



Buckingham Elementary PTO

NEWSLETTER

Spring 2023

Spring at a Glance

4 Celebration and Appreciation Events

Teacher and Staff Appreciation Lunch, Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast, Kona Truck for students, teachers & staff and 1000 Ice pops for students!

6 Fundraisers

Joe Corbi's Pizza, Night at the Phantoms, Spring Scholastic Book Fair, Spiritwear, Dine and Donate at Jules Thin Crust, Ice Cream Social at Nina's Waffles

8 Events

Family Bingo, Science Fair, Golden Utensil Luncheons, Buckingham Bowls at Thunderbird Lanes, iRun4Life, Sweetheart Dance and Family Movie Night!

22 Classroom Parties

Each of our 22 classrooms celebrated an end of year party organized by a fabulous HRC!

PTO Board Update

This six member team consisting of our Principal, President, Co-President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary meets monthly to discuss, plan, and manage fundraising efforts and school events so that we can give back to the school and students in fun and meaningful ways.

After 2 years on the board, **President Johanna Kane** and **Vice President Tammy McCarthy** have finished their terms. They have been tireless in their dedication and enthusiasm for Buckingham Elementary and the PTO! The school has been lucky to have so much of the time, energy and love that you've shared over the last 2 years! Thank you!!!

It is with great pleasure that we share **Joy Shuck** will be excitedly moving into the President position, **Saunsanie Kitchko** will be joining as the new Co-President and **Anne Klimpl** is the new Vice President. **Sarah Lazzaro** continues to eloquently hold the treasurer's position and **Melissa Hollinger** remains the ever on-task Secretary.

The board looks forward to a great year 2023/24!

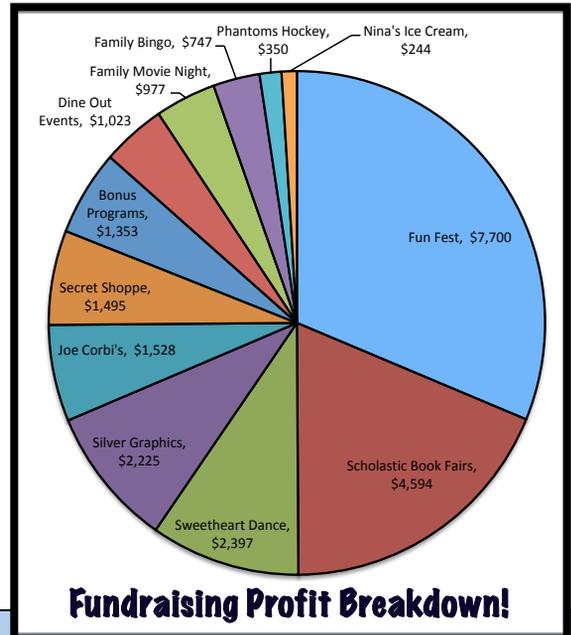
2022-2023 Budget Breakdown

A jam packed year of fundraising pays off!!

The table below displays the categories and amounts that were planned to be gifted back to the school from the PTO in the 2022-2023 school year. The **\$24,415** budget comes 100% from the fundraisers that the PTO runs throughout the year. The pie chart to the right illustrates how much funding comes from each of our fundraisers and events! **Thank YOU** for your support of these fundraisers that make the gifts and opportunities possible!

Fundraising Money goes directly back to the school:

Enrichment:	Assemblies, Visiting Authors, Reading Olympics, funds for Art, PE, Music and Quest	\$ 4,700
Field Trips	Field trips are subsidized by the PTO to reduce families' direct costs	\$ 6,717
Hospitality	Angel Shop, New Student Ice Cream Social, Faculty Appreciation Lunches, Veterans Day and Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast	\$ 2,860
Recognition	Art & Quest Eng. Expos, Science Fair, 6th Grade Promo, Student End of Year Party, Golden Spoon, DARE, and WBMK Shirts	\$ 4,148
Staff Support	Teachers Discretionary Funds to support classroom enrichment	\$ 3,200
Other Expenses	Landscaping, Recess Supplies, Veggie Garden, Boomerang, Field Day, PTO Expenses (photocopies, Sign-Up Genius, etc.)	\$ 2,790
Total PTO Budget		\$24,415



For More Information

- **Board Members:** Dan Estep (School Principal), Johanna Kane (President), Joy Shuck (Co-President), Tammy McCarthy (Vice President), Sarah Lazzaro (Treasurer), and Melissa Hollinger (Secretary)
- **Email:** BuckinghamPTO@yahoo.com
- **Website:** www.CBSD.org/domain/443
- Here you will find detailed information on all of our programs and activities, how to volunteer, our leadership team, calendar of events, annual budget, meeting minutes
- **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/MightyKnightMessenger



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We appreciate our committee chairs and members for consistently going above and beyond!

- The Buckingham Elementary PTO would like to thank all of our families and volunteers for a wonderful winter & spring! We hope you had an opportunity to enjoy a few of our events. Thank you to all of our **committee chairs, parent volunteers and teachers** for their assistance-these events cannot happen without your support & volunteering.
- The PTO Board graciously thanks each **Homeroom Coordinator**. Thanks to your consistent communication and contagious school spirit Mighty Knight families have been able to participate and enjoy many activities and celebrations! **Take a moment to thank your HRC(s)!**
- We had a whooping 220 attend **B-I-N-G-O!**! It was a night full of laughter, silliness and shouts of "Bingo"! Wonderful prizes were won, pizzas were shared and conga lines were joined. Thank you **DeeDee Snyder** for once again making this Buckingham family favorite such a huge success!
- Thank you **Shannon Sticker** for leading the skaters for a **Night with the Phantoms**. It was full of hockey excitement for our Mighty Knight families.
- This year's **Science Fair** was filled with innovative ideas and mind blowing cleverness! Thank you **Cara Miller** and **Mr. Radcliff** for chairing this event and fostering the minds of our young scientists.
- Our **Spring Scholastic Book Fair** was a huge success! Thank you families for helping our school library add new books for students to read. A huge thank you to **Adrienne Cohen** and **Geeta Yeghan** for making this event happen. A special appreciation fist bump to **Cheryl Szyarto** for coming out of retirement to help out the team!
- Mighty Knights have lots of school spirit and it is clearly seen in their Buckingham **Spiritwear!** Thank you **Kati McKiernan** for keeping us fashionable!
- New! this year **Lauren Donahue** transformed **Golden Utensil Luncheons** into a luau feast! Thank you for coordinating these fun lunches as a reward for lunchroom etiquette and respect each trimester!
- We had 180 attendees trying to get a strike at **Buckingham Bowls!** Kudos to **Poonam Gandhi** for organizing and making this an event to remember.
- Thank you **Rachel Olencik** for motivating, encouraging and leading the Buckingham Knights in **irun4life**. Thank you parent volunteers and guest runners for making it an incredible 8 week running extravaganza. **Color Run** is now infamous!
- **Sweetheart Dance** has been a tradition for families and this year did not disappoint! Whether it was posing on the red carpet, dancing the night away, grabbing photos in the booth or with photographer **Kelly Thibeault**, so much fun was had! Thank you to the PTO board for leading the charge on this event!
- **Teachers & Staff Appreciation!** A huge shout out to families for their more than generous donations. Thank you to **Laura Heuschel** and **Anne Klimpl** for organizing and hosting an incredible carnival themed luncheon and for adding fun raffles! There was also a day of chair massages for teachers and staff to have some moments of relaxation which were thoughtfully donated by Rebecca Thomas of Tranquil Lotus. And then a 3rd day of appreciation, filled with more chair massages and an ice cream truck all kindly funded by a donation from The Tustin Group. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!
- Our last family event of the year was **Movie Night Under the Stars: Featuring Luca!** It was a beautiful night full of movie treats, outdoor play, glow sticks and a sweet tale of friendship among sea monsters. Thank you **Krystal Fleisch** for being our cinematic leader and for the crew of volunteers that made this event so special!
- With full hearts we hosted a delicious breakfast for our dependable and safe **bus drivers**. This couldn't have happened without yummy family donations, thank you. And thank you to **Amy Ludovicy** for organizing this event and helping the bus drivers feel appreciated!
- If you have visited www.facebook.com/MightyKnightMessenger I am sure you have noticed how well it is updated and maintained. We need to take a moment to thank **Laura Corrado** for making sure we are keeping families informed. Thank you Laura!
- All these events are graciously captured by photographers **Katie Baab** and **Kelly Thibeault**. Thank you both for volunteering your time and creative eye to help make the **Mighty Knight Yearbook** a time capsule for students. Thank you to **Tricia Bobrek, Heather Mormon** and **Christina Bruce** for your time designing the yearbook layouts! It is a work of art, a true team effort and is so appreciated by students and families! And **Melissa Hollinger** a huge high five to you for making sure every student has the opportunity to buy a yearbook!

Get Involved!

We can only offer a wide variety of activities each year because of our awesome volunteers, and we would love to have you! There are so many ways to be involved!!

ATTEND

Attending our events is a great way to support the PTO. We are grateful for the community we have here at Buckingham and appreciate your attendance and involvement in our programs. We are always open to your suggestions and feedback as every year gives us a fresh start with new students, families, and interests. Feel free to contact us at anytime and we can discuss your ideas at our next PTO meeting.

PARENT VOLUNTEER

Most of our events require a team of volunteers for it to run smoothly. Your Homeroom Coordinator (HRC) will routinely email you links to our sign up genius page where you can volunteer at one of our many events!

EVENT CHAIRPERSON

Our team is ever changing with graduating students, new families, and new programs. With that, we are always recruiting and accepting new chairpersons to help organize PTO events. Please contact us if you're interested in being part of one of our teams! Some current openings include: Fun Fest, Sports Night Out, Fundraising Events and more.

HOMEROOM COORDINATOR

Every classroom requires an HRC to help coordinate classroom parties and organize unique classroom events. You will also act as a liaison between your classroom and the PTO when it comes to event planning and communication. This is a one year commitment with your child's teacher and is a great way to stay involved with the school and your child. Please contact Johanna Kane at johannapkane@gmail.com if you are interested for the 2023-24 school year.