



Buckingham Elementary PTO

NEWSLETTER

Winter 2023

Fall at a Glance

2 Teacher and Staff Appreciation Luncheons

Welcome Back Staff Luncheon & Staff Conference Luncheon.

6 Fundraisers

Welcome Back at Nina's Waffles & Ice Cream, Fun Fest, Spiritwear Promotion, Scholastic Book Fair, Dine & Donate at Chipolte, Silver Graphics

5 Events

Kindergarten/New Student Orientation Ice Cream Social, Veteran's Day Celebration, Secret Shoppe, Science Alive, Golden Spoon Luncheon

44 Classroom Parties

Each of our 22 classrooms celebrated a Halloween and Winter Party!

336 Volunteering and Donation Opportunities

Your contributions are what makes the events at Buckingham a success. And creates wonderful memories that will last a lifetime for you and your children.

PTO at Buckingham Elementary School

The primary goal of the PTO is to assist the school in providing the best possible educational enrichment for our students.

Our objectives include offering another means of communication between parents and the school, assisting the school in various programs, providing extension education and enrichment activities for students and their families, supporting teachers and classrooms through Homeroom Coordinators, and offering a wide range of family friendly school and community events to enrich the school community and student life.

More specifically, our fundraising efforts directly support school assemblies, class field trips, visiting authors, teacher appreciation and classroom enrichments, classroom parties, student recognition, and much more as described below. In addition, due to the incredible support and participation of all our families, we have been able to provide gifts like an additional \$4,500 for student Field Trips, Shine Bright T-shirts for all teachers and holiday poinsettias for teachers/staff.

Mark your calendars!

January

- 5 - 20 Joe Corbi's Pizza Fundraiser
- 17 General PTO Meeting: open to all parents & guardians (9:30-10:30am)

February

- 2 - 28  Registration window
- 3 Family Bingo Night (6:00-8:00pm)
- 9 Joe Corbi's Pizza Pick-Up Day
- 19 Night with the Phantoms Hockey Game
- 23 Science Fair

March

- 6 - 10 Scholastic Book Fair
- 19 MVP Bowling at Thunderbird Lanes
- 29  Kicks off (3:45-4:45pm)

April

- 13 Boon Supply Fundraiser begins
- 14 Sweetheart Dance

And coming later this Spring...

Ice Cream Family Night Out, Yearbooks, Family Movie Night Under the Stars, Dine & Donate and more!

Join the PTO Board!

We have two open PTO Board Positions for next year: Co-President and Vice President.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact the PTO at buckinghampto@yahoo.com

Be sure to select Buckingham Elementary PTO as your charity on Amazon Smile. The school will receive 0.5% of all purchases! It seems small but it adds up quick - TRUST ME! 😊

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, and our fundraising activities.
- **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/MightyKnightMessenger



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

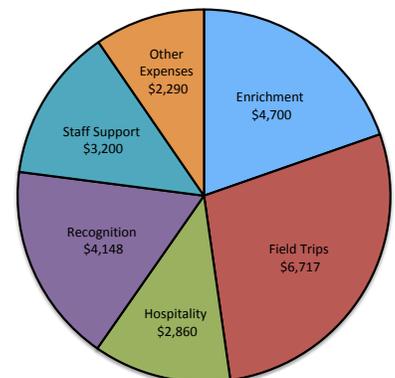
- I am sure you have all seen Lisa McGuire and the **Garden Club**: she has led and worked along side her committee of green thumbed volunteers as they have given life back to old growth and added new beauty to our landscape.
- **Nina's Waffles & Ice Cream Fundraiser** in Peddler's Village was packed! The line wrapped around the store and the patience of families was herculean. Your ice cream purchases raised \$244 for Buckingham.
- And we can't leave out our **Dine & Donate** event Chipolte, Buckingham families really enjoyed their Mexican meals with a whopping \$623.
- Our historic **Buckingham Funfest**, was a Wow! day of games and entertainment! Cat Stephenson and Saunsanie Kitchko devoted countless hours in making this event yet again the biggest fundraiser at Buckingham yielding \$7,909! It was a huge undertaking and we are so appreciative for each committee chair, member and volunteer.
- We have 2 new chairs for our **Scholastic Book Fairs**, Adrienne Cohen and Geeta Yeghen! They'll continue our commitment to helping foster a love of literature and keeping our students reading. Scholastic gave back \$2,590 to our school!
- **Veteran's Day Celebration!** We had an old school pre-COVID assembly, classroom visits and catered lunch. The PTO increased the funds used for the luncheon allowing for McCafferty's sandwiches which were complimented by wonderful side and dessert donations from families.
- **Science Alive** was engineered once again by esteemed Cara Miller. Students in Kindergarten through 3rd grade were challenged to build a tower made from marshmallows, spaghetti and tape!
- We would like to take moment to thank Karen Koebert-Mawson and Laura Heuschel for the enormous amount of time, effort and energy they have contributed to making the **Secret Shoppe** a magical and amazing experience for our students at Buckingham. Each volunteer (and there were many!) made this event a success. The smiles and excitement clearly seen on each child's face acknowledged how special this event was for them.
- The halls of Buckingham Elementary smelled of Italian food during Parent-Teacher conferences! Our teachers and staff were treated to a much deserved **Conference Appreciation Luncheon** catered by Altomonte's. This was made possible with funds, drinks and desserts donated by our Buckingham Elementary families. The additional funds collected were used to gift each teacher and staff member a poinsettia to take home. Thank you Holly Walker for organizing!
- Our students were able to attend our events finely dressed in their **Spiritwear** attire. \$1,106 has been generated for the school already since September! Thank you Kati McKiernan for keeping us fashionable and our school spirit strong!
- Mr. West compiled his little artists' work, bringing their masterpieces into so many Buckingham homes by partnering with **Silver Graphics**. This unique and beloved fundraiser yielded \$2,225 for the school.
- A huge and final shout out to our Home Room Coordinators (HRCs) for their time, work and effort this fall! They provide an important part to framework of the Buckingham community as they link together the teachers, families and the PTO. We are so grateful for the effort that they each put in behind the scenes planning parties, disseminating information and coordinating teacher gifts!

2022-2023 Budget Breakdown

All of the fundraising and volunteering pays off!!

The table and chart below display the breakdown of where the PTO funds are allotted for this year. We as a board feel proud and also blessed to be able to devote funds to such a wide array of enriching programs, events and extras. The large budget that we are given to work with is a reflection of years of work, devotion and generosity of past and current Buckingham families, committee chairs and board members. Thank YOU for making these gifts and opportunities possible!

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.)	\$ 2,290
Total PTO Budget		\$23,915





UPCOMING

EVENTS

2023

Save these Dates:

FEB. 3

Family Bingo Night

Enjoy a night of food, fun, prizes, celebrity guest callers, and more!



Phantoms Game

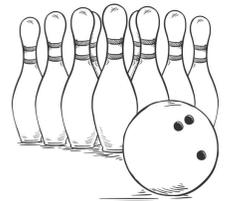
Don't miss this opportunity to attend a minor league hockey game with classmates, family and friends!

FEB. 19

MAR. 19

MVP Night

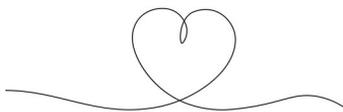
Pick your grown up MVP and show off your skills together at this years MVP event!



APR. 14

Sweetheart Dance

Grab a special grown up and dance the night away together!



MAY 12

Family Movie Night

Bring the whole family for an outdoor movie night! Concessions will be sold ahead of time and during the movie!

