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## WELCOME PACKET 2021-22

*"What does the PTO do?... and how can I help?"*➤ **PTO Membership Dues and Online Directory**

Membership Dues of \$15 per family are a large contributing factor to our fundraising. Please visit our website: [eastamwellPTO.weebly.com](http://eastamwellPTO.weebly.com) and join for the current year! There's a button on the home page under Quick Links to join online or see page 5 of this packet. Members are granted access to our online directory where you can look up your child's class, parent contact information etc. Great for organizing playdates and parties! New and current families without contact information in the directory – please remember to add your email address and phone number to the directory. Not only is this needed for other parents to reach out but will enable us to include you in our PTO emails for events!

➤ **Homeroom Parent Volunteers**

Homeroom parents act as PTO representatives in the classroom for Grades Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. The home room teachers rely on their PTO home room volunteers to assist them in a variety of ways throughout the year. Responsibilities vary depending on the grade level and will be determined and communicated to you via your homeroom teacher. This is a great way to be involved with your child's class, teacher and parents! In a regular school year tasks may include:

- Helping to organize holiday parties
- Assisting in the classroom with activities
- Assisting with lesson preparations (i.e., cutting, laminating etc.)
- Communication with class parents (including coordination of sign ups, gifts etc.)

All home room parents will be given guidelines and procedures.

If you would like to be considered as a Home Room Volunteer please complete the form on page 6 of this packet.

**Reminder: You must be a PTO member to be considered for this position.** Please pay your PTO Dues via the [PTO Website](#) or go to page 5 of this packet. **DEADLINE TO APPLY 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER**

➤ **Gallery Time Program Volunteers**

Gallery Time is a fun Art oriented enrichment program provided by the PTO to Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. You DO NOT need any previous art experience or qualification to volunteer for this position! Each home room requires two volunteers. Full guidance will be provided by the Art Teachers, our Gallery Time Coordinator and online documentation (providing ideas for each session). This activity occurs within school hours (typically once a month starting in October) and scheduling is coordinated with the home room teacher.

If you would like to be considered as a Gallery Time Volunteer please complete the form on page 6 of this packet.

An orientation session will be organized for new volunteers to the program and as a refresher for others.

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➤ **Welcome Back Lunch for the Teachers & Staff: Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021**

The PTO Board provide a lunch to all staff before the start of the school year. Food is donated by ShopRite and some provided by the PTO.

➤ **PreK, K and New Family Social Event: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021 (at Clawson Park)**

A fun event in late September in the cafeteria or outside to enable the new/young families to come together in a social setting to get to know each other! We provide entertainment and food and are there to answer any questions. Invitations will be sent out in early September and details also available on our ["Events"](#) tab of our website.

➤ **Cougar Clothing Spirit Wear & Accessories: 2021 Fall Online Sale: October Date TBD**

Our online fall clothing store will be coming in October! It will be open for a limited two week period only so watch out for the email announcement! In addition we may have occasional in stock sales onsite at school. Spirit Day is the last Friday of every month where the children can wear their Cougar Spirit Wear to display their pride for the school! You can purchase Cougar Pride car magnets and "Note to School" notepads from our online store when you pay PTO dues.

➤ **Scholastic Book Fair: Fall Fair, 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021, Spring Fair – 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> March**  
**(2019: Spring Fair earned us \$4222 in Scholastic Dollars (SD), Fall Fair earned us \$3405 SD).**  
**(Both 2020 Fairs were virtual due to COVID restrictions and only earned up \$400SD total)**

We hold two Book Fairs (usually in the library) during the school year (fall and spring). Book Fair runs during the school day and a home room schedule is created for the students to view/purchase books and enter contests. A family night (usually Wednesday) is held during each sale. The Book Fair Coordinator will request PTO Member volunteers close to each Fair to help set up/break down and run the event. The PTO receive a percentage of sales in Scholastic Dollars (plus bonuses) which we use to purchase Digital Library Subscriptions that are used by all grades. We also offer all teachers the opportunity to use Scholastic Dollars to add to their classroom libraries or supplies as well as the library to add to their inventory of books



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*"What does the PTO do?... and how can I help?" (Cont.,)*➤ **Halloween Trunk-or-Treat: Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2021**

Our super fun Trunk-or-Treat Event takes place in Clawson Park. Families are encouraged to get creative and decorate the trunks of their cars and provide treats for the children to trick or treat from car to car. We will have a DJ, a costume parade and prizes are awarded for the best-decorated car and for the best costumes in each grade level. The Trunk or Treat coordinator will request PTO Member volunteers close to the event.

➤ **Frosty's Workshop: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021 (In 2019 we raised \$2680)**  
(2020 was canceled due to COVID)

Frosty's Workshop (in the Gym) is when the students have the opportunity to buy small inexpensive holiday gifts for their families, pets and friends. Santa arrives on a surprise mode of transport every year and the kids love the huge model railway display. A schedule will be created for each home room to visit the workshop throughout the day. Younger grades are provided with 8<sup>th</sup> grade helpers to assist in their choices. The Frosty's Coordinator will request PTO Member volunteers for the event. This is a large event and requires a lot of volunteers on the day to make it a success. As well as being a super fun holiday event for all it doubles as a great fundraiser!

➤ **Staff Appreciation Week: 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

This week is dedicated to giving thanks to our teachers and staff for the service they provide to our children. We ask parents and local food businesses to donate food/dishes to provide various meals throughout the week in the teacher's room. A theme is chosen and the room decorated appropriately. It is also tradition for the Home Room Parents to decorate the teachers' doors. Home Room parents may choose to coordinate a small gift of thanks (as simple as notes) from the students to their teacher (optional). The Coordinator will request volunteers and food donations closer to the event.

➤ **Color Run: Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022 (In 2019 we raised \$7280!) (2020 – was canceled due to COVID)**

A fun, colorful community event that promotes health and camaraderie! 1 Mile and 5K routes for all the family to participate. Our loyal sponsors and huge turnout make this our biggest fundraiser of the year!

➤ **Field Day: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Field Day is a fun/active school wide event organized by the Athletics Department with PTO participation. The day includes a PTO funded assembly in the morning and an outdoor schedule of games in the afternoon. PTO funds T-shirts for all students (designed by a student), onsite Kona Ice Truck for all and coordinates volunteers to help with the stations. This is a great way to be involved with your child's class at the end of the school year! It is a large event and requires a lot of volunteers on the day to make it a success. We will coordinate volunteers close to the event.

➤ **PTO End of Year Picnic: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

This is our end of year gathering at Clawson Park for all students and families to celebrate the end of school and onset of summer! We will provide music, a free raffle for the kids and fun activities. Food Truck and Kona Ice Truck will be onsite for your convenience. It's a great way to end the school year.

➤ **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022 (subject to change)**

PTO provide a refreshments reception for the graduates and their families (in the cafeteria) after The Graduation Ceremony. We coordinate an online slideshow of photos of the graduates through their years at East Amwell which is shown at Graduation and available to all via a link. We also provide each graduate with a gift package that includes their High School T-shirt (traditionally worn on their last day at East Amwell). We will request volunteers and food donations close to the event. We also provide an in school breakfast the next morning. Go to **"Events"** page on our website and start uploading photos now for the slideshow for any grade! It's much easier to start now rather than wade through 9 or 11 years of photos at the end of their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year!



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**WELCOME PACKET 2021-22*****"What does the PTO do?... and how can I help?" (Cont.,)*****➤ Grade Night Events: Dates TBD**

We will organize age appropriate afternoon/evening events (either at the school or Clawson Park) for each grade grouping (Prek-2<sup>nd</sup>, 3/4<sup>th</sup>, 5/6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>\*) throughout the school year. These may include game nights, contests, dances and other fun activities. The Grade Night Coordinators will request PTO Member volunteers closer to the event dates. \*7/8<sup>th</sup> Grade also have two Student Council run dances that we contribute funds to. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade have many "Graduation" activities that we contribute funds to.

**➤ Family Fun Nights: Dates TBD**

We will hold various fun evenings through the year: Bingo, Movie Night, Game Night and more. Watch out for our emails and check the website/calendar and "Events" page.

**➤ Monthly Dine Outs: Dates TBD (In 2020-21 we raised \$3090)**

We will organize one day a month at various local eateries where you can grab lunch/dinner with family and friends and the PTO will receive a percentage of the revenue back in fundraising! It's a great way to support local businesses and the PTO! Watch out for our emails and check the website/calendar.

**➤ The Clothing Donation Shed (In 2020-21 we raised \$3348)**

**This is a GREAT year round FREE Fundraiser for the PTO that everyone can contribute to at NO cost to you!**

The clothing donation shed is located to the far left of the parking lot near the red barn. You can donate clothing and a number of additional items (see list on front of shed) at any time. All items must be deposited in a sealed bag. Clothing is NOT shredded. We receive a monthly check from the company based on the tonnage collected

**➤ Box Tops – Have gone Digital! (In 2020-21 we raised \$1175)**

**This is a GREAT year round FREE fundraiser for the PTO that everyone can contribute to at NO cost to you!**

The new App makes it quick and easy to submit the BoxTop values to our school total! Simply download the App in your phone, select East Amwell Township as your school, scan your store receipt and the relevant items and bonuses are added! You can still also send in physical BoxTops that you might find on products you purchase. Go to the [BoxTop page](#) on our website for more information.

**➤ Amazon Smile (In 2020-21 we raised \$ 421)**

**This is a GREAT year round FREE fundraiser for the PTO that everyone can contribute to at NO cost to you!**

If you shop on Amazon simply use [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and select East Amwell School PTO as your chosen charity and a small percentage of each of your purchases will come to us! Free, easy and seamless.

**➤ PTO Meetings (1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month alternate a.m/p.m (see last page of packet for dates/times and the PTO Website calendar - subject to change)**

We encourage parents to attend our PTO meetings when possible and/or share ideas you have either at the meetings or via email. We are always looking for new ways to add to our program of events and fundraising initiatives to enhance the student experience at East Amwell School. Our next meeting is always listed under the "Heads Up" section of the website homepage and an email will be sent out the day before.

**➤ Notable Extras provided over the years!**

- In 2018-19 the PTO funded the replacement of 5 of the old picnic table/benches near the playground (\$4900)
- In 2018 when East Amwell School was awarded the Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, the PTO were able to provide Blue Ribbon T-shirts for all students and helped organize a celebration day (\$2450)
- In 2017-18 the PTO funded the replacement of four old water fountains with new water fountain/bottle filling stations (\$4735) and a year's supply of filters (\$675)
- Previous years' funding includes: Film Making equipment for the middle school, mosaic in the school foyer, classroom A/C units, stage curtains, gaga court, gym bleachers, playground equipment.

Visit our PTO website: [eastamwellPTO.weebly.com](https://eastamwellPTO.weebly.com) for more information on everything we do!

The "Photos" tab has pictures of each event!



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If you are interested in being involved in any way please reach out to any Board Member. You can find our contact information on the **"About Us"** tab on our website.

***We cannot do any of this without the help of our school families and faculty!***

***Thank you for your continuous support!***

**PTO Initial Budget 2021-22 (Pending approval at Oct Meeting)**

Activity/Event	Grade(s) who benefit	Budgeted (\$)
Field Day	All	3200
Assemblies	All	2500
Eight Grade Field Trips* (\$35 p/head)	8 <sup>th</sup>	1600
Camp Bernie* (\$35 p/head)	6 <sup>th</sup>	1500
Trunk or Treat	All	800
Family Fun Nights (Bingo, Movie Night etc)	All	800
Staff Appreciation Week		600
PreK, K & New Family Social Evening	PreK, K	500
PreK, K, 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Nights	PreK – 2 <sup>nd</sup>	500
Kindness/Spirit Week	All	500
Eighth Grade Graduation Reception	8 <sup>th</sup>	500
5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Nights	5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup>	300
3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Nights	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup>	200
Tournament Of Champions T-shirts*	All	250
Gallery Time Supplies	K – 6 <sup>th</sup>	200
Club Mini Grant	Will vary	250
Teachers BTS Lunch		150
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Nights	7 <sup>th</sup>	100
Science Olympiad T-Shirts*	4 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	150
Student Council Dances (x2)	7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup>	100
Kindergarten Orientation	K	50
Frosty's 2022 expense		2000
Other Expenses/General Supplies (paper products, postage, etc)	All	1000
HCHS Scholarship		500
Insurance		320
<b>Total</b>		<b>18,570</b>

Fundraising Method	Anticipated Revenue (\$)
Color Run	5750
Frosty's Workshop	2900
Clothing Shed Donations	2600
Membership Dues	2000
BoxTops for Education	2000
Miscellaneous Small Fundraisers	1000
Dine Outs	1000
Cougar Clothing Sales	820
Donations	500
Amazon Smile	200
Interest	50
PayPal Fees	(250)
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,570</b>

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**PROMOTING EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS TO ENHANCE THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE****PTO Membership Dues (\$15 per family)**

The PTO funds school activities throughout the year, and our budget is solely generated by membership dues, donations and fundraising. Our funding enables the PTO to provide programs and events that enrich the student experience at EATS.

**Your membership dues are a large contributing factor and directly benefits the students.** It also provides you with the following:

- The right to vote on the PTO budget and the election of officers
- The opportunity to be a member of a PTO committee, a classroom volunteer or part of a PTO run event
- Online access to our PTO Directory which enables you to see all the children in your child's class and contact information for those parents who have entered it. Very useful tool for planning playdates and parties!
- **We request where possible parents pay their \$15 dues online.** Simply go to the PTO website: [eastamwellpto.weebly.com](http://eastamwellpto.weebly.com) and click on the button **"JOIN THE PTO"**. It will first ask to verify if you are already in our system and request that you update any contact information, your child's grade and Home Room teacher.

**IF YOUR CHILD(REN) WERE IN THE SCHOOL LAST YEAR THEN THEY ARE CURRENTLY ENTERED IN THE SYSTEM. PLEASE DO NOT ADD THEM IN AGAIN AS THIS WILL CREATE DUPLICATE ENTRIES – SIMPLY UPDATE THEIR GRADE INFORMATION.**

**IF THEY ARE NEW TO THE SCHOOL THIS YEAR THEN YOU CAN ADD THEM AND YOUR CONTACT DETAILS.**

Once you have paid your dues you will be able to search on your child's last name and enter your parent contact information under their entry. **We STRONGLY encourage you to add an email address to our system.** That way a) other parents can contact you and b) you will be included in any PTO emails we send out separately from the school regarding events etc.

- **Manual Payment option:**

You can also send in cash or check for \$15 payable to "EATS PTO" writing "PTO Dues student(s) last name" in the memo line (if different from your last name on the check).and send in via backpack mail to the PTO Mailbox: Family Membership. **If you chose this method, please also include this form and complete the table below** (and email [eatspto@yahoo.com](mailto:eatspto@yahoo.com) to let us know to expect an envelope in our PTO mailbox:

Child(ren)s Last Name(s), First Name(s):
Can we add your contact information to the Directory? (pls circle) YES / NO
If YES Please complete:
Parent(s) Last Name, First Name:
Mom's Email Address / Cell #:
Dad's Email Address / Cell #:
Home Address #1:
Home Address #2 (if applicable):

**PTO Donation**

If you would like to make a generous tax deductible donation you can also do this online when paying your membership or include a separate check payable to EATS PTO and write "Donation" in the memo line. Donations are gratefully accepted throughout the school year.

***Thank You for your Generosity and Support!!***

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**PROMOTING EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS TO ENHANCE THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE****Home Room Volunteer**

The home room teachers in grades Pre-K to 6th Grade rely on their PTO home room volunteers to assist them in a variety of ways throughout the year. Responsibilities vary depending on the grade level and will be determined and communicated to you via your home room teacher. This is a great way to be involved with your child's class, teacher and parents!

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- Helping to organize holiday parties
- Assisting in the classroom with activities
- Helping the teacher with lesson preparations (i.e. cutting, laminating etc.)

All home room parents will be given guidelines and procedures.

If you would like to be considered as a Home Room Parent for a class, please complete the information below and return by email to [eatspto@yahoo.com](mailto:eatspto@yahoo.com) or in backpack mail to the "EATS PTO Mailbox: Home Room Parent".

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER**

Volunteer's Name:	Email:
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	Grade	Home Room Teacher
1 <sup>st</sup> Choice		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice		

**You will be contacted by us if you have been assigned to a class. We do our best to accommodate as many parents as possible while being as fair as possible with distribution of roles. Placement of all volunteers is decided with the Home Room Teacher**

**Reminder: All parents who sign up to be a Homeroom Volunteer must be a member of the EATS PTO.**

*Please see page 5 of this packet regarding payment of Membership Dues.*

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Volunteer's Name:	Email:
Teacher(s)/Grade(s):	

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### PTO Meeting Dates 2021-22

Details of the meeting and Agenda will be emailed out through the school system the day before.

(Dates & Times are subject to change)

If you would like to volunteer some of your time in **any** way please email us at [eatspto@yahoo.com](mailto:eatspto@yahoo.com) or reach out to any of the Board Members (contact details are available on our [About Us](#) page of the PTO website page. We are always looking for more help and there are many opportunities to lend a hand!

Date	Time
23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept.	6.30pm
8 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	9.15am
10 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	6.30pm
1 <sup>st</sup> Dec.	9.15am
12 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	6.30pm
9 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	9.15am
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar.	9.15am
6 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	6.30pm
11 <sup>th</sup> May	9.15am
1 <sup>st</sup> Jun.	9.15am

***We thank you for your support!!***

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