

Horizon PTO Newsletter

The PTO mission is to provide all students at Horizon the opportunity to excel in academics and in life by providing committed volunteers and supplemental funding for supplies and programs that will enhance the learning environment at Horizon Elementary.

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What is the PTO?

The PTO, or Parent Teacher Organization, serves as a link between parents and teachers. We provide information to the school and to teachers, help parents to get involved in their child's education, and provide supplemental materials to the school that are not provided by the district. **This year, we are providing additional library books, Kindergarten playground equipment, teacher room supplies, yearbooks for sale, and we are raising funds to provide laptops and a laptop cart to the school!**

How do we do this? By fundraising. We do some traditional "selling" fundraisers, but we also hold fun school events, such as the school dance, Bingo Night, and our ever popular Harvest Fest!!! **Join us in making this year one of Horizon's best yet!!!!!**



**WELCOME
TO SCHOOL
YEAR 2016 -
2017!!!!**

JOIN US FOR HORIZON'S 4th ANNUAL HARVEST FEST!!!!

- Hay rides!
- Jump Houses!
- DJ!
- Food!
- Games!
- Pumpkin Decorating!
- And more!!!!

Look for the Harvest Fest flyer, coming soon, for more information!!!

What's New at Horizon this Year?

- Full Day Kindergarten!
- ___ new staff!
- 542 students, K- 6th grade!
- 72 Preschoolers!

How Can I Help?

The PTO recognizes the many constraints on family and personal time these days. But no matter how busy you are, there are ways for you to get involved in your child's education. Studies show that children whose parents are involved do better in school. So, how can you help?

- **Become a member!** It's only \$5 per year (see attached form).
- **Watch for volunteer opportunities!** Our newsletters will alert you to events during the day or evening where you can help, even if only for a few hours per year. *See page 4 for current opportunities.*
- **Like us on Facebook!** You'll receive updates on what's going on!
- **Save those box tops!** *See page 2 for details...*
- **Attend meetings!** Meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of each month @ 6:30 p.m. in our school library.



Your 2016-17 Horizon PTO Board and Committee Chairs:

Board Members:

Co-Presidents:	Tammy Hopkins and Lisa Medendorp
1st Vice President:	Daniel Scire
2nd Vice President:	Susan Keene
Treasurer:	Christy Cano
Secretary:	Jamie Price

Committee Chairs:

Accelerated Reader:	Nicole Murphy
Bingo Night:	Andrea Crone
Book Fair:	Susan Keene & Jeanine Bukowski
Box Tops:	Tammy Hopkins
Dine & Share:	Susan Keene
Harvest Fest:	Entire PTO
Movie Night:	Jamie Price
School Kits:	April deHaan
Social Media:	Daniel Scire
Spiritwear:	Andrea Crone
Spring Dance:	Open*
Yearbook:	Nicole Murphy



*If you would like to be considered for an open committee chair, please contact us at horizonpto@yahoo.com.

Mark Your Calendars!!

- 9/5 - Labor Day (no school)
- 9/6 - Spirit Wear Orders Due
- 9/8 (7pm) - U-46 Citizens Advisory Council Meeting @ South Elgin HS Rm B100
- 9/14 - Horizon Family Literacy Night @ Poplar Creek Library
- 9/15 (6:30pm) - PTO Meeting @ Horizon library
- 9/16 - Picture Day
- 9/19 - Bus Evacuation Drill
- 9/23 (4-7pm) - Harvest Fest
- 10/28 (8am - 8pm) - Scholastic Book Fair

WE NEED YEARBOOK PHOTOS!!!!

Each month, The Yearbook Committee will be collecting photographs for inclusion in the 2016-17 Yearbook. Please forward all pictures for inclusion in the yearbook to school with your child in an Envelope marked "PTO Yearbook," or send them electronically to Nicole Murphy at: horizon.pto.yearbook@gmail.com. Yearbooks will be available for purchase in 2017.

SAVE THOSE BOX TOPS!!!

Horizon PTO participates in several fundraising programs, including Box Tops for Education, and My Coke Rewards. If everyone participates, these can really add up!



Box Tops for Education - Horizon Elementary is clipping Box Tops for Education this year to help purchase additional resources for the school and library. Simply look for the labels on specially marked packages, clip them and send them into the school with your child in a plastic baggie labeled "Box Tops for PTO". *Box tops need to be cut so that they are complete and include the entire amount and expiration date in order to be valid.* Box tops may be submitted at any time throughout the

school year.

Labels for Education (Campbell's Soup Labels) - This program is being discontinued, but we can still earn money for our school before time runs out. If you have any labels on soup cans that you have purchased in the past, please clip them and send them in ASAP. We will be cashing them in soon to pay for additional playground equipment for our three new Full-Day Kindergarten classes!

My Coke Rewards - when you purchase Coca-Cola products (see insert at right), you can enter codes listed on the products into the website (www.mycokerewards.com) or app to accumulate points that can be redeemed by our school!

My Coke Rewards Brands:

Barq's	Fresca	Powerade
Coke	Fuze	Pibb
Dasani	Fanta	Minute Maid
Sprite	Tab	Seagrams
Mello Yello		

Pop Tops/Soup Can Tops for Ronald McDonald House - please send these in with your child in a plastic baggie.

Amazon Smile (Coming Soon!) - AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Horizon Elementary every time you shop at Amazon, at no cost to you. When you shop, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device, select Horizon Elementary as your beneficiary, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation to our school!!!!



GET CONNECTED

Throughout the year, PTO sends emails with reminders of upcoming events, last minute requests, and general information in between newsletters. If you would like to receive emails from the PTO, please send an email to horizonpto@yahoo.com and include the subject line "PLEASE ADD ME."

Horizon PTO is now a 501(c)(3) charity!!

This means that all donations to the school are now tax deductible, and it opens up larger fundraising opportunities that were previously unavailable to us!!

We are currently recruiting volunteers for Harvest Fest, Picture Day, and more!



How Can I Help?

Horizon PTO uses a website called Sign-Up Genius to organize time-slots for parents to volunteer for. To access it:

- Go to www.signupgenius.com
- Click on **Find a Signup** at the upper right hand side of the page.
- In the **Search by Email** box, enter horizonpto@yahoo.com.
- Select the event, and review the available activities/time slots that need volunteers.
- Once you have signed up for the event, the website will send you an email confirmation, as well as reminder emails.

Thank you in Advance to all our Parent Volunteers!!!



DID YOU KNOW?

That PTO Membership costs only \$5 per year? This initial money helps to fund our first event, Harvest Fest, which then raises additional money for the year's goals (this year we are raising funds for school laptops and a laptop cart). You will receive a school directory and PTO voting rights with your membership. Please join today using the attached form!!!

