

PARKSIDE PTO NEWSLETTER

September's News

Welcome Parkside Families to the 2014-15 School Year

I just wanted to introduce myself to everyone. My name is Tiffany Lewkowski and I will be the PTO President for this school year. I am very excited to take on this new role and hopefully try out a few new things!

My Husband Steve and I have two children. Lanee is entering 2nd grade with Mrs. Linsley and Cade will be entering his last year at St. Peter's Preschool in their begindergarten class.

I would love to encourage all of you to attend the PTO meetings. They are every other month and begin at 6:30. There is always **FREE** childcare provided. These meetings are very informative and by no means will you be roped into doing a bunch of volunteering. (unless of course you want to 😊)

How To Get Involved

We have two committees that are still in need of a Chair/Co-chair. The Hospitality and Teacher Luncheons committees are two fun ways to get involved...especially for those that like to cook and organize meals! These committees and many others will be listed in the volunteer handbook that will be coming home with your child soon. Even if you aren't comfortable chairing, you can still offer to help out! For more information contact **Jill Carnes** at jillbeezie@att.net.

Also, September 9 is our first PTO meeting of the year! It will be held in the Parkside library at 6:30. Come meet the new board and hear all the latest happenings and updates for our school. On-site child care will be provided by our own **Sue Hagedorn!**

Upcoming Events

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| 9/9 | General PTO Meeting
(6:30 in Library
Childcare provided) |
| 9/16 | Picture Day |
| 9/17 | Successful Start |
| 9/18 | Successful Start |
| 9/18 | WAT Assembly |
| 9/23 | Late Start 10:40 |
| 9/30 | WAT Money Due |
| 10/3 | WAT 2:00-3:00 |
| 10/7 | Fun Service Start |
| 10/17 | Donuts With Dad
(7:55-8:40) |

Head Room Parents

We will be looking for volunteers to be head room parents this year. This can be an overwhelming thought, but it doesn't have to be! Your main job is to plan the activities of the parties (with the help of other parents) and communicate needs to the other classroom parents. You can sign up to be a room parent or to volunteer to help or donate items in the Volunteer Handbook. Please contact Jill Carnes at jillbeezie@att.net if you have any questions at all.

Parkside's Annual Walk-A-Thon



Did you know that a group of elephants is actually called a Parade? This year's walk-a-thon theme is "Pachyderms on Parade"! This annual event will be held on the track behind the school on October 3 from 2-3 pm. This event is awesome because **100%** of the proceeds go to Parkside. Students are encouraged to ask parents, friends, and family to make a donation. Our goal this year is \$7,000. That's just about \$25 per student. Last year was a huge success and we were able to purchase an iPad for each classroom in the school. Please look for more information soon on Family Access. If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact **Jill Carnes** at jillbeezie@att.net or **Amanda Hewitt** at amandahewitt291@gmail.com.

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- * "Like" us on Facebook (Search Parkside PTO)
- * Also Check out www.rockfordschools.org/?i=Parkside



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