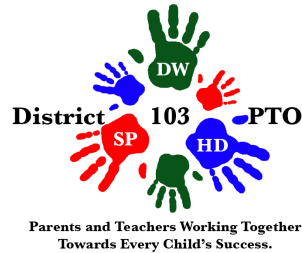


OCTOBER  
2017

# DISTRICT 103 PTO

## NEWSLETTER



Welcome to our first PTO Newsletter of the school year! We have so much to share, but more importantly, hope that you find it informative. If you have any feedback email [Tania Surane](mailto:Tania.Surane).



Back to School Bash at Sprague, 2017.

### PTO IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Your PTO contributions have been hard at work. Here is a snapshot of what our PTO has accomplished through October:

## *Community Relations*

- Back to School Breakfast Grab N Go Snacks for all Teachers/Admin
- Sprague Back to School Bash
- Boo Bash S'mores
- Bus Driver Appreciation
- Custodian Appreciation
- Principal Appreciation
- Coordinated a drive benefitting a Houston school district severely affected by Hurricane Harvey

## *Parent Education*

- Hosted "Parenting for A Successful School Year"
- Hosted Elyssa's Mission - "Recognizing When Your Tween/Teen Needs Help and What You Can Do as a Parent"

## *Links to Learning Grants*

- Five Fourth Grade Classroom Sound Amplifiers - \$6,364
- Global Read Aloud Program - Holly Schlan, Sprague - \$100
- Cycles of Matter - Tree Planting - Mr. Hafner, DW - \$800

## *Library Allocations*

- HD Library Books - \$376
- Sprague Birthday Books - \$1100
- DW Library Books - \$1100

## *Curriculum Related*

- Sprague Author Visit
- HD Author Visit
- DW Author Visit
- 5th Grade Health Nights
- Sprague Family Reading Night

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## **BECOME A SUPPORTER. PTO NEEDS YOU!**

Without your membership none of the above could have happened. We need you - as recently as five years ago our membership was 90-95% of the total families in our district. This number has been steadily declining. As of today, **less than 35%** of families have joined for this school year. Our programs CANNOT happen without your support. Your contribution/membership of \$35 will continue to help fund all the educational,



stimulating programming that PTO has planned for the remainder of the school year.

In addition to all the programs you help make happen, you get access to our membership directory that lists all the students in the district. The directory is great community asset that keeps us all connected! To join [visit the PTO store.](#)

*We realize how busy everyone is - you are not required to volunteer when you join PTO.*

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## PUTTING THE 'TEACHER' IN PTO -Partnering with Mrs. Lenzini to Gift Birthday Books



From the desk of Mrs. Lenzini, Sprague Librarian:

This year, the PTO has supported a new initiative with the Sprague library, providing birthday books to Sprague students. We are wrapping and gifting hardcover blank books to encourage creativity and excitement about literacy! The feedback from kids has been incredibly positive, from writing thank-you notes to coming into the library sharing how much they've enjoyed their presents! The blank books really support the message that all of our students are authors and illustrators, and that reading and writing are a source of joy. This venture could not have happened without the support of the PTO and I am very thankful for it! For the books, wrapping paper, labels, and the smiley faces of happy students, who are excited to write and illustrate - **thank you!**

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## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Meet Tiffany Etzel. Tiffany has been a PTO parent for over 9 years and has two children - Tucker (4th grade) and Emery (9th grade). Her contributions to the PTO are numerous: co-chairing the Boys and Girls 5th and 8th Grade Health Nights since 2013; completely overhauling the Membership Directory to its new and improved electronic format introduced this year; being a room mom every year since 2010; co-chairing 3rd Grade World's Fair and 2nd Grade Native American Feast; and participating in the Run For 103 5K committee since 2014 among many other activities. Wow! Thank you, Tiffany, for being such a committed PTO volunteer and making a difference to our students. And why she does it? "Our schools provide so many amazing opportunities for our kids that I'm happy to give back a little through helping



## Upcoming Events



11/10 Lighted Schoolhouse, 6th-8th grade 3:45 - 5 p.m.; Daniel Wright cafeteria and gym. To volunteer contact [Karen Borgerding](#).

11/15 PTO Board Meeting 7 p.m.; Lincolnshire Swim Club, 2 Yorkshire Drive Board meeting is open to all district parents and great opportunity to hear what is going in the district from staff, administrators and other PTO members.

11/14- PTO Book fair times TBD; all three schools. To volunteer contact 11/20 [Sandy Switzer](#).

12/ 1 PTO Winter Breakfast. 9:30 am - 11:30 am; Lincolnshire Swim Club, 2 Yorkshire Drive, Lincolnshire. All parents are welcome to an open house. Meet and greet other D103 parents. Casual continental breakfast. Learn more about PTO programs, events and how you can help make these great for your child. Contact [Robin Babbo](#) for more information.

12/21 Holiday Celebration 4th & 5th grade, time TBD; Half Day School  
Holiday Celebration 6th to 8th grade, time TBD; Daniel Wright Jr. High

12/22 Holiday Celebration K-2nd grade, time TBD; Sprague Elementary  
3rd Grade Pancake Breakfast 9 a.m.; Half Day School

1/12 6th Grade Social Dance Lessons Begin

1/17 PTO Board Meeting 7 p.m.; Daniel Wright Jr. High  
Board meeting is open to all district parents and great opportunity to hear what is going in the district from staff, administrators and other PTO members.

1/19 2nd Grade Game Night time TBD; Sprague Elementary School  
To volunteer contact [Angie Petschke](#).

1/23 5th Grade Fraction Café time TBD; Half Day School  
To volunteer contact [Meredith Rosland](#).

## Executive Board

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- Benjamin Franklin

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