

Mohawk Elementary PTO

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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year, to the Mohawk family, AND to Mohawk's PTO! As the "P" part of the Parent Teacher Organization, you are already a member just by having a Mohawk student. The level at which you're involved with the PTO is totally up to you, but we'd LOVE for you to jump right in and get to know us! Listed below are the officers for this year's PTO Board. We are excited to begin the year and hope that you enjoy your time at Mohawk.

We have tried to plan dynamic programs and events to enhance each student's educational experience and to support the staff in their efforts to teach each grade level's core curriculum. In addition, we hope to foster a sense of community among Mohawk families.

Let's get to work!

In order to provide these programs, the PTO Board has planned fundraisers throughout the year. Please do not feel overwhelmed with the amount of fundraising information sent home this year. We try to promote varied types of fundraising – product selling, pledges, family fun activities, etc. – to allow each family to contribute in whatever way works best for them. All of the money raised supports Mohawk and offsets funds eliminated through state-wide budget cuts.

The PTO Board believes the old adage: The more the merrier! We would love for you to get involved, join us at our monthly meetings, volunteer, visit our website, participate in our activities, and provide comments and suggestions. Our current executive board is smaller and busier outside of school than ever. Becoming an active PTO parent provides you with opportunities to find out what is happening at Mohawk and is a way to connect with staff members and other Mohawk parents.

We look forward to meeting you! Warm wishes for a rewarding and positive school year!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Join us for our first PTO Virtual Meeting

**Tuesday, September 29th
@ 6:30 p.m.**

**Via Microsoft Teams
See our FB page for the link!**

Volunteer! Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.

- Arthur Ashe





Meet The Board

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Year-Round Fundraising!

Box Tops for Education

Less Clipping, more scanning! – You can find the familiar 10 cent *Box Tops* coupons on hundreds of your family's favorite products! If you are not familiar with this program, this is a "no cost to you" fundraiser that greatly benefits our school. Download the box top app and take a picture of your receipt no later than 14 days after your purchase. However, if you still have box tops clipped and saved, we will accept those for the time being but eventually, those will fade out so we encourage everyone to get into the habit of scanning.



Kroger Community Rewards

Kroger is committed to helping schools by donating \$500,000 quarterly with the Kroger Community Rewards program. It costs nothing to participate. By doing your weekly shopping, you can raise money for Mohawk students and teachers. Simply register your Kroger Plus Card at www.krogercommunityrewards.com and assign your card to Mohawk Elementary (organization number XJ459).

Step-by-step instructions for registering your card are available on Mohawk's PTO site:
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Via Remind
Text @g23b9 to 81010



Special Committees & Community Support

School Health Team

The Health Team meetings are to be determined. All parents and available staff members are invited to attend the meetings. The Health Team plans events for Mohawk's students, staff, and families throughout the year which focus on health, wellness, and fitness. Plans for this year include hosting a running club, Red Ribbon Month activities, Nutrition Month activities, and dental services during the school day provided by Bright Smiles.

Room Parents

Room parents are chosen by the teacher to help with classroom activities. Room Parent PTO responsibilities include planning the Halloween, and Christmas parties, volunteering at the Spring Fair in April, recruiting other parents to volunteer at the Spring Fair, and helping to obtain Spring Fair donations. If chosen as a room parent more information will be forthcoming.

Kids Helping Kids

Kids Helping Kids is a program within Mohawk Elementary, which helps support the Macomb Intermediate School District's (MISD) program: *The Education Project for Homeless Children and Youth*. This program works to ensure that students who are experiencing homelessness enroll in school, regularly attend school, and succeed in school. Each year, PTO sends out a flyer to all students offering an opportunity to receive five themed cut-outs for a donation of \$5.00. The children enjoy decorating the cut-outs, which are then displayed on the walls of the school. The Mohawk families enjoy seeing the halls decorated with the themed cut-outs, and the MISD appreciates the donation to assist homeless children and youth of Macomb County.

Vision HOPE

Vision HOPE is a non-profit organization that sponsors *Champions for Life Kids' Camp* each summer. This camp offers abused, neglected, and abandoned foster children from our local communities an opportunity to participate in non-competitive and non-threatening activities, while being paired with an adult counselor. Many of the children who participate in this camp will have their first birthday party celebration ever during camp. The memories they experience will aid in healing and giving HOPE in each of their lives. Mohawk takes great pride in sponsoring an item donation or dollar drive

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Information on special savings,
promotions, offers and more!

A portion of all sales comes right back
to the PTO and our kiddos.

