

Parent Teacher Organization



Come join us on **MONDAY,**
October 16th

... for our next PTO meeting of the year. Come meet the PTO Board, teachers and parents just like you that are interested in making a difference! October's meeting is at Hillcrest Elementary (in the Library), and FREE child care is offered – kids stay with our child care helpers in the gymnasium. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. and we usually wrap things up by 7:30 p.m.

We'll hold raffles for door prizes that are items from our upcoming Fall Fundraiser with Great Lakes Promotions! Win some fabulous Made-in-the-Great-Lakes items!

Come on by, we'd love to meet you!

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Alma Elementary PTO



2017-2018 PTO Meeting Dates

September 18 (Luce), October 16 (Hillcrest), November 20 (Pine),
January 15 (Luce), February 19 (Hillcrest), March 19 (Pine), April 16
(Luce), May 21 (Hillcrest)

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Fundraising... simplified.

We've had good luck with simplifying our fundraising efforts to just two major activities (GLP catalog fundraising in the Fall and Fun Run in the Spring), but don't forget that our Labels and ShoeBox Recycling programs remain in place. We have a team of volunteers that count between 150 and 500 THOUSAND labels per year... and that translates to dollars for the PTO! Don't overlook clipping those labels (labels we collect are shown on the back side of this newsletter). If your kids have outgrown their shoes or your family otherwise has some gently used shoes to donate, just send them in with your students. Recent donations have been sent to people in South America, Africa and even here in the U.S.A. We receive a small kick-back from these (about \$200 a year); this doesn't make a big dent, but what a great feel-good program!

WE'VE SIMPLIFIED THINGS!

TWO MAJOR FUNDRAISERS FOR 2017-2018

Great Lakes Promotions

Sales Dates: Oct 19 – Nov 2

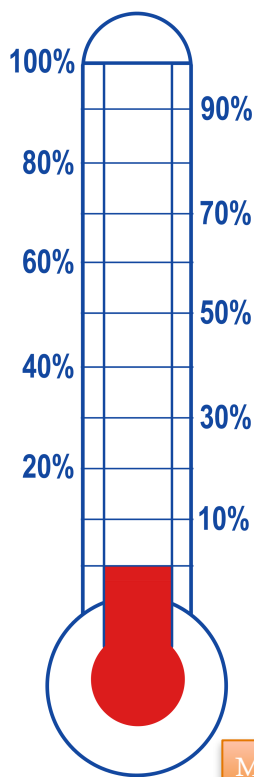
Product pickup: Late November

All schools will participate in this fundraiser. We've partnered with GLP fundraising; they prides themselves in "Everything from Great Lakes states". Makes GREAT Christmas gifts!

Spring PTO Fun Run

April (dates to be determined)

Looking for an alternative to traditional, merchandise-based fundraising? The Spring PTO Fun Run is our answer! We'll get your elementary school students movin' for their health to raise funds for field trips and so much more (see below)!



Our Goal:
\$60,000!

THAT'S A MIGHTY BIG NUMBER!

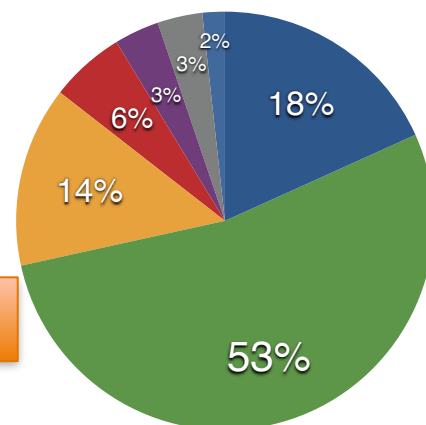
We've budgeted nearly \$60,000 for our three elementary schools (WOW!) that is primarily for field trips (and transportation), but also is used for in-school (Science Alive, PACK reading program...) and after school (Pride Day 5K, Science Night, author visits...) activities. All these activities, and so much more, are paid for by your fundraising efforts!

Pick one or pick all

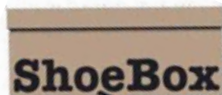
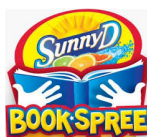
Whether you participate in one or all fundraisers, please consider picking at least one and giving it your all. With your help, we can help make your child's educational experience truly amazing!

More information about fundraising efforts and a detailed budget for this year is available on our website, <http://acpto.weebly.com>

Typical Annual Budget



Don't forget about our ONGOING programs!



- Classroom Support 18%
- External Enrichment 53%
- Internal Enrichment 14%
- Family Activities 6%
- Library 3%
- Bldg/Playground 3%
- PTO advertising 2%