



Dear Elm Lawn Families,

As your Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), welcome to the 2023-24 school year! We support our community in creating the best possible experience for 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 spirit wear and yearbook sales.

These 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 15, 2024; we’re excited to run, walk, and dance through our laps together! You’ll be hearing more about this amazing **FUN**draiser in the first part of 2024.

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

- Fall Fest, held on October 4, where we welcome in another new school year.
- Overture Center cultural experience field trips for each grade level.
- “Staff Appreciation Week” events for the amazing staff we have here at Elm Lawn such as a gifts “schedule for students”, morning treats, and a thank-you lunch.
- Special events and programming for the school, such as a MHS Homecoming parade float, a school-wide hot chocolate cart, International Day, and a talent show.
- Enrichment opportunities for the school through annual discretionary stipend, as well as a grade level stipend for our homeroom teachers.

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. Please consider helping to plan these events or volunteer at an event. Leadership roles are available—consider signing up to chair an event or join the PTO Board. Please scan the QR code below or go to <https://tinyurl.com/PTO24VOL> to volunteer. We will reach out each time we have an event, so you can sign up as time allows.

For more info, visit our website at www.elmlawnpto.com, look for our newsletters, and the school’s updates. We’d love to see you at as many events as possible this year! Our first PTO meeting of the year is at the school on September 14. Mark your calendar and join us!

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

With gratitude,

Your Elm Lawn PTO





PTO 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: \$4,700
- Semi-annual events–Movie Night, Talent Show, International Day, and/or the Science Fair: \$2,000
- Yearly Events–Fall Festival, 4th Grade end-of-year events, and Staff Appreciation Week: \$4,300
- School Requests–Staff requests for supplies, materials, etc.: \$9,000

To make sure we never have to sell magazines, 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!

___ \$20 Thrilled NOT to send my children out as door-to-door salespeople

___ \$30 Relieved to NOT purchase magazines I do NOT have time to read

___ \$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 <http://paypal.me/elmlawnpto> 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 paypal transaction serves as your tax receipt.

Elm Lawn PTO

PTO 23-24

All the PTO info: www.elmlawnpto.com

Sign up to volunteer with the PTO:

<https://tinyurl.com/PTO24VOL>

Fundraising & giving information:

<https://www.elmlawnpto.com/donate>

The health office often supplies clean clothing to students for various reasons throughout the year.

Please consider dropping off clean, gently used or new clothing in the school office.

Drop off new clothing in the box in the hallway.

We are looking for **sizes 4-14:**

athletic pants

leggings

shorts

t-shirts

socks

Clothing Drive

Join us this Fall!

**Kick-off PTO meeting on September 14
@ 6:30 in Rm 330**

Come hear from our school counselor, Taylor Klinzing, about the social and emotional learning happening at Elm Lawn.

Also check out your volunteer opportunities & our plans for this year.

MHS Homecoming Parade on September 27

Walk with the Elm Lawn float and cheer on MHS!

Fall Fest on October 4 from 5:30-7:30

Come hang out with other Elm Lawn families. There will be food trucks, crafts, & playground fun!

**Do you need some Elm Lawn gear?
Our fall spirit wear sale starts today!**

<https://simplyswimming.net/elmlawn>

Spirit Wear Sale



Order gear from September 7-24!



2023 PTO PLANNER

SEPTEMBER

5 FIRST DAY OF
SCHOOL
14 PTO WELCOME
MEETING
27 HOMECOMING
PARADE

OCTOBER

4 FALL FEST
10 CAFE ZUPAS
FUNDRAISER
12 PTO MEETING

NOVEMBER

2-9 FALL BOOK FAIR
16 PTO MEETING

DECEMBER

7 CHUCK E CHEESE
FUNDRAISER
14 PTO MEETING
21 COCOA CART &
CRAFT

JANUARY

11 PTO MEETING
24 MOVIE NIGHT

FEBRUARY

15 PTO MEETING
28 INTERNATIONAL
DAY

MARCH

14 PTO MEETING

APRIL

11 PTO MEETING
19 TALENT SHOW

MAY

6-10 STAFF
APPRECIATION
9 PTO MEETING
15 HOT DOG HUSTLE
BOGO BOOK FAIR