

NORWALK PTO NEWS

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TEACHER BACK TO SCHOOL WELCOME!

Teachers at all 3 elementary schools enjoyed various Welcome Back to School events and gifts from PTO including Norwalk branded reusable silicone bags containing a \$100 Amazon gift card for classroom supplies! Oviatt and Orchard Hills also enjoyed breakfast from Panera. We hope this was a boost in getting the school year off to a great start!

In addition, PTO funded Back to School events for Lakewood and Orchard Hills. Using building allocation funds, Lakewood teachers enjoyed an afternoon at Spare Time with bowling, laser tag, arcade games and appetizers! Orchard Hills utilized building allocation funds for a day at Wildwood Hills Ranch which included teaching and experiences focused on navigating trauma. They learned a lot of new information and skills to apply in their classrooms and even got to try rope courses and horseback riding!



Whether you have been involved in PTO in the past or this is your first interaction with our organization, WELCOME! We are a group of parents, teachers/school staff and caregivers who strive to make our Norwalk Elementary Schools a better place for our students and staff! We fundraise, plan events, and volunteer at school to help support our amazing elementary schools. This summer, we elected a new 5 member executive board (see below) and formed committees, but we still have a lot of needs as we get rolling this school year! THANK YOU, in advance, for any amount of volunteer efforts you can put forth this year with PTO!

If you have indicated interest in a certain event, someone will reach out to you as that event approaches. If you are unsure or willing to help with whatever is needed, please watch for newsletters like this and/or emails to start plugging in however whenever works for you! If you have new ideas or want to let us know other ways you'd like to be involved, please email us!

You received this email because you signed up [HERE](#)! Thank you! Feel free to share our sign up link with friends who may be interested. Follow us on Facebook to stay up to date also!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Mrs. Menke (Music-Lakewood) needs volunteers each morning **THIS WEEK** for a short hour in the morning to help 5th graders with their band instruments!

PLEASE sign up here to help!

[5th Band Help link](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Warrior Dash - Oviatt - Sept 30
(rain date Sept 29)

Warrior Dash - Orchard Hills - Sept 23
(rain date Sept 22)

Warrior Dash - Lakewood - Sept 16
(rain date Sept 15)

Fall Apparel Sale - October

Conference meals for teachers - Coming in November!

Lakewood Tailgate on September 2nd was a HUGE success! We had a great group of PTO volunteers (thank you!) serve lunch to the Lakewood students alongside Warrior Varsity Football Players and Cheerleaders. Check out social media for more photos! A big Thank You to Fareway for always helping us out with this fun annual tradition!



WARRIOR DASH



Help **SPREAD THE WORD!!!** Warrior Dash is our BIGGEST fundraiser of the year (half of our annual revenue comes from this event!) and we need all hands on deck! Here are ways YOU can help!

Share (email, social media, word of mouth) all the info on fundraising for Warrior Dash. Students will receive their flyers with instructions and prize information at school soon so be on the lookout! We have great prizes this year, including a micro scooter and Nintendo Switch Lite. We are once again using Boosterthon so students will be able to register online for fundraising efforts. Fundraising ends on SEPTEMBER 30th

Sign up to help! Each school is hosting their own unique event! Lakewood will have an obstacle course style event on 9/16; Orchard Hills is headed to Warrior Park to race the ninja course and enjoy inflatables on 9/23, and Oviatt will be running laps at the stadium and having fun with inflatables on 9/30!

These events are so much fun and a great chance to cheer on our students (including your own child!) at school!

HERE IS THE LINK TO SIGN UP TO HELP AT A WARRIOR DASH EVENT:

[WARRIOR DASH VOLUNTEERS](#)



Brittany Doyle, President

Brittany is in her 2nd year on PTO and is taking the reigns as President this year! She is mom to a 2nd grader and Kindergartener. Brittany is chair of Warrior Dash and leads the board on all other events and activities!



Kristen Fox, Vice-President

Kristen is a second year PTO member. She is mom to a 3rd grader and triplet PK 5 year olds. She is committee chair for Warrior Reads and will be helping oversee many of the other events and activities this year!



Emily Hughes, Member-at-Large

Emily has been a part of PTO for 5+ years. She has two sons in 7th and 4th grade. Emily shares her creative talents with PTO to help design our marketing and branding materials including things like the Warrior Dash shirts and flyers to Warrior Reads, apparel and more! Anything produced that looks beautiful, likely came from Emily!



Ashley Mahoney, Treasurer

This is Ashley's second year on PTO. She is a mom to a Kindergartener and 3 year old twins. Ashley is a CPA and Partner at a firm in West Des Moines. Her responsibilities on PTO include crunching numbers, budgeting, and helping on various events during the year.



Jennifer Doerfler, Secretary

PTO Member since 2021, Jen is mom to a 5th grader, 3rd grader, and twins who just started Kindergarten! Jen is on the Warrior Dash committee. She organizes member contact details, meeting minutes, event timelines and is in charge of some of our miscellaneous events we have planned for the year!



TEACHER WISHLIST AND BUILDING ALLOCATIONS

As discussed at our June meeting, Teacher Wishlist fulfillment will continue this year as budget allows. We have already received several requests and Ashley and the executive board are making those happen! Principals are also using and/or making plans for how their Building Allocation will be best spent this school year. Thanks to our amazing support in fundraising during the 2021-2022 school year, we are able to continue to provide Teacher Wishlists and Building Allocation money again this year!

**MEET THE
2022-2023
EXECUTIVE BOARD!**

