



CRISMAN ELEMENTARY PTO

SEPTEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER

We exceeded our goal with the Savory Foods Cookie Dough fundraiser—thank you for all of your support!

- With the proceeds of the fundraiser, the PTO will be providing EVERY child a Crisman T-shirt. Extra shirts were ordered (in child and adult sizes) and will be available for purchase.
- Cookie Dough orders will be delivered to school on **September 27th** (tentative).
- Parent volunteers will be needed to sort and distribute the order beginning at noon when the orders arrive. **Pickup will be from 3 to 5 p.m.**
- Raffle for Disney tickets will occur in October.
- Funds from the fundraiser are also used for classroom materials, such as musical instruments and K'Nex sets, as well as mulch for the Garden Club, and this year's Drama Club musical production.

BOX TOPS CONTEST

Our first Box Tops Contest will begin October 2! Clip your unexpired box tops and send them in when the contest begins!



SPIRIT WEEK

For Homecoming week, September 18-22, to show our school spirit, we are going to have special dress/theme days for each day of the week for those who want to participate! (FYI: the PTS Homecoming parade is Thursday, September 21, at 6 p.m.)

- Monday – Mix Match Monday
- Tuesday – Favorite Sports Team
- Wednesday – Wild Color Wednesday (Neon)
- Thursday – Hat Day
- Friday – PTS colors (red, white, black)

FAMILY NIGHT PICNIC ON THE PLAYGROUND

Thursday, September 28, 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Come to the Crisman playground for an evening of fun and games! Hot dogs, water, chips, and candy will be available for purchase.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

We have 160 students signed up for Session 1, which runs September 11 through October 13 (5 weeks).

This session is full! Parent helpers needed.

BOOKMOBILE

Bookmobile will begin in October and occurs on the first Friday of the month. Bookmobile is a cart loaded with books that visits every classroom. Students have the opportunity to exchange a book from home with one off the cart. Volunteers and book donations are needed!

POPCORN FRIDAYS

Every Friday morning, volunteers pop and bag popcorn for students. Popcorn is 25¢ per bag. Volunteers are needed and should arrive by 8:30 a.m.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Olivia Torres, PTO President, at 219.713.0008 or liv013@hotmail.com.

If you are on Facebook, please join our **Crisman PTO** page. It is a great way to stay informed.



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Please fill out your information below and send it back to the school or come to a PTO Meeting. **The PTO meets on the first Thursday of every month at 3:30 p.m. in the Crisman Cafeteria. The next meeting is October 5th.**

ATTENTION: CRISMAN ELEMENTARY PTO

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Email _____

Please circle area of interest: Popcorn Bookmobile Family Night Cookie Dough After School Activities

The Crisman Elementary PTO welcomes you!

There are many ways to get involved in your child's education and PTO is one great way. Crisman's Parent Teacher Organization ("PTO") is a non-profit organization whose membership is open to all parents, legal guardians, and staff of Crisman Elementary School. Our fundraising efforts allow us to provide supplemental educational materials and experiences for students and support many family friendly special events.

Your participation is needed to make all of this possible. PTO meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 3:30 PM in the cafeteria. Children are allowed to attend Lego Club at that time if a parent is attending the meeting. Your ideas are encouraged and welcomed! Last year, parents indicated that they would like more after school activities offered. These parents worked with Mr. Hufford and added Lego Club, Boys and Girls Running Clubs, Art Club and Athletic Club to the already long list of after school activities (Young Rembrandts Art Program, Chess Scholars, Garden Club, Asset Builders Club, Choir, Drama Club, Spanish Club, Drug Free Club and Martial Arts.) It is important to note that the PTO sponsored clubs are run entirely by parent volunteers and this correlates with the amount of students who can participate in each club. The more volunteers we have, the more students can join. Flyers went out at the beginning of the year for many of these clubs. *We must have permission slips and payments turned in by the due date or your child will not be able to participate. Late payments will not be accepted and will be returned home with your child.*

Other PTO volunteer opportunities throughout the year:

- **Popcorn Fridays:** Two to three volunteers are needed to pop and deliver popcorn to the classrooms for 2-3 hours on Friday morning starting at 8 AM.
- **Bookmobile:** Bookmobile is a book swapping program that runs on the first Friday of every month. Students can exchange a book from home for a book from the book mobile. One to two volunteers a month spend an hour on this. The first bookmobile will be Friday, October 6th.
- **Box Tops for Education:** The PTO works with teachers to coordinate Box Top Challenges. Volunteers cut, count and send in the Box Tops which can be done from home. Winning classes have celebrated with snow cones & Lego parties. Save those Box Tops!
- **Family Friendly Special Events:** Volunteers set up and sell concessions and Spirit Wear for events such as Family Movie Nights and the Crisman Color Run.
- **Cookie Dough Fundraiser:** For our largest fundraiser, volunteers tally order sheets, enter order data and coordinate orders on day of delivery, much of which can be done from home. Delivery takes place on one afternoon at the end of a school day. This year delivery will take place the week of September 25th.
- **Spirit Wear:** The PTO coordinates the Spirit Wear order during the year. With input from teachers and other PTO members, they work with the vendor to decide on the product, organize the orders and deliver them to the students. Orders are placed before Thanksgiving so that they arrive in time for Christmas!

The Crisman PTO works together with the teachers and staff to assist with other events throughout the school year, like Coffee with the Superintendent and dinner for the teachers during Parent/Teacher conferences. Through our fundraising efforts, we purchased a new popcorn machine and a snow cone machine to use for the Box Top Contest winners and other events such as the 5th Grade Carnival. We provided coffee and treats for Grandparents' Day and purchased Legos and K'Nex to expand our teachers' STEM materials for classroom use. We purchase Crisman t-shirts for each student at the beginning of the school year and will help support the drama club's annual production this fall. None of this would be possible without the great team work of the Crisman PTO. **Come join us!**

If you are on Facebook, please join the "Crisman PTO" page. It is a great way to keep up with what is going on at school, and connect with other teachers and parents. We will be using Signup.com (formerly volunteerspot.com) again for people to volunteer. Sign up at <http://signup.com/go/bAJQmyr> to receive emails about volunteer opportunities.

Upcoming Events:

- **Family Picnic on the Playground!** September 28th, 5 PM – 6:30 PM, concessions will be available for purchase.
- **Crisman 5th Grade Carnival!** October 7th, 12 PM – 4 PM, games and prizes for all ages.