



Dear Elm Lawn Families,

Welcome to the 2026-27 school year! Our Elm Lawn Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) works to support our community and benefit all our students as we organize activities to bring us all together and coordinate fundraisers to raise vital supplemental funds for our classrooms and school-wide events. We also facilitate school supply kits, yearbook sales and so much more!

Our fundraisers include local restaurant nights, Scholastic Book Fairs, Square 1 Art, and our “Non-Fundraiser” fundraiser. Our largest event is the Hot Dog Hustle, which will be held May 19, 2027; we’re excited to run, walk, and dance through our laps together! You’ll be hearing more about this amazing **FUND**raiser in early 2027.

With the profits from our fundraisers, the PTO is able to provide:

- Overture Center cultural experience field trips for each grade level.
- A free Scholastic book for each student during our Fall Book Fair
- “Staff Appreciation Week” events for the amazing staff we have here at Elm Lawn, such as a coffee truck, morning treats, and a thank-you lunch.
- Special events and programming for the school, such as Fall Fest on October 1st to kick off the new school year, our MHS Homecoming parade float, a school-wide hot chocolate cart, the 4th grade field day and our Science Fair or International Day which switch off each year.
- Enrichment opportunities for the school through annual stipends for both teachers and non-classroom staff
- **NEW this year** – We will start actively fundraising for a new and improved playground

Involvement from families and the Elm Lawn community is vital to the PTO’s success. We CANNOT run these events and programs without your help—**because YOU are the PTO**. We consider all parents, guardians, teachers and staff to be members of our PTO. Our monthly meetings include presentations from school and district staff, including our superintendent. Our first PTO meeting of the year is on **September 16 at 6:30pm** in the school library. We will be hearing from Superintendent Dr. Dana Monogue with a District Update and more information about the upcoming referendum. Mark your calendar and join us!

For more information and regular updates, visit our website at www.elmlawnpto.com, follow us on Facebook and Instagram or contact us at elmlawnpto@gmail.com. We’d love to see you at as many events as possible this year!

Thank you in advance for your participation in making our Elm Lawn community the best it can be! Have a wonderful and successful year.

With Gratitude,
Your Elm Lawn PTO



PTO Annual Fall “Non-Fundraiser”

In lieu of a traditional “have kids sell things” fundraiser, we like to offer a “non-fundraiser” for families in the fall to be able to contribute early to our efforts. So here’s your chance to give easily and quickly!

The PTO sponsors many programs and events throughout the school year that need to be funded. All funds the PTO raises throughout the year go toward the following:

- Enrichment—includes Overture Center Performances for each grade level: \$4,300
- Semi-annual events— International Day and/or the Science Fair: \$2,000
- Yearly Events—Movie Night, Parades, Fall Festival, 4th Grade Field Day & Picnic, and Staff Appreciation: \$5,200
- School Requests—Staff and teacher requests for supplies, materials, etc.: \$11,000
- **NEW – Playground Updates** - We are starting to fundraise money for a new playground. This will likely take several years to collect enough funds ~\$50,000-\$75,000

To ensure we never have to sell coupons, wrapping paper, candy or danish, please consider making a tax-deductible donation to support the Elm Lawn PTO. 100% of your donation benefits Elm Lawn instead of only 40% profit on “sales” fundraisers. Plus, there are no door-to-door, email, or phone sales required of you or your kids!

Thank you for your help! No contribution is too big or too small!

___ \$25—Thrilled NOT to send my children out as door-to-door salespeople

___ \$50—Excited to use newspaper to wrap gifts rather than expensive gift wrap

___ \$100—Shouldn’t eat all that candy anyway!

___ \$150—Ecstatic NOT to have to ask friends, neighbors, co-workers and family members to buy stuff!

\$___ Any amount (Simple and easy. Done and Done!)

Go to <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/pto-annual-fall-non-fundraiser>, scan the QR code above, or follow the link at elmlawnpto.com to donate!

Or return this donation sheet and check to the school by the end of October. Make your tax-deductible* payment to “Elm Lawn PTO”.

Name: _____

Student(s): _____

Address: _____

*Note: we are a 501(c)3 organization. Your check or Zeffy transaction serves as your tax receipt.