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What you need to know about McLane Elementary happenings!



McLane Elementary PTSO News

September 2016

Greetings!

Goodbye Summer... Hello Fall!

We are off to a great start for the 2016-2017 school year at McLane Elementary! The PTSO held its first board meeting of the year on Monday, September 12th.

Thank you to all that came out. We were delighted to see so many parents and teachers. If you weren't able to make it to the meeting -- good news! October is fast approaching! Your PTSO meets the **FIRST Monday** of each month at **6:00pm** in the cafeteria at McLane Elementary. If you are new to McLane, we'd love to welcome you early at 5:45pm for refreshments and social time. The PTSO is a great way to meet new people and make a friend or two!

Speaking of October, don't look now but the biggest fundraising event for the PTSO is right around the corner! **The annual Read-a-thon is upon us!** This year's theme is, "**Camp Out with a Good Book.**" Here's how it works: students set reading

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Sept. 22, 5:30 - 6:30pm](#)

Curriculum Night

[Sept. 22](#)

Backward Spirit Day

[Sept. 28](#)

Early Release (12:10)
College Spirit Day

[Sept. 30, 2:15pm](#)

Science Assembly

[Sept. 30, 6:30 - 7:45pm](#)

Science Family Fun Night

[Oct. 3 - 31](#)

McLane Read-a-thon

[Oct. 3, 6 - 7pm](#)

PTSO Board Meeting
McLane Cafeteria

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prizes and overall prizes; and the Read-a-thon helps students develop a love for reading, while raising funds for educational and fun community-building projects at McLane.

Can't wait to get started? Here are some things you can do this week:

- Schedule time in your child's day for reading
- Find family, friends, or businesses to sponsor your child
- Talk to your child and build excitement to read

The Read-a-thon will also feature cool events like the Barnes & Noble Book Fair, the School Takeover Night at McDonald's, and the Free Family Fun Night just to name a few!

Read-a-thon packets will be distributed at school shortly. Thanks, as always, for your participation!

Night

[Oct. 8, 11am - 3pm](#)
Barnes & Noble Book Fair

[Oct. 20, 4:30 - 7:30pm](#)

School Takeover Night
Black Lake McDonalds

[Oct. 25 - Oct.28](#)
Book Fair & Conf. week

[Oct. 28, 6:30 - 8pm](#)

Free Family Fun Night
McLane Elementary

Stay connected with your [McLane PTSSO](#) on Facebook and keep in touch in real time.



The Owl Store!

What is the Owl Store you say? The Owl Store is a fun place for the children to shop for cool trinkets and toys as a reward for good citizenry and/or academics!

Teachers give out "Owl feathers" to be used as currency to redeem in the Owl store, and the kids love it!



We need YOU!

Wondering how to get more involved with McLane Elementary and the PTSSO? We have opportunities galore, from helping at school, to helping on your free time!

Here are just a few volunteer ideas:

the Owl Store;
100 mile club (daily at



Easy Money

Want to help your child's school, but short on time? We have the perfect solution, and lots of them.

If you're a regular Amazon shopper, consider shopping on AmazonSmile instead and choose McLane Elementary PTSSO as your charity. AmazonSmile is exactly the same shopping experience as Amazon, except AmazonSmile

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and we are happily accepting "gently used" small toys as donations. If you have any items to donate, please contact our Owl Store Manager, [Laurie](#).

& weekends); Read-a-thon (help track progress and give out awards); or events like Free Family Fun Night, Movie Night, and much more! Volunteering is FUN!

To learn more, contact our friendly volunteer coordinator, [Kim](#).

your choice. Register your support for your PTSO by clicking here: [Amazon Smile](#)

Box Tops and Labels for Education! The Fall Pod-to-Pod Challenge is upon us already. Nov. 25 is the deadline to send in the slips you've collected over the summer to help your child's pod win a movie and popcorn reward. And don't forget that each empty Capri Sun juice pouch you donate earns the school 2 cents. All of these "throw aways" add up to hundreds of dollars a year for much needed supplies and activities!

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