

# Hudson PTO

2016-2017 School Year



## ***Make a Difference...***

The PTO services the school, students, and families in many ways. We are excited to share these accomplishments and strengthen the connection with families by communicating frequently and in multiple formats. This newsletter is just one outlet for staying connected to the PTO. PTO offers various volunteer opportunities that align with the mission of the organization.

## ***Our Mission...***

- To develop closer connections between school and home by encouraging parent involvement.
- To enhance the educational experience by supporting academic and enrichment activities.
- To improve the environment at the school by providing volunteer and financial support.

## ***Get Involved...***

- Attend **PTO meetings** held the **2nd Monday** of each month. Meetings are from 6:00-7:00pm in the Art Room. Childcare is provided!! We would love for you to join us!!!
- There are many volunteer opportunities throughout the year. Volunteer opportunities include donations, committee planning, volunteering time for events, etc. PTO uses **Sign-Up Genius** to request volunteers & donations for Hudson events. Sign-Up Genius is a web-based tool. Sign up links are emailed, as opportunities become available. Be on the lookout throughout the year for Sign-Up Genius emails!!

## ***Volunteer Opportunities and Events:***

### Room Parents

Each classroom needs room parents to plan parties (Halloween, Christmas, Valentines), create a carnival basket, and show their teacher how appreciated they truly are! Even if you are not a room parent, there are many volunteer opportunities you will have to assist the room parents!

*Room Parent leads: Michelle Feltes & Justine Wheeler*

### Hospitality

Showing appreciation for our teachers at Hudson Elementary is the main objective of PTO Hospitality. With the primary focus on staff, hospitality committee provides monthly late start breakfasts, birthday gift cards, treats/gifts during appreciation week, and much more.

*Hospitality leads: Laura Lampert & Erin Keefe*

### Friendship Garden

The PTO is proud of our school inside and out. The Friendship Garden committee is focused on maintaining the outside of the school. This includes the landscape, basketball hoops, benches, etc. Last year the PTO purchased picnic tables for the Friendship Garden.

*Friendship Garden lead: Katie Plattner*

### Box Tops

**Save your Box Tops!** Monthly classroom competitions are held for the most Box Tops collected. Box Tops can be turned in to the classroom at any time on a box top paper or in a baggie. Box Top papers will be sent home to fill as you collect!!

*Box Top leads: Kara Heuer, Aubree Cottone, & Dawn Sheppelman*

### Restaurant Nights

There will be restaurant nights throughout the school year where Hudson will receive a portion of the proceeds. We encourage you to use these opportunities to eat with your family while helping earn money for Hudson School!

*Restaurant Night lead: Jenny Holder*

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## Ice Cream Social & Book Fair

The book fair is sponsored by the IMC, however the PTO supports the library fundraiser by providing ice cream treats & an opportunity for families to visit.

## Movie Night

Bring the family to enjoy a movie on the gym's big screen. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase!  
*Movie Night lead: Becky Hamilton*

## Deck the Halls (new addition to this event)

Holiday fun and shopping for the whole family!!! Students will make holiday ornaments to decorate their Christmas tree at home! Hudson Families will have the opportunity to set up vendor tables to showcase and sell their items! A percent of vendor sales will be donated back to Hudson PTO. Complimentary cookies and punch are served.

*Deck the Halls leads: Michelle Feltes, Jen Hair & Justine Wheeler*

## Shake Your Shamrock

Come enjoy music, glow attire, and snacks while shaking your shamrock! Watch the kids dance the night away with their friends!!

*Shake Your Shamrock leads: Michelle Feltes & Justine Wheeler*

## School Carnival

**The Hudson School Carnival is the largest PTO fundraiser!** Come enjoy an evening of carnival games, silent auction, raffle and dinner. Planning for the carnival will begin in January/February.

*School Carnival leads: Michelle Custer/Michelle Feltes (games) Jen Hair (Auction), Laura Lampert/Erin Keefe (College volunteers), and currently looking for a food lead (Food)*

## Trivia Night (Adults Only)

Adults' night out! Tables of 8 will play several rounds of trivia while enjoying appetizers, dessert and drinks at an offsite location! Prizes for winning table! Tons of fun!

*Trivia Night leads: Amanda Hunt & Becky Braman*

## **Reminders on how to stay connected...**

- **Like us on Facebook** – "Hudson Elementary School PTO"
- Read Mr. Myers' **monthly newsletter** on the school website. [www.unit5.org/hudson](http://www.unit5.org/hudson)
- Be sure the office has your **email address** so you can receive communications
- Check out the Hudson calendar of **events** on the school Website
- Look for bright orange **printed PTO communications** in your child's book bag
- Volunteer for events & donations using **Sign-Up Genius**
- Check the website for PTO **meeting minutes & contact** information

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