

Shenandoah Valley Elementary PTO Update

September 2016

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Thank YOU!

Thank you to our Girl Scouts & Cub Scouts and their leaders for running all of the Back to School Carnival games! Also, thank you to all of the bakers who made the cake walk a success! Thank you to the following people who helped to set up, clean up or work the concession stand or cake walk!

Diana Anderson, Katherine Chauncey, Beth Chausow, Tin Chin, James & Amy Johnson, Steve Kadyk, Sonya Land, Amanda Marsh, Lenka Robinson, Michelle & Malcolm Saldanha, Jillian Solom, Jenni Stecher

Thank you to Dawn Carey, Billie Conger, Pam Jesse, Kay Lundry, Michelle Saldanha, and Lisa Villareal for helping out with school pictures on August 25th!

Thank you to Nell Colozza, Sherrie Goesling, and Sonya Land for helping with the vision screening on September 1!

September Meetings

We would love for you to attend our first meetings on **Tuesday, September 13, 2016!**

- Room Parent Meeting, 6:15 p.m.
 - We need lots of parent volunteers to organize and plan our 3 parties throughout the year: Halloween (October 28), Winter (December 16), and Spring (March 9)!
- PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
 - Learn more about what PTO does for our school and how you can help!
 - Minutes to be approved from the April meeting can be found [here](#).
- Fifth Grade Celebration Meeting, 8:00 p.m.
 - We need as many fifth grade parents as possible to help plan this end-of-the-year celebration for our students before they move to Central Middle next year!

Facebook Update

Since we are choosing to do closed groups for each grade level, we have decided to change our Shenandoah Valley PTO page to a [fan page](#) where people can find us easier on FB. Also, we have had several people volunteer to organize the grade level FB groups. **We are still looking for a person to start the 3rd grade group, so please contact Sonya Land at sonya@mathisfun.org if you are interested.** If you have a child in any of the following grade levels, please search on FB by the respective titles below to become a part of the grade level group.

- SVE 2016/2017 Kindergarten Families
- 1st Grade Shenandoah Valley Families
- 2nd Grade Shenandoah Valley Families
- Shenandoah Valley 4th Grade families
- 5th Grade Shenandoah Valley Families

Parkway App

I would like to encourage all of you to start using the Parkway App if you have not done so. It is free for both [iOS](#) and [Android](#) phones and tablets. Once you download it, click on the Settings icon in the upper right of the screen and then click on Follow Schools. When you choose Shenandoah Valley, it will allow you to receive Peachjar flyers, News, Breakfast and Lunch Menus, as well as have both Shenandoah Valley's and the PTO's calendars linked to your account. If you click on Calendar within the App, it will show you all of these items on a daily basis. If you log into the app with your Facebook or Google account information, you can access your children's schedules and lunch money balance.

Volunteers Needed in the Library

Mrs. Wagers would love to have volunteers to work in the library, whether you have a lot or a little time to give! Please email Mrs. Wagers at swagers@parkwayschools.net and let her know what days and times work best for you.

Parkway Volunteer Information

If you plan on volunteering at school in any capacity, please fill out the [Volunteer Application form](#). This gives Parkway information about anyone who is working directly with your children.

Panther Pledge Donation Drive

The Panther Pledge direct donation is how PTO collects funds to provide financial support for the school and activities. This will be our fifth year to use this direct donation as opposed to having students/families sell wrapping paper, cookie dough, or pizza and only keep a portion of the profit. We hope to continue with its success and have 100% participation by all of our SV families to meet our goal of \$15,000 again this year! The Panther Pledge Information and Donation envelope will be coming home on Friday, September 16, 2016. Please read over the brochure and turn in your donation envelope by the end of October.

Yearbook Pictures

Did you get any fantastic first day of school or Back to School Carnival pictures? If so, send them to Rasmy Variath at rasmyvariath@yahoo.com. Please label them with grade level, teacher, and event information so that they can be organized accordingly.

Ongoing Promotions

Did you know that SVE earns money from Box Tops as well as from sales from Papa John's, Schnucks, and Amazon? These are all ways that require *very little effort!*

Keep saving those [BoxTops for Education](#)! The fall collection due date is October 27, 2016.

Papa John's: Don't feel like cooking? Order from Papa John's and a portion of your order will be donated to SVE. See future flyers for specific dates. REMEMBER to give them the code for our school – **SSS006**.

Schnucks Escript Community Card program: The Escript cards (smaller keychain cards available too!) are available at the customer service counter at any Schnucks 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.

Amazon Smile: If you choose Shenandoah Valley PTO through Amazon Smile, they will donate 0.5% of all Amazon purchases you make to our PTO! Visit <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/43-6213635> to link SVE PTO to your Amazon account. Whenever you make future purchases, go to <http://smile.amazon.com> so that a portion of your purchases will be donated to the PTO.

New Families

We have a lot of new families at Shenandoah Valley – please make sure to welcome new faces to our community! If you know anyone who is not receiving PTO updates, please make sure to forward this email to them or let them know if they would like to be added to the PTO email list to contact Anvita Nigam at anvita.nigam@gmail.com.

Deadlines

Thursday, September 15, 2016 – Spirit Wear order [forms](#) due – click [here](#) to pay online!

Friday, September 16, 2016 – Room Party money due

Save the Date

Thursday, October 13, 2016 – Fun With Dads kickball tournament

Friday, October 28, 2016 – Halloween Party/Trunk or Treat

Friday, November 18, 2016 – Bingo Night

Saturday, January 28, 2017 – Trivia Night, theme of “A Night at the Oscars”

Saturday, February 11, 2017 – Pancake Breakfast