

KWES PTO Newsletter

January 2023

Happy New Year!

New year, new PTO happenings...

We hope everyone had a festive holiday season and a restful winter break.

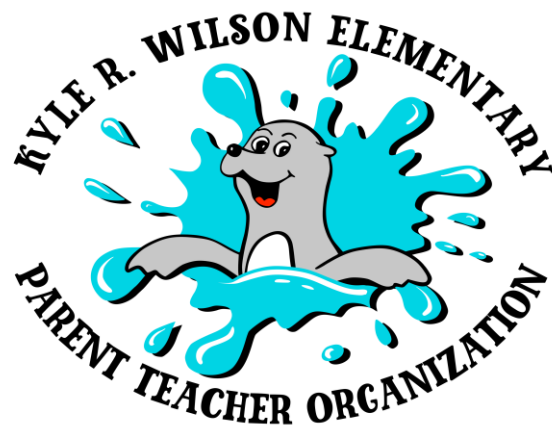
Thank you to everyone who supported the many events we had in December. Over 100 people enjoyed pancakes and shopping at our Vendor Fair. We saw many families and staff shopping and reading at the Barnes & Noble Book Fair. You helped make the holidays a little brighter for more than 30 children in our giving tree. The staff enjoyed the many cookies, brownies, and bars leading into Winter Break.

Check out the events we have coming up this month on the following page, including Bingo Night and Spirit Night. We are excited to host a Family Tech Talk on Wednesday, January 25 at 7:00 p.m. We are partnering with PTO Today to host a free online safety webinar. This valuable family resource will be presented by an internet safety expert from Trend Micro and last 60-75 minutes with Q&A. It will be offered in English, Spanish, and Urdu and cover such topics as, good digital citizenship, online bullying, resilience, positive do's of online safety, among others. A link to the webinar will be shared the week of the event.

Be on the lookout for information and permission slips for before- and after-school clubs over the next few months. Some clubs will be limited to specific grade levels or a maximum number of students.

Our next PTO meeting will be Tuesday, January 17 via Zoom and in-person. We will recap our December and January events and look ahead at a busy winter and spring.

We are excited for a new calendar year and the continued support of our school community.



Upcoming Events

Check out our full calendar [online.](#)

January 13 –

Bingo Night, 7:00-8:15 p.m.
KWES Cafeteria

January 17 –

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

January 18 –

Spirit Night, 4:00-8:00 p.m.
Panera Bread at Fortuna Plaza

January 25 –

Family Tech Talk, 7:00-8:15 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

February 10 –

Movie Night, 7:00 p.m.
KWES Cafeteria

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

Save the dates!

A full slate of activities to start 2023

Bingo Night – January 13

Bingo Night is back on lucky Friday, January 13! Enjoy a fun family night with bingo, prizes, and food available for purchase. Please RSVP and order food in advance to ensure we have enough seating and refreshments. [Purchase food online](#) or return the [flyer](#) to your student's teacher. The flyer will also be sent home this week. RSVPs are due Wednesday, January 11.

We need food and supply donations as well as volunteers for the event. [Sign up](#); any help is much appreciated.

Spirit Night – January 18

Save the cooking for another night and join us for Spirit Night at Panera Bread in Fortuna Plaza (near Target on Route 234) on Wednesday, January 18 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Order ahead for a quick pick-up. Add some bagels for breakfast the next day! Use the promo code **FUND4U** at online checkout, in the Panera App or [show the flyer](#) in-store and 20% of sales will be donated to the PTO.

Family Tech Talk – January 25

Technology is changing fast, and many of us are struggling to stay one step ahead of our kids. Please join us on Wednesday, January 25 at 7:00 p.m. for an expert presentation and Q&A about how to teach them to be smart, safe, and respectful digital citizens. We'll also cover privacy and security issues, how to encourage responsible Internet use, and even more. The call will be provided in English, Spanish, and Urdu. [Check out this flyer for more information.](#)

Clubs

Before- and after-school clubs are coming back. Some clubs will be limited to specific grades and/or a maximum number of students. Staff leading clubs will send home fliers and permission slips soon with more information. Clubs will last 4-6 weeks and start as early as this month and into March.

Be a Hero Helper

[Sign up](#) to make copies, laminate, or assist with other projects. One hour of time can complete several copy projects. Volunteer as often and for as long as you would like.

Kyle Wilson Walk for Fitness – April 15

Save the date for the annual Kyle Wilson Walk for Fitness honoring our school's namesake on Saturday, April 15. We are looking for volunteers to help us plan this event to include seeking sponsorships and raffle prizes from community members. We will meet online bi-weekly on Tuesdays.

Do you know a local business that would like to support this event? Sponsorships start at \$50. Contact Ashley Shelley at kwespto.vicepresident2023@gmail.com for more information or to help plan a successful event.

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