



**2023-2024 PTO Info**

**Board:**

- President: Amanda Stenger
- Vice-President: Christina Harper
- Secretary: Megan Glenn
- Treasurer: Rachel Kullman


**Meeting Schedule:**

- 09/11/23 6:30-7:30pm
- 10/02/23 6:30-7:30pm
- 11/06/23 6:30-7:30pm
- 12/04/23 6:30-7:30pm
- No January meeting
- 02/05/24 6:30-7:30pm
- 03/04/24 6:30-7:30pm
- 04/01/24 6:30-7:30pm
- 05/06/24 6:30-7:30pm
- \*Meetings held at Parkside Elementary Cafeteria

**Contact Us:**

[ParksidePTOPresident@gmail.com](mailto:ParksidePTOPresident@gmail.com)

The PTO mailbox is located inside the school doors, and is available for items being sent or returned to Parkside PTO.

 Find us on facebook at Parkside Elementary PTO

**The Parkside Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)** is a 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.

The PTO provides funding for things like field trips, assemblies, family nights, teacher & staff appreciation, student enrichment requests and supplies or equipment needed in the classrooms.

Did you know?

As a parent or guardian of a Parkside 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. PTO meetings are held in the cafeteria at Parkside Elementary.

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, its 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.

# Fundraiser Information

## Dine-to-Donate Restaurant Nights for 2023-2024

Dine-to-Donate Nights are being planned for this school year. Please keep an eye on the newsletter and facebook page for dates!

## Penguin Fun Run-Wednesday October 18

Get your running shoes ready! Our major fundraising event of the year, Penguin Fun Run, is coming this fall! Watch your students backpacks for more information!

## Box Tops App

Box Tops are now easier than ever! All you have to do is download the box top app, find our wonderful school (be careful as many Parkside schools will come up), and scan your grocery receipt with the app! Just like that, you have donated money to Parkside! No more cutting boxes apart or tracking which packages have Box Tops- the app will do it all for you!

## Raise Right Gift Card Program

Parkside PTO is excited about our ongoing, monthly fundraising program through Raise Right . It's the fundraising program that works while you shop. Last year, the Parkside PTO earned over \$1000 through this "no selling" fundraiser. Raise Right is a fundraising program that allows you to purchase gift cards from national and local retailers, the same gift cards you buy at the store.

Many popular retailers participate, including Wal-Mart, Meijer, Jewel, BP, Shell, Subway, Steak-n-Shake, Target, 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%. Parkside families, like yours, buy and redeem the gift cards 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 Raise Right to make purchases, 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 Raise Right 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.*

Many participating retailers allow our families to reload gift cards or print certificates at home, making it convenient to order when you need it. To get started, download the Raise Right Fundraising app, create your account and start using Raise Right gift cards to support our school. For the enrollment code to set up your account, please email the Raise Right coordinator at

[parksidescrip@outlook.com](mailto:parksidescrip@outlook.com). The Raise Right website is <https://www.raiseright.com/shop>

# Parkside Elementary PTO

## 2023-2024 Committee Chairs

<b>PTO Board Positions</b>	<b>First Chair</b>	<b>Second Chair</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
President	Amanda Stenger		parksideptopresident@gmail.com
Vice President	Christina Harper		parksideptopresident@gmail.com
Treasurer	Rachel Kullman		parksideptopresident@gmail.com
Secretary	Megan Glenn		parksideptopresident@gmail.com
Principal	Chris Ellis		ellisc@unit5.org
Teacher Rep			
<b>PTO Committee Chair Positions</b>			
Family Nights	Mary Anne Ross	Lacy Franzen	maross83@yahoo.com LacyFranzen@gmail.com
Fifth Grade Gift	TBD		
Hospitality	Brooke Orozco		uforeum99@juno.com
IMC Volunteers	Natalie Hoerr		tn.hoerr@gmail.com
Boosterthon ("Fun Run")	Board Members		parksideptopresident@gmail.com
Restaurant Fundraising	Dawn Haynes		Davidhaynes803@hotmail.com
Room Parents/Party Support	<b>Colleen Heredia</b> <b>Ashley Dowd</b> <b>Kelly Sons-Riisberg</b>		<a href="mailto:CBZ_GJH@hotmail.com">CBZ_GJH@hotmail.com</a> Hrh_reg7@yahoo.com
School Supply Kits	Dawn Haynes		Davidhaynes803@hotmail.com
Raise Right (formerly SCRIP)	Rachel Kullman		parksidescrip@outlook.com
Nominating Committee	Mary Ann Ross		maross83@yahoo.com
Nominating Committee	Natalie Hoerr		tn.heorr@gmail.com
Nominating Committee	Dawn Haynes		Davidhaynes803@hotmail.com
Nominating Committee	Jenny Rice		jstewart231977@gmail.com



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## Volunteer Opportunities



2023-2024

**HOSPITALITY:** Bake or donate store-bought food/drinks for various activities throughout the year, help set-up, clean-up or serve, if needed.

**EVENTS:** 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 the 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.

We need your help to make the 2023-2024 school year as successful as possible! Please consider volunteering in one or more of the available areas, and provide your contact information below. Return this form to the school, with your child, or via the PTO mailbox.

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 2023-2024:

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

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