

Knoxville Elementary Schools



Welcome Packet



Hi! Welcome to the Knoxville Elementary Schools PTO!

What is the PTO?

What is the PTO you ask? PTO stands for Parent-Teacher Organization. It consists of parents, teachers, principals, and others in our community working together to support and enrich all of our students at both West Elementary and Northstar Elementary. The PTO supports the school staff, helps to promote student self esteem, and assists in efforts to solve some of the schools additional needs not provided by the state through volunteering and funding.

Who can be a member? How?

The PTO is made up of several officers, school staff and volunteers. So who can be a member? If you're a mother, father, protector/guardian, grandparent of a student, and/or a person who teaches or instructs at Knoxville Elementary, then YES, we would like for you to become a member. How does one become a member? You can become a member by coming to meetings and/or joining a committee!

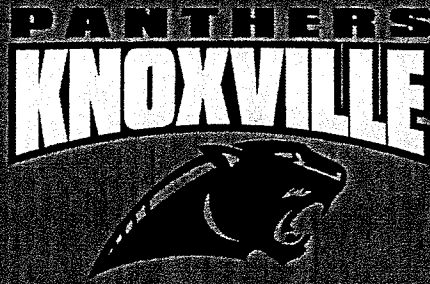
PTO Fundraising and Accomplishments

Our primary objective as a PTO is to provide our school with funds, programs, resources, and services that will enrich and maximize the education of every child and to benefit the school. To meet this important objective, we fundraise. Here are a few ways we support our schools: Family Fun Nights, classroom book donations, scholarships, yearbooks, teacher continuing education funding, teacher appreciation, candy grams, field trips, sensory path, playground equipment, computers, headphones, and much more!

Become a Volunteer... Why YOU should get involved!!!

As you can see we are a small and busy group! This is where you come in!!! We need YOUR HELP and so does your child(ren)!!! This is also a great way to be more social and meet other parents with similarly aged children!!! The PTO needs you and your new ideas! We are very welcoming! We can't do this without all of you!!!

Sincerely,
The Knoxville PTO



Knoxville Elementary Schools PTO: Mission Statement

Mission:

- To promote a positive relationship between the parents and guardians of Knoxville's children and the faculty and staff of the Knoxville Community School District.
- Enhance the educational facilities of the Knoxville Elementary Schools.
- Offer extra activities not funded by the Knoxville school district budget.
- Offer volunteers to help with class activities, as well as community projects.
- Raise money for the use of our children and the elementary schools of Knoxville.
- Be a leader in providing a positive role model to the children of Knoxville.

PTO Committees

*Fall Fundraiser Committee

- helps handout fundraiser information packets
- helps set up and distribute fundraisers items on pick up night

*Family Fun Night Committee

- helps plan and organize a fall and spring family fun night at West

*Box Top Committee

- helps promote monthly collection of box tops
- helps organize a box top contest between each grades at West and North

*Teacher Appreciation Week Committee

- helps plan, organize, and set up various snacks/meals for the teachers

*Teacher Conference Committee

- helps provide meals during teacher conferences for the teachers

*Spring Fundraiser Committee

- helps plan and organize the spring fundraiser

All committees are organized by parent volunteers within the PTO, we would encourage and would love for any parent to be a part of the PTO to help provide wonderful opportunities for the students, teachers, and schools.

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So far this year the Knoxville Elementary Schools PTO has accomplished:

- Homecoming T-Shirts
- Noon Kiwanis: Missoula Children's Theatre donation
- Conferences Staff Meals
- Classroom Book Donations from the Book Fair for both schools
- Headphones for West
- Family Fun Night- If You Give a Kid a Book!
- Box Tops
- Fall Fundraiser
- PTO T-Shirts
- DSM Playhouse Nutcracker Performance (2nd Grade)
- Battle of the Books (Northstar)
- Sensory Project (West)
- Boom! Science Center of Iowa Field Trip
- Special Needs Students Daily Activities Velcro Binders
- Speakers (West)
- Donated to assist with the Northstar Coffee Shop
- Marion County Historical Society Field Trip (2nd Grade)
- The Giving Tree
- Parents Night Out/ Craft Night
- Candy Grams

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Accomplishments still to come this year:

- Yearbooks
- Let's Glow Dance Party
- Step-It-Up Fundraiser
- Conferences Staff Meals
- Teacher Appreciation
- Day of Awesomeness

MYTHS!

PTO

Myth: I'll get roped into volunteering for something if I go to a PTO meeting.

Myth: Those PTO moms know each other really well and are just a big clique.

Myth: The PTO has all the help they need.

Fact: We want and need your help! New ideas are always welcome!

Fact: There will be opportunities to get involved. Just pass along the signup sheet if you don't want to participate. No guilt, and seriously, no pressure!

Fact: Most of us do know each other from working on PTO projects together. Our group is very friendly and welcoming to ALL. Give us a chance to get to know you too!

Join!!