

Palisades Elementary 2018/2019

Parent Teacher Organization

Welcome to the new school year! Below, you will find important information about the Palisades Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). **Anyone is welcome to get involved, and there are a variety of ways to do so!** Check out the info below and if questions pop up, feel free to contact the PTO Board any time at gretna.palisades.pto@gmail.com. We meet monthly at the school & would love to see you there! Our goal is to provide the best experience for our entire school family. We hope you can join us in helping to make this our best year yet!



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Mark Your Calendar! We hope to see you soon!

AUGUST

29th – YoYo Berri Benefit Night
(168th/Harrison) 3-9PM

SEPTEMBER

10th-19th – Book Fair at School
11th – Kona Ice at School 3:30-6:30PM
11th – PTO Meeting at School 6:30PM
12th – Runza Benefit Night
(168th/Harrison) 5-8PM
14th – Snack Attack Begins
18th – Pancake Dinner at School 5-7:00PM

OCTOBER

5th – Torch Run
11th – PTO Meeting at School 3:15PM
11th – 2nd & 3rd Grade Music Program
16th/18th – Parent/Teacher Conferences
25th – Freddy's Benefit Night
(180th/Center) 4-9PM
31st – Halloween Classroom Parties

NOVEMBER

6th – Arby's (Hwy 370 & I-80) 5-8PM
8th – 4th Grade Music Program
9th – Omaha Lancers Game 7:05PM
13th – PTO Meeting at School 6:30PM

DECEMBER

6th – 1st Grade Music Program
6th – Cold Stone Benefit Night
(126th/Giles)
20th – Winter Classroom Parties

JANUARY

9th – Runza Benefit Night (168th/Harrison)
5:00-8:00 PM
10th – PTO Meeting at School 3:15PM

FEBRUARY

7th – Freddy's Benefit Night
(180th/Center) 4-9PM
8th – Sock Hop Family Night 6-8pm
12th – PTO Meeting at School 6:30PM
14th – Valentine Classroom Parties
19th/21st – Parent/Teacher Conferences

MARCH

4th - 8th - Staff Appreciation Week
5th - Kindergarten Music Program
11th – Arby's Benefit Night
(Hwy 370/I-80) 5-8PM
14th – PTO Meeting 3:15 PM
22nd – Omaha Lancers Game 7:05PM

APRIL

9th – Choir Concert 6:30pm
9th – Cold Stone Benefit Night
(126th/Giles)
11th – PTO Meeting 6:30PM

MAY

1st – Kona Ice at School 3:30-6:30PM
16th – 5th Grade Night of Memories
16th – YoYo Berri Benefit Night
(168th/Harrison) 3-9PM
24th – Last Day of School

We'll be adding more fun events to this calendar, so keep an eye out for updates throughout the year!

Fundraising & Volunteer Opportunities!

The Palisades Elementary PTO holds a few fundraisers throughout the year, to help make sure our teachers and students have everything they need to be successful. There are several fun ways to get involved. You'll receive a separate sheet, providing the opportunity to sign up for specific items/events. In the meantime, here's a description of each to keep you in the loop & give you a heads up about what is coming throughout this school year.

- ❖ **TORCH RUN** This is our largest fundraiser of the year! Kids collect pledges for laps they run. It is SO MUCH FUN! More info to come in September, including ways you can volunteer! **The date for this year's Torch Run is October 5th!**
- ❖ **BENEFIT NIGHTS** We have partnered with local businesses that are gracious enough to host benefit nights, and give a portion of their proceeds back to our school! We'll give you the dates ahead of time & also provide reminders as each one approaches!
- ❖ **CLASSROOM PARENT VOLUNTEERS** There are three holiday parties scheduled throughout the year (Halloween, Winter & Valentine's Day). These parties aren't possible without the help of parents like you! It's a fun opportunity to see the excitement in the classroom surrounding the holidays!
- ❖ **PRIME TIME SPOTS** Prefer not to come to school an hour before your student's music program? Bid on guaranteed front seats! Also, front row parking for drop off/pick up is a hot commodity! We'll provide you with a link via email (and on Facebook) to place online bids prior to each auction!
- ❖ **MUSIC PROGRAM DVDs** No need to watch your student perform through a view finder! We hire a professional videographer to record this event for you. As your student's music program approaches, information about ordering will be made available to you. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the cuteness of the event!
- ❖ **SNACK ATTACK** On Friday mornings, your student will have the opportunity to purchase a delicious snack on their way into school. All snacks are donated by the families at Palisades (Thank you!!). Keep an eye out for the monthly donation schedule in upcoming newsletters, and please see the Printable Flyers section of the school's website for nutritional requirements of the snacks. In addition to donation of snacks, we also welcome volunteers to help manage Snack Attack each Friday morning (7:30-8am). We appreciate your help to make this possible – The kids love being able to buy a special treat! If you sign up to assist, and have an older child that would like to help, it's a great opportunity to practice counting coins, giving change, etc.
- ❖ **ORIGINAL WORKS** In art class, your student will create their very own work of art that can be turned into a variety of customized items. You'll have the opportunity to order these items, which make fun & unique gifts for family members! More info to come!

2018/2019 PTO Officers

Holly Fink	President
Beth Pirnie	Vice President
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If you have questions, please feel free to contact us anytime!

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