

Dear Elm Lawn Families,

Welcome to the 2025-26 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 kit, spirit wear and yearbook sales, along with 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 20, 2026; we're excited to run, walk, and dance through our laps together! You'll be hearing more about this amazing **FUN**draiser early in 2026.

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 gifts "schedule for students", morning treats, and a thank-you lunch.
- Special events and programming for the school, such as Fall Fest on September 30th 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 and encouragement for them in the "Woot Woot Wagon!"

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 staff and our district superintendent. Our first PTO meeting of the year is on September 24 at 6:30pm in the school library. Mark your calendar and join us!

For more info 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