**ABOUT THE D103 PTO**

**OBJECTIVE**

District 103 PTO is involved in close to 30 different programs and initiatives, focused on making our children's learning experience and fun and educational one simultaneously. We work with teachers and principals of all three schools to coordinate our efforts with current curriculum and schools' objectives. Some of our events focus on fundraising as well.

**PTO PROGRAMS – ALL SCHOOLS**

**[Run for D103 5K](http://www.runford103.org/)**

Annually in May, the Lincolnshire-Prairie View School-District 103 PTO hosts "Run for D103" (formerly "Run For The Fields") 5k Run/Walk.  The goal of this family-fun event is to promote healthy living and a sense of community, and to illustrate our community's commitment to creating healthy minds and healthy bodies!  All proceeds fund multiple PTO programs in the district schools - for more details visit [www.runford103.org](http://www.runford103.org/).

[**Parent Education**](https://www.d103pto.org/parent-education.html)

We are pleased to introduce the creation of the Parent Education Committee, dedicated to providing learning opportunities for parents K-12, collaborating with CPN, a Stevenson Foundation committee that serves Stevenson H.S. as well as its sender school districts (96, 102, 103, 73, 76, 79). Parent Ed sponsors quality speakers who will share effective parenting strategies. Parents are invited to attend programs across the districts.

[**Links to Learning (Teacher Grants)**](https://www.d103pto.org/links-to-learning-teacher-grants.html)

A minimum of $10,000 in Links to Learning Teacher Grants are awarded by the PTO annually to teachers, administrators and other educators within District 103.  The purpose of the grants is to encourage and support creative and innovative learning methods to enhance curriculum.  A grant can be requested for any amount; however, most grants range in size from $500-$1500.

**Teacher Appreciation Week**

PTO coordinates families' efforts to show our appreciation for all the work that our teachers do throughout the year. Our volunteers plan this special week in May and/or volunteer during that week to help our kids express gratitude for their teachers by helping execute fun and meaningful activities each day.

* [Explore the Arts Day](https://www.d103pto.org/cultural--fine-arts.html)
* **Welcome Back Staff Breakfast**
* **Chili Lunch for Staff**: Our Hospitality Committee coordinates homemade chili lunches for staff members of all our three schools.
* **Custodian** Day and **Admin Appreciation** Day
* **Library Aides**: Parent volunteers assist the Library staff one hour per week by shelving books. Volunteers may also assist students to find books or information.
* **Gym Aides**
* **Lunch Aides:**PTO coordinates parent volunteers to assist children during lunch time.
* **School Assemblies**: Our Cultural and Fine Arts Committee, while closely working with schools' curriculum, coordinates assemblies that support current learning subjects. Assemblies' topics may include issues such as Digital Citizenship, Anti-bullying, Science Experiments, Dance Presentations etc.
* **Room Parents:**PTO coordinates volunteers who assist teachers with classroom parties and field trips, recruit parent volunteers for field trips (including Rivershire) and facilitate the Halloween Party, December Holiday Party, and the End of the Year Celebration.
* Jump Rope for Heart

**End of the Year Celebrations**: PTO coordinates volunteers to assist in running this annual event that focuses on games, activities and fun during one of the last days of school throughout the grades, including Spring Fling for 6th Grade and End of the Year Picnic for 8th grade.

**SCHOOL SPECIFIC PTO PROGRAMS**

**SPRAGUE**

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Sprague and Half Day Families are welcome to join our annual Back to School Bash in early September for a fun evening with the ever popular DJ, complimentary light dinner and playtime with friends at Sprague's playground. Please bring your blankets and get ready for some fun!

**HALF DAY**

INDOOR RECESS

Help supervise students during inclement weather!  Volunteering for indoor recess is a wonderful opportunity to see your child interact at school and to familiarize yourself with the students at Half Day School.

If you have a flexible midday schedule or you are able to break away from your busy schedule once in awhile, please consider signing up below to help out this year.Please read the [**IR GUIDELINES DOCUMENT**](http://weebly-file/7/2/9/8/7298525/hdirvolunteerguidelines.docx) for more information about this volunteering opportunity.

**DW**

[8th Grade Graduation Dance](http://dw8thgradedance.weebly.com/index.html)

The 8th Grade Graduation Dance website is the place for parents and future Daniel Wright graduates to keep up to date on all of the dance plans and activities.