



SYMMES CIRCULAR

THE PTO NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Fri. Oct 6** - Peacebuilder Shirt Day
Mon. Oct 9 - Clothing Drive Kick Off
Thurs. Oct 12 - PTO Meeting
Thurs. Oct 12 - Cookie Dough Orders Due
Thurs. Oct 12 - Family Math Night
Mon. Oct 16 - NO SCHOOL (Teacher Records Day)
Tues. Oct 17 - Symmes Ambassadors Event - Q&A Session
Thurs. Oct 19 - 4th Grade Spelling Bee
Thurs. Oct 19 - Carnival KickOff Mtg
Tues. Oct 24 - Candidates' Forum
Mon. Oct 23 -26 - Health Screenings
Fri. Oct 27 - NO SCHOOL (Teacher Conferences)
Tues. Oct 31 - Fall Parade
Wed. Nov 1 - Book Club Kick Off
Fri. Nov 3 - Peacebuilder Shirt Day
Sat. Nov 4 - Nature Trail Volunteer Day
Wed. Nov 8 - Muffins with Mom
Wed. Nov 8 - Girls On The Run Race
Thurs. Nov 9 - PTO Meeting
Fri. Nov 10 - Muffins with Mom
Wed. Nov 22 - Fall Break
Fri. Dec 1 - Peacebuilder Shirt Day
Tues. Dec 12 - 4th Grade Music Concert

Symmes Elementary PTO



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Come join us in the Symmes Elementary PTO! The year is off to a great start and 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 meetings on Thurs. Oct 12th and 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). There will be a digital-free zone at the meeting if you prefer not to be seen on camera.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Family Fun Night was a big success! Over 200 people attended. 6 classes won popsicle, pizza and popcorn parties and 4 classes won extra recess. A HUGE thank you to all who volunteered their time and energy and to Dana Auer and Allison Rollins for organizing the evening's activities!

4th GRADE SPELLING BEE

The Spelling Bee is going to be held on Oct 19th from 2- 3:30 p.m. Parents and Grandparents are welcome to attend. The top 5 kids from each 4th grade classroom (total of 25 kids) will be participating in the final Spelling Bee. We hope to see you there!

SCHOOL BOARD

Association of Sycamore Schools Parent Organization Presents

Sycamore Community School Board Candidates' Forum

Tuesday, October 24th, 7:00 P.M.

E.H. Greene School Cafeteria
5200 Aldine Dr., Blue Ash

There are 5 candidates running for 3 school board positions:

- Diane Adamec
- David Evans
- Nick Frankowski
- John Mercurio
- Paaras Parker

The format is a public Q&A session moderated by a representative from the Xavier Department of Education

Candidates will discuss their visions, goals, and platform for our schools.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 7th.

COOKIE DOUGH

Cookie Dough Fundraiser orders are due Oct. 12th. Help support the Symmes PTO and all they do! It's not too late to get your orders in online. Ordered frozen items are due to arrive before Thanksgiving. Volunteers will be needed in mid-November to help distribute orders. A Sign-Up Genius link will be sent out once the delivery date is confirmed. This is an easy way to help out for an hour or two, and children are welcome to tag along! Please contact Jackie Ogden at jakey_07@yahoo.com with any questions.

HEALTH SCREENINGS

Hearing and Vision Screenings will take place Oct. 23rd-26th. Volunteers are needed, no previous training required! We will train you! Please contact Jane Kahle at jdickinson79@yahoo.com if interested in helping!

SYMMES AMBASSADORS

The next Symmes Ambassadors event, "You've Got Questions, We've Got Answers", is scheduled for Tues. Oct 17th from 7-9 p.m. in the MPR. Come learn about MAP testing, parent/teacher conferences, developmental reading assessments, gifted qualifications, Compass Learning, Dojo and more! Vice-principal Jessica Ralston will be doing a special presentation about MAP testing. Volunteer parents will be there to help translate in many languages and computers will be available if you need to complete any school forms online. Refreshments will be served and kids are welcome! Please contact Jackie Ogden at jakey_07@yahoo.com with any questions.

PTO QUICK LINKS

Website: tinyurl.com/symmesptoweb

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 are off and walking! 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

The Girls On The Run group has an almost full roster and has been practicing hard! Cheer them on in their first race on November 8th!

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! ******

CLOTHING DRIVE

It's time for the annual Fall Clothing Drive! Please donate gently used Fall and Winter clothing. All sizes, infant through adult, would be greatly appreciated. Winter coats and shoes are wonderful too! There is a bin placed in the school lobby labeled "Clothing Drive", please feel free to place your donations in the tote. Should you want to donate but not have the time to drop off to school, feel free to contact LaToya to arrange a pick-up. The donations are used to help our school community. Nothing is more special than helping families in need. We will be collecting clothes on Oct. 9th - Oct. 27th. I will begin sorting clothes on Oct 17th, should you be interested in helping to sort and bag clothes, contact LaToya Goshen at goshenfamily3@yahoo.com. Thank you for making a difference for our students!

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 or by clicking here to view more details. Please contact Leigh Gause (lgrause@hotmail.com) for more information, or if you or someone you know may be interested in becoming a Symmes Sponsor!

SYMMES STARS

The Symmes Stars program is underway and we are having fun getting to know the wonderful students at Symmes! This is a fabulous opportunity to volunteer and help our children share information about themselves with the rest of the Symmes community. Volunteers interview each student, and their certificate is placed on the Symmes Stars bulletin board for the week. The students get a prize, and a special note is sent home to their family informing them that their child is a Symmes Star. Parents are encouraged to share lunch time with their child during the week as well. The students are excited when it is their turn to be a Symmes Star and look forward to their week!

We meet most Mondays during the school year. We start around 9:05 am and finish by 9:45 am - it's only a 30-40 minute commitment per week.

Please consider sharing your time to get to know some of our amazing children! You may view the signup sheet at <https://tinyurl.com/symmesstarssignup> and add your name to the schedule. Then, email Tulika Prasad at tulika.prasad@gmail.com to let us know so we can remind you of the date. Thank you for considering this opportunity!

BOOK CLUB

Book Club in November is organized with the goal of serving our community of amazing parents in a powerful way. The PTO has created a Book Club to discuss the book *Mindset*, by Carol Dweck. The discussions will be led by Dr. Patricia Barros and will focus on bringing the concept of Growth Mindset to life, with practical tools to apply at home with your children. For a preview of the subject matter please see Carol Dweck's TED talk at <http://tinyurl.com/ybjnnpmk>. For more information contact barros.patricia2012@gmail.com

CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

Join us for a general **Carnival Kick-Off meeting** on Thurs. Oct. 19th at 7:00 p.m.! Please contact Leigh Gause (Carnival Chair) at lgrause@hotmail.com for details or with questions. No commitment is too small, we have opportunities to help for every level of interest. Our goal is to work together and have FUN!

GREAT GATHERINGS

Great Gatherings have begun! The first Gathering of the year, a **3rd Grade Father Daughter Campfire**, is scheduled for Oct. 21st at the Hardy's. Sign up for a night of pizza, s'mores and lots of memories. All parties are included on SignUp Genius under the Symmes GG group. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/symmesgreatgatherings> to choose your spots!

We need more hosts! GG parties can include any combination of grade levels, parents, moms, dads, kids, or whole families and are a great way to connect with our school community. Hosts cover the costs of the party and fees paid by the guests to attend are donated 100% to the PTO! Feel free to team up with your friends or neighbors and host together. Please contact Leigh Gause (lgrause@hotmail.com) when you're ready to party!