuilder Shirt Day
- Mon. Feb 5** - Kindergarten Registration Begins
- Thurs. Feb 8** - PTO Meeting
- Mon. Feb 19** - NO SCHOOL (Presidents' Day)
- Fri. Feb 23** - CARNIVAL!

Symmes Elementary PTO



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Come join us in the Symmes Elementary PTO! We are working on lots of exciting projects! Everyone's time is valuable and no contribution is too big or too small! Membership in the PTO is a FUN way to meet other families in the Symmes community and to provide much needed support for all our Symmes teachers and students.

PTO MEETINGS

Please join us for the next PTO meeting on Thurs. Nov 9th 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. Please note there will be no meeting in December.

SYMMES STARS

We are still in need of volunteers! Dec 4 & 11, Feb 5, Mar 19, and May 14 have the largest need. Please consider spending a little time getting to know our wonderful students! They truly look forward to their turn, and we don't want to let them down! Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/symmesstarssignup> to add your name to the schedule. Email Tulika Prasad at tulika.prasad@gmail.com or Sunny Pitt at prtyeldy@hotmail.com for a reminder of your date. Thank you to those who have already volunteered!

GREAT GATHERINGS

We have 2 awesome Great Gatherings coming up in November! Stock with freezer with ready-to-go meals or relax and enjoy a Moms Night In during the:

- Dream Dinners Workshop
- or
- Paint & Sip Sign Painting Party

All GG signups are now posted in the Symmes PTO Great Gatherings SignUp Genius group. Each event has its own tab on the site that includes the event details, cost and contact information. Cost varies with the type of experience created by each gathering, but our goal is to have something for everyone! Payment must be submitted to reserve your spot. Please double check your family calendars before submitting payment!

<http://tinyurl.com/symmesgreatgatherings>

We need more hosts! Join your friends or neighbors and host an event together! Want to host but need an idea? We can help with that too. Please email us at symmesptogreatgatherings@outlook.com with any questions!

COOKIE DOUGH

Thank you for supporting Symmes through this fundraiser. All orders are in! Distribution of products and prizes will be on Wed, Nov. 8th from 2:30-6:30pm. ALL PRODUCTS MUST REMAIN FROZEN. Be sure to put this date on your calendar and we'll see you in the cafeteria that afternoon. Volunteers needed to help with distribution. Please sign up here for an hour or two of your time: <https://tinyurl.com/cookie dough2018>. Any questions contact Jackie Ogden, jakey_07@yahoo.com.

BOOK FAIR

Book Fair opened Mon Nov. 6 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. View the class schedule at <https://tinyurl.com/y7uzav25>. Please sign-up to volunteer via the SignUp Genius at <https://tinyurl.com/signupgenius-bookfair>. Thank you!

UPCOMING SYMMES EVENT

"Looking Beyond the Diagnoses!" - This is an event for parents with kids who have special needs. Join us on Wed, Nov. 29th in the MPR as we hear from guest speakers Dr. Patricia Barros, Stacey Spencer (Director of Student Services) and Suzanne Longworth (Special Education Supervisor). They will offer district resources along with coping techniques. Refreshments will be served. Kids welcome! For questions contact Jackie Ogden at jakey_07@yahoo.com.

PTO QUICK LINKS

Website: tinyurl.com/symmesptoweb

Carnival: tinyurl.com/symmescarnival2018

Gatherings: tinyurl.com/symmesgreatgatherings

PTO Facebook Page: tinyurl.com/symmeselemptofb

Membership Form: tinyurl.com/symmesmembership

Volunteer Form: tinyurl.com/symmesvolunteeronline

Volunteer Form: 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. We still need parent volunteers so please send an email to symmessteppers@gmail.com if interested. Currently there are 2 shifts, 11:40-12:40 (2nd and 3rd grades) and 12:20-1:20 (1st and 4th grades). We hope to see you on the track!

GIRLS ON THE RUN

Congratulations to our Girls on the Run team for completing their practice 5k! The 'official' race is Sat, Nov. 18th at Sawyer Point. We are proud of our 4th grade team!

YEARBOOK

Do you want your student to be in the yearbook? Do you have photos from Symmes activities and events that you could share? We need as many candid photos as we can get in order to make sure the 2017-18 yearbook represents our entire school! Please email photos that you would like to be considered to Kim Hueil! (khueil@icloud.com).

** Pictures need to be of the highest quality and lowest compression settings in order to be accepted by the Lifetouch online program. If you're sending photos from your phone - send original pictures in their 'Actual Size.' Please try to use your flash and don't crop or edit your pictures before emailing them! Thanks! **

HEALTH SCREENINGS

THANK YOU to Jane Kahle and all the volunteers who helped organize and conduct the health screenings for all of our students! We appreciate your time and efforts!

Helma Kranz	Latoya Goshen	Patricia Barros
Valerie Herman	Lauren Gall	Shirley Coaston
Kenna Wahlquist	Shirlaine Meyer	Jamie Magee
Deepika Lalkota	Lesley Davis	Aizada Madieva
Sarah Thacker	Camilla Millar	Sunny Pitt
Melissa Rose	Linda Young	Tony Volpenhein
Meredith Yarto	Allison Rollins	Christine Dimaculangan

4TH GRADE SPELLING BEE

THANK YOU to Ashish Goel for organizing the 4th Grade Spelling Bee! The event was a success and all the participants did an amazing job!

NATURE TRAIL DAY

Thank you to all the volunteers that came out for the Nature Trail Volunteer Day! The trail has been cleaned up and we appreciate your help to keep this special part of Symmes beautiful for all of us to enjoy!



CARNIVAL

The theme for the 2018 Carnival is.....**Symmes Superheroes!**

There are lots of opportunities to help and we would love to have you as part of the team! See below for more information about the most pressing volunteer needs. Please contact Leigh Grause at lgrause@hotmail.com if you are interested in helping out.

VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Cake Walk - we are in need of someone willing to manage the Cake Walk for Carnival. This is a fun, easy opportunity that doesn't require much time until the day of Carnival. This person would be responsible for organizing the treats dropped off to school and setting up the Cake Walk game room on the 23rd.

Auction Items - we are working hard to collect awesome items for the online and silent auction. If you would be willing to contact a few local businesses to inquire about donations we would appreciate your time. This is a great opportunity for those who'd like to help outside of school hours! Please email Leigh at lgrause@hotmail.com for a few business names, and stop in or call when you have a few minutes to spare. You do not need to be responsible for item pickups, we can do that if you can make the calls!

SPONSORSHIP

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

Several levels of sponsorship are available. More information can be found on the PTO webpage. Please contact Leigh Grause (lgrause@hotmail.com) for more information, or if you or someone you know may be interested in becoming a Symmes Sponsor!

BOOK CLUB

It's not too late to join! The PTO has created a Book Club to discuss the book *Mindset*, by Carol Dweck. We have only read 1 chapter so far so there is still time to catch up! The kickoff was Nov 1st and was so enriching and fun! We hope you'll join us for the next meeting on Nov 15th from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the cafeteria to discuss Chapter 2 (please note this is a location change from the first meeting). The discussions will be led by Dr. Patricia Barros and focus on bringing the concept of Growth Mindset to life, with practical tools to apply at home with our children. For more information contact barros.patricia2012@gmail.com