



PTO News

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We Need You!

You might be surprised at the many ways you'd miss the Ross Park PTO if we weren't here.

Over the last few years, the PTO has purchased new playground equipment, tables and chairs for the nature center, and hundreds of dollars worth of books for our classrooms. We've helped almost 100 girls participate in Girls On The Run and helped pay for field trips. Every year, we put on the very popular Halloween party called Pumpkin Patch and the even more popular Reindeer Lane holiday shopping event. And those are just a few of the things your PTO does to help keep Ross Park fun, inviting and most of all educational for all students.

Wanna know a secret? YOU are the PTO! And the PTO - and all Ross Park kids - need your ideas, your voice. We're not asking for a big commitment here; the PTO meets just once a month, for just an hour each time.

We do have a potential problem, though. Two of the four board members have 5th-graders at Ross Park and won't be with us next year. And right now, we don't have any potential candidates to fill those slots next year. If we can't fill those slots, the PTO will be disbanded; all the money we've raised will get turned over to the Mona Shores Booster Club, and there will be no one to do all the wonderful things YOUR PTO does for YOUR CHILD's school.

We understand the busy lives we all lead today. Even serving on the board is not a huge time commitment. But even if you can't commit to that, please try to find an hour a month to devote to helping your child's school, and come to your PTO meetings. Our next meeting is Monday, February 23, from 7 - 8 p.m. in the school library; free child care is provided. We look forward to seeing you there!

March Is Reading Month

On Friday, February 27th Ross Park's PTO will be kicking-off March is Reading Month when author Gary D. Bower visits the school. Mr. Bower is a well-known author from Traverse City who has written such books as I'm a Michigan Kid, Tessa's Treasures, Wyatt's Wagon, Ivy's Icicle and Cody's Castle.

Mr. Bower's books are high interest books with beautiful illustrations by his wife, Jan. Mr. Bower is making his books available for purchase prior to the assembly on February 27th. Book order forms will be available in the office for the next several weeks.

If you purchase a book this month, Mr. Bower will deliver it on February 27th and will autograph it for your child. If you have any questions, please contact PTO Vice President Stan Miller at 780-9219 or vp@rossparkpto.org, or Principal Dan Cwayna at 798-1773 or cwaynad@monashores.net.

Popcorn Sales

This month the 2nd grade will sponsor Popcorn Sales Day on February 27. Next month the 1st grade will sponsor Popcorn Sales Day on March 27. Parents, if your child is in one of the grades sponsoring Popcorn Sales Day and you are able to help support your child's class with making and distributing popcorn on this day, please contact your child's teacher or a PTO Board member. All help is appreciated. Thank you.

Box Tops for Education

And Nestle Pure Life Labels

We still collect Box Tops for Education labels and Nestle Pure Life water labels. You can send them in with your child or drop them off at the office. Thank you for your support with these programs.

Ross Park Merchandise

Get your Ross Park merchandise! Go to www.cafepress.com/rossparkpto to pick from a wide variety of T-shirts, sweatshirts and other merchandise; \$5 from every item purchased will go to the PTO to benefit the entire school.

February 24 Bond Proposal

On Tuesday, Feb. 24, voters in the Mona Shores district will be asked to approve an extension of the current school millage. The extension will not raise your taxes; it simply extends the current millage rate for two more years, to 2019. It will raise about \$13 million for important improvements in our schools starting as soon as this summer. You can learn more at www.monashores.net.

Donations Needed

Once again we will be holding a Silent Auction at our Spring Carnival and are looking for donations. If you own your own business or know of anyone interested in donating any items or services, please contact any board member. At the last carnival we had many wonderful items for auction ranging from candles, Pampered Chef items, hair cuts and tanning to camping gear, charter fishing trips and hotel stays. It's a good way to support Ross Park and to advertise your business.

If you need to contact the Ross Park PTO Board, you may email us at board@rossparkpto.org

The following advertisements help us with printing costs. If you would like to place an ad in our newsletter, contact Terri Whiteman at 231-740-1701 or secretary@rossparkpto.org

**Spring Fling Shopping Frenzy
@ Mona Lake Boating Club
372 Randall Rd.
Saturday, March 28th
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**Shop from a variety of different vendors
and have some lunch.
Raffles, every 1/2 hour starting at noon.**

**For more info contact:
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