KWES PTO Newsletter

February 2023

Roses are red, violets are blue.

The PTO loves KWES, it is true!

The third grading period is upon us, meaning this school year is half over. Even in our shortest month, the PTO is staying busy with Spirit Night on February 8 and Movie Night on February 10. Learn more on page 2.

Make sure you attend our PTO meeting on February 21. We are looking ahead to summer when Ryan D'Amato, the Children's Program Manager with Prince William County Parks, Recreation and Tourism joins us. He will highlight summer camp opportunities, how to register, and more. We will also look at SOLs and tutoring the school will offer to prepare our students.

Thank you to Ms. Epolito and Mr. Hernandez who joined us during our January meeting to promote the Kids Heart Challenge. It is free to sign up for this program and students can learn important life-saving measures like hands-free CPR. The program kicked off on January 31 and ends March 3. Help the school reach its goal of \$20,000 to support the American Heart Association. Sign up online today.

Our counseling team also joined our January meeting to promote the #H.E.R.O.E.S. program. Families are encouraged to volunteer as often and for as long as they are able. You will help in your student's classroom or around the school and enjoy lunch and recess with your student. For more information or to sign up, please contact school counselor Ms. Song at songhh@pwcs.edu.

As always, the PTO needs help supporting our various events. Our major spring fundraiser is the Kyle Wilson Walk for Fitness. If you can help us secure sponsorships from local businesses or help at the event, please contact PTO Vice President Ashley Shelley at

kwespto.vicepresident2023@gmail.com.

Your 2022-23 PTO Elected Executive Board

Tracy Woodhead, President
Ashley Shelley, Vice President
Mary Griffin, Treasurer
Jennifer Clinton, Recording Secretary
Karen Manzano, Corresponding Secretary



Upcoming Events

Check out our full calendar online.

February 8 –
Spirit Night, all day
All American Steakhouse

February 10 – Movie Night, 6:30 p.m. KWES Cafeteria

February 21 –
PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
KWES Activity Room & Zoom

March 21 –
PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
KWES Activity Room & Zoom

April 15 – Kyle Wilson Walk for Fitness 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. KWES

Spirit, movies, and more!

Support our school happenings...

Spirit Night - February 8

Save the cooking for another day and join us for Spirit Night at All American Steakhouse in Ashland Community Square (Route 234 and Spriggs Rd) on Wednesday, February 8 from 11:30 a.m. – 10:30 p.m. No code or flyer is needed.

Movie Night – February 10

Join us for a family movie night on Friday, February 10. We will show *Minions: Rise of Gru*, selected by our 5th graders. Bring your sleeping bags and blankets and watch together as a family. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie will begin at 7:00 p.m. Snacks (popcorn, candy, and drinks) will be sold in cash only that evening. You can RSVP and purchase in advance online. We are also in need of some donations and volunteers for the event.

Show our Staff Love – February 14

Roses are red, violets are blue, we have the best teachers and students around thanks to you!

This Valentine's Day we want to tell our teachers how much our students love them.

We want our families to ask their students to share what makes their teacher or any staff member special. We will post the direct quotes from our students on paper hearts in the teacher's lounge. You may email your quotes (1-2 sentences) to the KWES PTO inbox kwespto@gmail.com with the Subject: Sharing the Love by February 12.

Spring Spirit Wear

If you missed out on Spirit Wear in the fall, or kids outgrew their clothes, have no fear! The online store is open now, featuring different items and color options. We are also selling our Kyle Wilson Walk for Fitness event t-shirt. All orders are due by Friday, March 10. Orders are expected to be delivered by late March. Order online today!

Be a Hero Helper

Sign up to make copies, laminate, or assist with other projects. We also need help in the library shelving books. If you can help with this task anytime between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm, your help is appreciated.

Kyle Wilson Walk for Fitness – April 15

Students are encouraged to submit a design for the Kyle Wilson Walk for Fitness t-shirt. Designs should show the theme of "Let's Move". Turn in your design on this flyer by February 10. The winning design will be featured on the front of the event t-shirt and sold in our Spring Spirit Wear store.

We need help planning this event to include seeking sponsorships and raffle prizes from community members. We will meet February 7 and 28 at 6:00 pm online.

Do you know a local business that would like to support this event? Sponsorships start at \$50. Contact Ashley Shelley at

<u>kwespto.vicepresident2023@gmail.com</u> for more information or to help plan a successful event.

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