

# Welcome to Parkside Elementary from Parkside PTO

2018-2019



The **Parkside Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)** is registered 501c3 dedicated to supporting the needs of our school and students. Throughout the year, the PTO facilitates student-centered activities, family events, and fundraising opportunities.

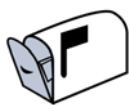
## ***Did you know?***

*As a parent or guardian of a Parkside Elementary student, you are automatically a member of the PTO. Please consider joining our monthly meetings to learn more about what's happening at Parkside, how the PTO supports our school, and how you can be involved.*

The PTO provides funding for things such as field trips, assemblies, family nights, teacher & staff appreciation, staff enrichment opportunities, teacher wish list request and purchasing supplies and equipment needed in the classrooms.

We invite you and your students to get involved! The PTO meets monthly, and meetings are open to all parents and guardians of Parkside Elementary students. Free childcare is provided.

**Contact us:** [ParksidePTOPresident@gmail.com](mailto:ParksidePTOPresident@gmail.com)



*The PTO mailbox is located outside the school office, and is available for items being sent or returned to Parkside PTO.*



**Parkside Elementary PTO**

## **Get involved!**

**There are many ways that you can support Parkside Elementary PTO!**

Read on in this packet for a calendar of events and to learn more about volunteer and fundraising opportunities throughout the year. The PTO's goal is to provide as much support as possible for our school, it's students, teachers and staff, and we can only do this with your help! Please consider attending PTO meetings, volunteering your time, or supporting our fundraising events this year. Thank you for your generous support.

## **2018-2019 PTO Board**

<b>President</b>	Liz Tomera
<b>Vice President</b>	Beth Heikkila
<b>Secretary</b>	Angie Brown
<b>Treasurer</b>	Trisha Wood

## **2018-2019 PTO Meeting Schedule**

8/20/18	6:30-8:00pm
9/10/18	6:30-7:30pm
10/1/18	6:30-7:30pm
11/12/18	6:30-7:30pm
12/3/18	PTO Holiday Social
2/4/19	6:30-7:30pm
3/4/19	6:30-7:30pm
4/1/19	6:30-7:30pm
5/6/19	6:30-7:30pm

PTO meetings are held in the cafeteria at Parkside Elementary.

***We know your time is precious.***

*We try to schedule PTO meetings following school events, to help avoid additional trips to school and time away from family. We hope you'll stick around and join the discussion.*

## Parkside Elementary PTO 2018-2019 Committee Chairs

<b>PTO Board Positions</b>		<b>PHONE</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
Co-President	Beth Heikkila	602-882-0191	bethheikkila@gmail.com
Co-President	Elizabeth Tomera	847-224-1194	parksiddeptopresident@gmail.com
Treasurer	Trisha Wood	309-242-0723	trishers7@gmail.com
Secretary	Angie Brown	219-863-8065	studerbrown@gmail.com
Principal	Ryan Weichman	309-557-4422	weichmrj@unit5.org
Teacher Rep	Jamie Zimmerman	309-557-4422	zimmerj@unit5.org

<b>PTO Committee Chair Positions</b>			
Boxtops	Alison Allen	309-433-3702	aliballen@live.com
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Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC)	Thomas Hartless	309-310-7591	har9209@gmail.com
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Fundraising	Beth Heikkila	602-882-0191	bethheikkila@gmail.com
Family Nights	Liz Tomera	847-224-1194	tomeras@comcast.net
Fifth Grade Gift	Amberly Herbst	309-846-2243	ahmama06070913@gmail.com
Homecoming (5th grade)	Amberly Herbst	309-846-2243	ahmama06070913@gmail.com
Hospitality	Brooke Orozco	309-826-7199	uforeum99@juno.com
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Landscaping	Shana Emberton	309-261-3823	semberton@hotmail.com
Penguin Patch Holiday Shop	Beth Heikkila	602-882-0191	bethheikkila@gmail.com
Restaurant Fundraising	Kara Burch	630-960-3199	miabia9182011@gmail.com
Room Parents/Parties	Shana Emberton	309-261-3823	semeberton@hotmail.com
School Supply Kits	Heather Jobe	309-826-4519	hmjobe@gmail.com
SCRIP	Angie Brown	219-863-8065	parksidescrip@outlook.com
Student Experiences	Angie Stoewer	309-862-2589	stoewer5@gmail.com
Nominating Committee	Heather Jobe	309-826-4519	hmjobe@gmail.com
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## Parkside Elementary PTO 2018-2019 Calendar of Events

August 2018	
Tuesday August 14-Wednesday August 15, 2018	Institute Days - No School
Tuesday August 14, 2018	Kindergarten Open House 5:30-6:30 PM
Wednesday August 15, 2018	1st-5th Grade Open House 5:30-6:30 PM
Thursday August 16, 2018	First Full Day of School
Thursday August 16, 2018	Carl's Ice Cream Restaurant Night (4-8pm)
Monday, August 20, 2018	First PTO meeting, 6:30-7:30 PM Cafeteria
Friday, August 24, 2018	Fall School Picture Day
Wednesday, August 29, 2018	One Hour Late-Start Day
September 2018	
Monday, September 3, 2018	Labor Day - No School
Monday September 10, 2018	Party on the Playground 5:30-6:30 PM
Monday, September 10, 2018	PTO Meeting 6:30-7:30 PM Cafeteria
Wednesday September 12, 2018	One Hour Late-Start Day
Thursday September 13, 2018	SCRIP Completed Order Forms Due to PTO mailbox
Wednesday September 19, 2018	Normal West's Homecoming Parade
Wednesday September 19, 2018	Portillo's Restaurant Night (4-8pm)
Friday September 21, 2018	SCRIP Cards Sent Home or Ready For Office Pickup
Wednesday, September 26, 2018	One Hour Late-Start Day
October 2018	
Monday, October 1, 2018	PTO Meeting 6:30-7:30 PM Cafeteria
Tuesday, October 2, 2018	Custodian Appreciation Day
Thursday, October 4, 2018	SCRIP Completed Order Form Due to PTO Mailbox
Monday, October 8, 2018	No School- Columbus Day
Tuesday October 9, 2018	No School-Teacher
Friday October 12, 2018	SCRIP Gift Cards Sent Home or Office Pickup
Wednesday, October 17, 2018	One Hour Late-Start Day
Wednesday, October 17, 2018	Blaze Pizza Restaurant Night (5-8pm)
Friday, October 19, 2018	No School-Parent Teacher Conferences
Wednesday October 31, 2018	Halloween Parade 12:30 and Fall Party 12:45
November 2018	
Thursday November 1, 2018	SCRIP Completed Order Forms Due to PTO mailbox
Friday, November 2, 2018	End of First Trimester
Monday November 5, 2018	Normal West Music Spaghetti Supper
Monday, November 7-Friday November 16, 2018	Fundraising Event for Boosterthon Fun Run
Friday, November 9, 2018	SCRIP Gift Cards Sent Home or Office Pickup
Monday, November 12, 2018	PTO Meeting 6:30-7:30 PM Cafeteria
Monday, November 12 - Friday, November 16, 2018	Chili's Restaurant Nights (all day for dine-in and to go)
Wednesday November 14, 2018	One Hour Late-Start Day
Friday November 16, 2018	Boosterthon Fun Run
Wednesay November 21-Friday November 23, 2018	Thanksgiving Vacation - No School
Monday November 26, 2018-Friday November 30, 2018	Penguin Patch
Friday November 30, 2018	Family Night-Penguin Patch/Fun Run/Movie Night
December 2018	
Monday, December 3, 2018	PTO Holiday Social 6:30-8:30PM at TBD
Tuesday December 4, 2018	Band Winter Concert at Normal West
Friday, December 7, 2018	SCRIP Completed Order Forms Due in PTO Mailbox
Wednesday, December 12 2018	One Hour Late-Start Day
Friday, December 14, 2018	SCRIP Gift Cards Sent Home or Office Pickup
Friday December 21, 2018	Last Day of School Before Winter Break



# Parkside PTO Volunteer Opportunities

2018-2019



- HOSPITALITY:** Bake or donate store-bought food/drinks for various activities throughout the year, help set-up, clean-up or serve, if needed.
- EVENT VOLUNTEERS:** Assist with school parties, school events or other activities. Activities are often a one-time event, and may occur during the school day, evenings or weekends.
- IMC:** Shelve books and/or help with check-out during IMC class time. Assist with annual Book Fair.
- HELPING HAND:** Volunteer support at the school (i.e. office or classroom support, assisting with picture day, vision or hearing screenings or dental exams.) These opportunities take place during the school day.
- LANDSCAPE:** Help maintain school grounds during various scheduled cleanups, by weeding, planting and helping in the garden.

We need your help to make the 2018-2019 school year as successful as possible! Please consider volunteering in one or more of the available areas. Please select the areas you are interested in supporting and provide your contact information below. Return this form to the school, with your child or via the PTO mailbox, by Friday, August 24, 2018. More information and sign-up opportunities will come via email.

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Volunteer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Names and grades of children at Parkside Elementary for 2018-2019:

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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# What does **PTO** provide to students & staff?

TIME for Kids / Scholastic subscriptions  
PBIS Cart  
Teachers' Wish lists  
Student Experiences (in school and out of school)  
Homecoming Parade  
5th Grade Gift  
Grade Level Grant  
Recess Equipment  
Staff Appreciation Meals & Gifts  
Family Fun Activities  
Penguin Patch Holiday Shop  
School Supply Kits  
Magnets & Decals

## **PTO Fundraisers**

Scrip  
Box Tops  
Restaurant Nights  
No-Hassle Fundraiser  
Behr Recycling Program  
AmazonSmile  
Penguin Glow Run

# PTO FUNDRAISERS



## Behr Recycle Program

The PTO has set-up a year-round recycling fundraiser opportunity. All you need to do is take the following items to Behr Iron & Metal:

- Aluminum Cans
- Aluminum Siding
- Appliances
- Automotive Scrap
- Brass
- Car Bodies
- Cast Iron
- Copper
- Copper Wire
- Electronics (NO LONGER ACCEPT)
- Farm Equipment
- Garage Scrap (*Lawnmowers, Bicycles, Grills, etc.*)
- Lead
- Sheet Iron/Tin
- Stainless Steel
- Steel

**Deliver to:**  
**Behr Iron & Metal**  
**501 E. Stewart St.**  
**Bloomington, IL 61701**

Business Hours:  
 Monday-Friday 8:30am - 11:45am;  
 12:30pm - 4:00pm  
 Saturday 8:00am - 11:45am

When dropping items off mention *Parkside Elementary* and we will earn money for our school. Thank you for supporting Parkside. Questions? Contact Shana Emberton at [semberton@hotmail.com](mailto:semberton@hotmail.com).

## Dine-to-Donate Restaurant Nights for 2018-2019

August 16 <sup>th</sup>	4-8pm	<b>Carl's Ice Cream</b>	1700 W. College Ave, Normal
September 19 <sup>th</sup>	4-8pm	<b>Portillo's</b>	202 Landmark Dr, Normal
October 17 <sup>th</sup>	5-8pm	<b>Blaze Pizza</b>	1601 E. College Ave, Normal
November 12 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	<b>Chili's</b>	2107 N. Veterans Pkwy, Bloomington
January TBD	TBD	<b>Chipotle</b>	701 S. Main St, Normal
February 13 <sup>th</sup>	4-8pm	<b>Carl's Ice Cream</b>	1700 W. College Ave, Normal
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	4-8pm	<b>Portillo's</b>	202 Landmark Dr, Normal
April 15 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	<b>Chili's</b>	2107 N. Veterans Pkwy, Bloomington

## Box Tops Collection Dates

Box Tops can be sent in to school anytime throughout the year. A collection sheet is included in this packet. Questions? Contact Alison Allen at [aliballen@live.com](mailto:aliballen@live.com) or 433-3702. Collection dates are:

Friday, October 26, 2018  
 Friday, February 22, 2019  
 Friday, May 17, 2019



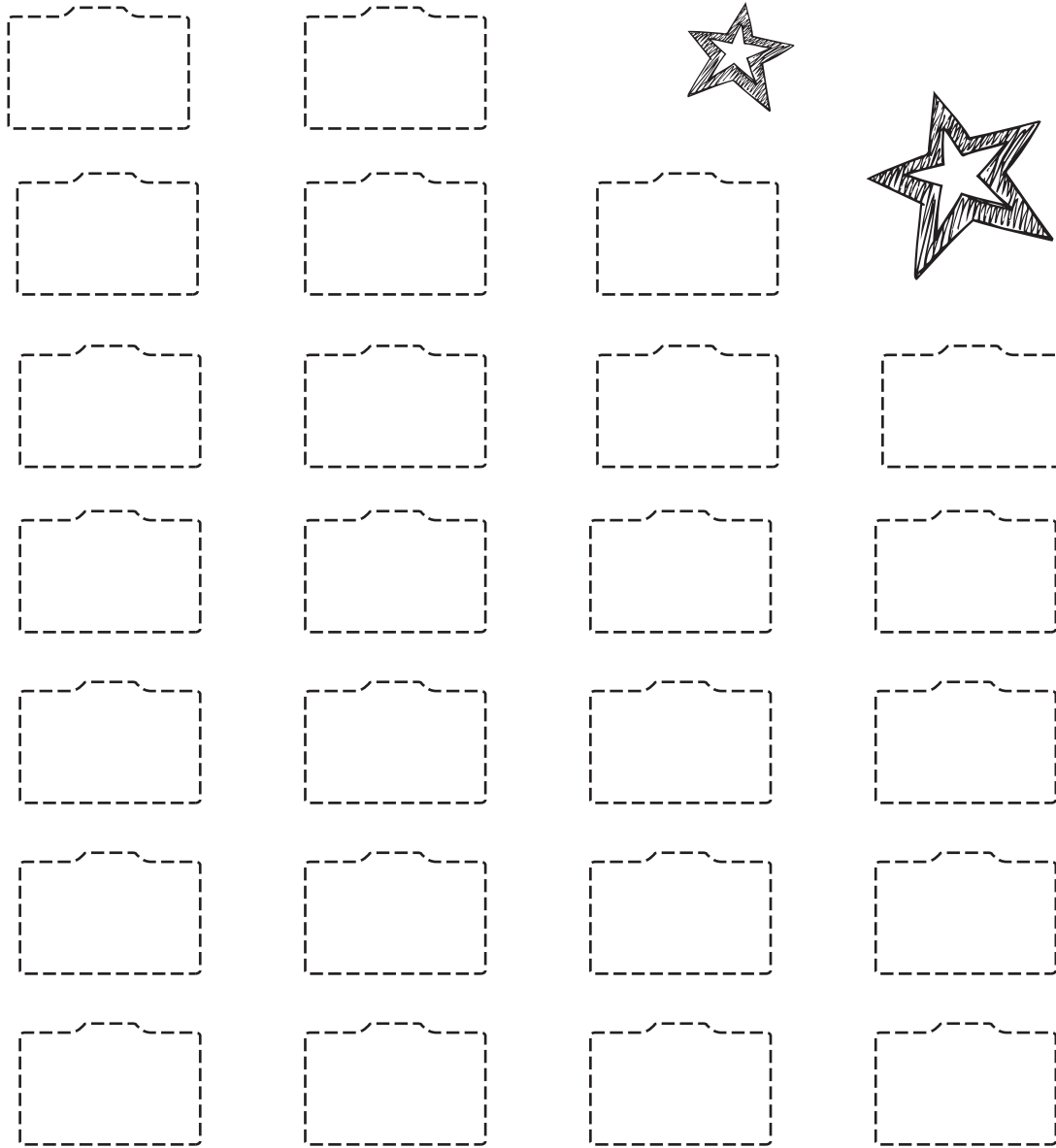
Parkside Elementary PTO participates in AmazonSmile! It's super easy, and you'll have access to the same exact low prices, products and your account when you shop [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). On your first visit to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), select *Parkside Elementary Parent Teacher Organization* before you begin shopping. AmazonSmile will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) will result in a donation! Thank you!





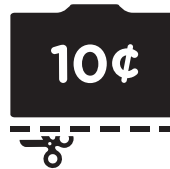
# CLIP IT, EARN IT!

Earn cash for your school with Box Tops.



## BUY

Buy Box Tops products. You can find pink Box Tops on hundreds of items. Each Box Tops clip is worth 10¢ for your child's school.



## CLIP

Clip the Box Tops from the packages. Make sure they're not expired!



## SEND

Send the Box Tops to school on collection sheets like this one.



## EARN

Earn cash for your school: Your school's Box Tops Coordinator will submit the Box Tops and your school will receive a check to use for whatever it needs.

Bonus certificates should not be attached to this sheet - please submit them separately. To see more ways to earn cash for your child's school, including a complete list of participating products, go to [BTFE.com](http://BTFE.com).



# Parkside Elementary Scrip Program



Dear PSE Parents and Staff:

Parkside PTO is excited to share information about an ongoing, monthly fundraising program for our organization. It's called "**scrip**", and it's the fundraising program that works while you shop. Last year, the Parkside PTO earned \$2200 through this "no selling" fundraiser.

Scrip is a fundraising program that allows you to purchase gift cards from national and local retailers. They're the same gift cards that you buy at the store. Many popular retailers participate in our scrip program including Wal-Mart, Meijer, Jewel, BP, Shell, Subway, Steak-n-Shake, Target, Carl's Ice Cream, and hundreds more. These retailers, along with many others, sell gift cards to our organization at a discount. Discounts vary from 1.5% to 20%, depending on retailer. Parkside families, like yours, buy the certificates for full face value, redeem them for full face value, and our school keeps the difference as revenue. Not only can the gift cards be given as gifts, but can also pay for groceries, dinners out, or gas.



**Example:** *If your family purchases \$200 in groceries or prescriptions at Jewel-Osco each month and used Jewel gift cards from scrip to make purchases in place of cash or debit cards, you would raise \$8 for the PTO without purchasing anything beyond your normal monthly budget. If 50 families also purchased \$200 in Jewel gift cards from scrip each month, our PTO could earn \$400 in just one month!! Jewel gift cards earn a rebate of 4%. The higher the rebate the more we profit.*

**Scrip order forms will be sent home through Skyward Access each month** and will be due the first Thursday of each month. You can return your completed order form and payment to the PTO mailbox by the due date or your order can be placed on your online account. If purchasing online, you have the option to pay online through Presto Pay (similar to Pay Pal) or by sending a check- made payable to Parkside PTO, placed in the PTO mailbox. Orders will be sent home via your child's backpack or may be picked up in the office on Friday, following week. You will indicate how you would like to receive your order on the order form. Many participating retailers allow our families to reload gift cards or print certificates at home, outside of the monthly order dates- making it convenient to order scrip when you need it. (Online account is required.)

Any question regarding the fundraiser or for help creating an online account, contact Angie Brown at [parksidescrip@outlook.com](mailto:parksidescrip@outlook.com) or by calling 219-863-8065.

Sincerely,

Angie Brown

**Website: [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com)**

**School Enrollment Code: 5C3F9ABA9823**

# Parkside Elementary PTO No Hassle Fundraiser



Would you like to help support your child's school, but maybe your schedule doesn't allow you to volunteer your time? No interest in walking door-to-door with you student, selling wrapping paper? We understand!

Parkside Elementary PTO provides the option of a **No Hassle Fundraiser**. The Parkside PTO will still offer a few traditional fundraisers later in the year, however, if families would like to make a monetary donation to Parkside PTO you can do so any time during the school year. We encourage you to consider donating \$25 per student. This donation is **100% tax deductible**, so keep this portion of the form as your receipt.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration and support!

### For your records:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Gift Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

*Your gift is 100% tax deductible*

Parkside Elementary PTO  
Tax ID # E9938-5783-03  
1900 W. College Ave, Normal IL 61761

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(Please submit this portion with payment to the school office with your other registration materials.)

**Make checks payable to Parkside Elementary PTO.** Suggested donation of \$25 per child.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Child's grade (2018-19) \_\_\_\_\_

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AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_ cash or check

# Parkside Elementary PTO Directory OPT OUT FORM



The PTO directory lists students' names, addresses, phone numbers, along with parent/guardian names and emails. It is often used by room parents to share class party details or for students to simply reach out to a new friend. The directory also lists students by class. An electronic version of directory will be emailed to each family. If you would **NOT** like to be included in the PTO directory, please return this opt out form to the office by **Friday, August 24th**. Otherwise your information will be included.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class Code \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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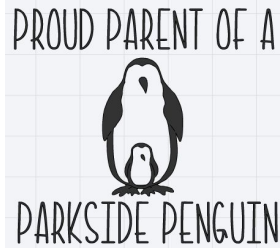
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# Parkside Penguin Pride Window Decals & Car Magnets

Show your school spirit with a window decal or car magnet!

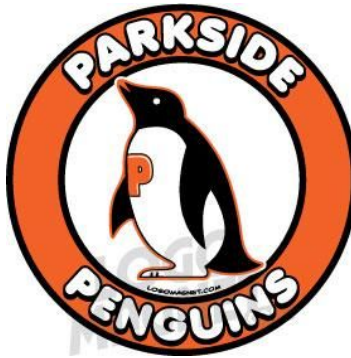
## Decal Design 1



## Decal Design 2



## Car Magnet



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Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Room Code: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Decals &amp; Car Magnets (\$5 each)</b>		
<b>Design</b>	<b>Quantity Wanted:</b>	<b>Cost (quantity x \$5)</b>
Decal 1: Proud Parent of a Parkside Penguin		
Decal 2: Parkside Elementary		
Car Magnet		
	<b>Total Price:</b>	

**Please send order form and payment to your child's teacher or place it directly in the PTO mailbox located in front of the office.**