Aspen Ridge Prep School

Parent Teacher Organization

January 2023

Meeting Agenda

Welcome

General PTO Updates

Treasurer's Update

Committee Updates

- Fundraising
- Volunteer
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- Middle School Engagement

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General PTO Updates

PTO Board has started to discuss the current structure and how we can improve it to better meet the needs of the parent and school community

- Define PTO responsibilities and program ownership versus what the school will continue to oversee
- Discuss current committee structure and responsibilities
- Write PTO Bylaws and establish officer terms

2022-23 Fundraising Goal

ARPS Fundraising Goal FY22/23

<u>Fundraiser</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Fall Fest	\$8,556.11
King Soopers	\$3,258.72
Milk Caps	\$317.75
Amazon Smile	\$377.17
Restaurant Nights	\$811.94
Spirit Store	\$67.00
Wreath Sales	\$543.90
PTO Donations	\$920.00
Winter Fest	TBD
Spring Gala	TBD
Total Raised to Date	<u>\$14,852.59</u>

GOAL: \$100,000



Thank You to Our Generous Donors!

- Fitness 1440 donated smoothies to every teacher and staff member at Aspen Ridge in December!
- Our neighbor, the Shell Gas Station, donated cups, lids and stir sticks for our Cocoa Cart in December
- Cristos Coffee donated coffee to pair with our Caramel Apple Bar in December!

Committee Updates

Fundraising Committee: Skate Night

1st Annual Aspen Ridge Skate Night

- On Thursday, February 9th, from 5:00 to 8:00pm, we'll have the Erie Ice Rink reserved just for our Aspen Ridge families and friends!
- \$5 per ticket for 30-min skating time slots, including skate rentals (Note: Limited skates in each size) Reservation link will be coming soon!
- Popcorn and Hot Chocolate will be available for purchase at the ice rink.
- Plus, Azteca will be giving 15% back to our school from 5:00 to 9:00pm on this
 evening. Enjoy some amazing food and help support our school before or after
 you skate!
- We'd love your help checking in families or at the cocoa/popcorn stand! Even if you can donate 30 minutes to an hour of time that night, please email ctodd@aspenridgeprepschool.org. Thank you!

Fundraising Committee: Spring Gala

10th Annual Spring Gala - "The World Awaits"

- Mark your calendars and travel the world with us on Saturday, April 15th, at The Omni Interlocken. Save the Dates coming soon!
- We are still looking for volunteers to help with Spring Gala! The fun is just getting started. <u>Sign up here!</u>
- If you have any connections to a business that would like to donate or sponsor please send an email to <u>auction@aspenridgeprepschool.org</u>.
- We're gathering decor for our theme, "The World Awaits." We'd love your donations of brochures, postcards, globes, maps, vintage luggage, old-school cameras, or any travel related decor.
- Next meeting is 1/26 at 2:00pm in the Library. All are welcome!

Volunteer Committee: Update

- Have been working with room leads on identifying grade-level basket themes for Spring Gala.
- February teacher appreciation and class Valentine's Day party info will go out first part of February.
 - "We love you a Latte" Favorite Hot Drinks to Teachers/Staff Buddy
 - Valentine's Day class parties to be held from 2-3 p.m. on Feb. 14

Volunteer Opportunity: Kickboard Store

Once per month, students are allowed to spend their Kickboard bucks at the Kickboard store (a rolling cart of prizes, staffed by Mrs. Miller and Mrs. S)

The PTO will take over this responsibility and will be opening up volunteer spots starting in January

The PTO Board will cover the January shifts to figure out the best schedule and create instructions

Look for a sign-up genius in early February!

Social Committee: Update

Teacher Appreciation Sub-committee

When: Every 3rd Wednesday

Time: 8:30 am

Where: In the Stage Room

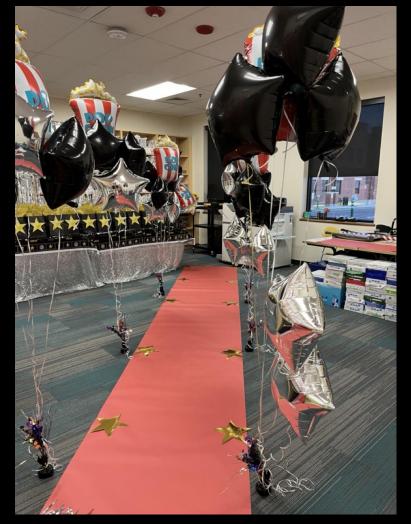
Social Committee: January Teacher Appreciation

January's event theme:

Let's get this New Year Poppin'!

The PTO rolled out the red carpet and decorated the teachers' lounges with a red carpet theme on the Monday back from Winter Break.





Gift Bag Goodies:

Popcorn
Sparkling Water
Candy
Soothing Eye Patches
Nail File
Lotion









Teacher Comments

"Thank you so much for putting yesterday together for the staff. It was not only the cutest thing ever, but such a treat on our first day back!!"



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Our PTO is THE BEST!!!! Literally rolled out the red carpet to welcome us back and gave us all great swag bags, complete with (my personal fav) collagen eye mask!

©©♥♥♥ When that Monday after a long break suddenly doesn't feel so bad! A HUGE thanks!



Social Committee: February Teacher Appreciation

February Early Release - Wednesday, February 1

Lunch provided by Mini Miners Pediatric Dentistry

February Parent / Teacher Conferences - Thursday, February 16th

- Lunch possibly a "comfort food" themed potluck provided by parent volunteers
- Snacks signup genius will be sent out for donations in February's school newsletter.

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"Name the Rolling Board" Contest!

- Now through February 24th
- Contest information to be included in the February newsletter.
- Submit names to <u>pto@aspenridgeprepschool.org</u>
- Winning name will be announced in the March newsletter

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Middle School Engagement Committee: Update

- A chance for middle school parents to connect, brainstorm ideas, and learn of new ways to support/volunteer at the middle school level.
- First Middle School Engagement Committee meeting had parents of 6th, 7th, and 8th graders in attendance.
- Created an Aspen Ridge Middle School Facebook page for parents to connect, ask questions, share ideas, etc. <u>Join us here!</u>
- We'd like to plan a spring social event (like a movie night) for our middle schoolers and start coordinating 8th grade graduation.
- Next meeting: Tuesday, February 7th, 8:30am in the Heart. All are welcome!
- Any questions? Email <u>ctodd@aspenridgeprepschool.org</u>.

Upcoming Events

January Fundraiser

Aspen Ridge Trivia Night

January 26th | 7:00 PM



Join us for our very first Trivia Night at the ESC! Grab your friends, grab a date, and bring your thinking cap for this fun night out and fundraiser for ARPS! 10% of food & drink for the evening will be donated to Aspen Ridge. Come early to have dinner!

Note: While children are allowed to attend, this event is geared towards adults. If you'd like childcare, sign up for <u>PJs & Movie Night at Aspen Ridge!</u>

Upcoming Restaurant Nights: Save the Dates!

 Tues, January 24th: Chick-fil-A (Larkridge), 6:00am - 7:00pm (For those with the Chick-fil-A app, you'll get 50 bonus points if you place a Curbside Mobile order!)

- Tues, February 21st: Chipotle (Lafayette), 4:00pm 8:00pm
- Wed, March 15th: MOD Pizza (Sheridan Pkwy), 10:30am 9:00pm

Next School Wide PTO Meeting:

February 8th at 6:00pm

Thank you!

Please let us know if you have a concern, idea or suggestion.

We will respond to all comments on the PTO page on the ARPS web site.

Email us at PTO@aspenridgeprepschool.org:

- With your ideas or suggestions
- To share general comments
- To volunteer for activities

Don't forget to check the Aspen Ridge PTO page on the school website and check the school calendar for upcoming events!