



Dear Kindergarten parent,

We are so happy to welcome you to an exciting new chapter in your child's life! My name is Teresa Dahlgren and I am the president of the Cassopolis PTO. I wanted to take a minute and introduce myself as well as give you an idea of what the PTO does.

The PTO is an organization made up of parents, teachers and administrators of children in grades K-8th. We meet once a month during the school year and have many ongoing fundraisers that benefit our children and our school. The largest portion of our budget helps to fund field trips. Every year we donate as much as we can to each grade level to help lower the out of pocket costs that each child has to pay. This year for example, we have proposed to donate \$20 per child. These funds go into the teachers school account to use to help offset the field trip costs, lowering the out of pocket required from each family. We also sponsor some assemblies as well as donate money towards extra expenses like new technology or books. The PTO also plans grandparents/special friends' day, the end of the year Fun Carnival and the teacher/staff appreciation luncheon.

Our planned fall fundraiser for 2016 is a walk-a-thon. Students obtain pledges for time walked during the event and all of the money raised goes directly into our operating budget. The children have a great time listening to music as they walk and receive a special treat just for participating. More information on the walk-a-thon will be coming home soon. Besides the walk-a-thon, we also have the following ongoing fundraisers:

- Box Tops- Clip box tops from participating products and turn them in each month to the teacher. Each boxtop is worth 10 cents! You can also register online to earn e-boxtops for our school!
- Martins Advantage for Education- Register your Martin's Supermarket card to earn money for our school every time you shop. This can be done at the checkout counter or online. Our school code is 50338. The points earned last year were used to buy a mini ipad for the 7/8 grade students, headphones for the computer lab, balls and bats and many other items!
- Labels for Education-This program is ending soon- but they are still accepting labels that are still in circulation! These earn us points that we can redeem for items for the school.
- Terracycle-This is a new fundraiser for us this year! We are collecting entenmanns little bites packages. They can be sent in with your child or placed in the bin on the PTO table.

We also will have a pie sale for Thanksgiving and Easter again. This is a new fundraiser that we picked up last year when our Market Day fundraiser was discontinued. The pies that we found are made with all local ingredients' and were a huge hit!

Our next PTO meeting will be held on Oct 11th at 4:30 in the library. If you are not able to make the meetings but still would like to be involved please let us know!

If you have questions about any of the above ongoing fundraisers, please contact any PTO member for more information.

2016-2017 PTO Board

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