

Shenandoah Valley Elementary PTO Update

October 2017

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If you know anyone who is not receiving PTO updates or needs to update their information, please encourage them to fill out a Google form [here](#)!

Thank you to the following parents for helping out with our Fall Biathlon, and to anyone else who helped out that we may have missed: Sherrie Goesling, Amanda Marsh, Raquel Grogan-Webb, Marilyn Blasiar, Michele Saldana, Valerie Harris, Mrs. Amy Fitter, Dr. Cicotte, Elinore Martin, Felipe Rivera, Marsha Hulse, Steven Shane, and Mrs. Heather Koenig!

Thank you to Angela Emerson, Carrie Roberts, Dana Delap, Diana Anderson, Missy Bredbenner, and Sherrie Goesling for making September birthday treats for our SVE staff!

PTO earned almost \$200 from our fundraiser at Chick-Fil-A in September—thank you to those who participated!

Thank you to all parents who attended our first PTO meeting or Room Parent meeting on September 12th! We had a wonderful turnout, but if you were unable to make it, check out the meeting minutes [here](#).

Panther Pledge Donation Drive

Panther Pledge donations are currently at **\$5,835** plus approximately \$600 in matching funds from employers! We NEED your donations to continue to offer quality programs like Dreambox at SVE! The teachers have overwhelmingly thanked PTO for offering our students this online math opportunity again. The percentage of donations is broken down by grade level below.

Kindergarten = 18%

1st Grade = 23%

2nd Grade = 16%

3rd Grade = 13%

4th Grade = 16%

5th Grade = 14%

We ask that every family donate \$75-100 to reach our goal of \$15,000! If you prefer to donate by credit card or Paypal, please click [here](#)! Please read over the [brochure](#) and turn in your donation envelope today. Additional donation envelopes can be found on the bulletin board near the front office. Please check to see if your employer may match your donation; additional information you may need can be found [here](#)! The number of High 5 hands on our bulletin board is growing!

Anxiety Presentation by Dr. Sylvester – October 10, 2017

Dr. Chad Sylvester of Washington University School of Medicine will be giving a free presentation for parents on Tuesday, October 10, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the SVE Library. Please join us! The talk will cover:

- 1.) recognizing symptoms of anxiety in children
- 2.) how common problematic anxiety is in children of different ages
- 3.) the types of other problems that anxious children tend to run into as they get older
- 4.) effective treatments for anxiety and
- 5.) effective ways of interacting with anxious children.

Fun With Dads Kickball Tournament – October 12, 2017

The SVE PTO is having another Fun with Dads Kickball Tournament on Thursday, October 12, 2017, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. We'd like all dads, uncles, grandpas, brothers, special friends, anyone that would like to join the kids to come out and play a little kickball. The dads will "coach" and may help with the gameplay depending on the grade level. Bring a picnic dinner to enjoy after the games, or enjoy something from the Kona Ice truck! The tournament will start at 5:00 p.m. and will go until 6:30 p.m. If you'd like to participate, please e-mail the following information to Jeff Grant at j_grant669@yahoo.com

Your Name

Your Child(ren)'s Name

Your Child(ren)'s Grade

Fall Beautification

We will be sprucing up the front gardens of school on Saturday, October 14, 2017, from 9 to noon. Please contact Patty Raimondi at stillhousecreek@yahoo.com if you are able to help. Any time that you can donate on Saturday morning is welcome!

5th Grade Celebration

Thank you to all who attended our first meeting in September! Our second planning meeting will be held on Monday, October 16, 2017, at 7 p.m. at St. Louis Bread Company on Clarkson near Barnes & Noble. We will be discussing plans for Trunk or Treat and Bingo Night.

Halloween Class Parties

Class parties are Tuesday, October 31, 2017. Thanks to Steven Shane and all the Room Parents for making this such a fun event!

Here are a few reminders:

- All guests will be asked to sign in at the front tables and indicate whether your student(s) will be going home with you at the end of the day.
- Room Parents organizing the parties may go into the grade level areas at 2:40 p.m. All parents may enter the classrooms for the parties at 2:55.
- Costumes must be school appropriate. No masks, weapons, face paint, colored hair spray, etc. permitted.
- This is a party for your elementary child; please make other arrangements for siblings.
- Parties end at 3:55. School is dismissed at 4:00 p.m.

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be open this week the following dates and times.

October 2: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

October 3: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

October 4: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

October 5: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Volunteers are still needed to help out; sign up [here](#) to help!

Promotions

California Pizza Kitchen: We NEED 20 reservations in order to hold our fundraiser at CPK at Chesterfield Mall on Thursday, November 16, 2017! Please consider signing up at <https://www.groupraise.com/events/33068> to eat lunch or dinner there that day!

Amazon Smile: If you choose "Parkway School District Parent Teachers Organization Council Shenandoah" through Amazon Smile, they will donate 0.5% of all Amazon purchases you make to our PTO! Visit <https://smile.amazon.com/> to link SVE PTO to your Amazon account. Whenever you make future purchases, go to <https://smile.amazon.com/> so that a portion of your purchases will be donated to the PTO. You can still use your Amazon App to put items into your cart, but just go to <https://smile.amazon.com/> to complete your purchase.

Schnucks Escrip Community Card program: The Escrip cards (smaller keychain cards available too!) are available at the customer service counter at any Schnuck's location. Registration can be easily completed online. Please be sure to choose "Shenandoah Valley Elementary" and not "Shenandoah" (a different school) when making your school selection. Every time you shop a percentage of your total sale will be donated to the school.

Save the Date

Monday – Thursday, October 2 – 5, 2017 – Book Fair

Tuesday, October 10, 2017 – Presentation on Anxiety by Dr. Chad Sylvester from Washington University

Thursday, October 12, 2017 – Fun With Dads kickball tournament

Saturday, October 14, 2017 – Fall Beautification Day

Monday, October 16, 2017 – 5th Grade Celebration Meeting, 7 p.m., St. Louis Bread Co. on Clarkson

Friday, October 27, 2017 – Trunk or Treat

Friday, October 31, 2017 – Halloween Class Party

Thursday, November 16, 2017 – California Pizza Kitchen Fundraiser <https://www.groupraise.com/events/33068>

Friday, November 17, 2017 – Bingo Night

Saturday, February 3, 2018– Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, February 10, 2018 – Trivia Night, theme of "The 90s"