



PTO Newsletter

MAR ~ APR ~ MAY

IMPORTANT DATES

3/6 ~ No School
 3/10 ~ PTO Meeting
 3/14-22 ~ Spring Break
 4/3-6 ~ Easter Break
 4/21 ~ PTO Meeting
 4/30 ~ Spring Fest
 5/4-8 ~ Teacher/Staff
 Appreciation Week
 5/19 ~ PTO Virtual Meeting
 5/25 ~ No School
 5/28 ~ Last Day of School

PTO MESSAGE

Community Outreach & Appreciation

Hi CW families and friends! My name is Stacia Thornton and I am a mom to a 5th grader, 3rd grader, Kindergartner, and a 3 year old. My husband and I fell in love with CW when we moved here over 12 years ago. I have been on PTO for 4-5 years and serve as co-chair of Outreach and Appreciation. I love finding ways to connect with our community and showing our gratitude during Staff Appreciation Week for the teachers, aides, bus drivers, custodians, cafeteria crew, and all staff who keep our students safe and help them grow!

COMMUNITY

Discounted Columbus Blue Jackets Hockey Tickets

March 19 ~ March 22 ~ April 4



Local Fundraisers

Support the PTO while also supporting your community. Enjoy local businesses and proceeds go to the PTO Classroom Support Campaign

Wigwam April 25th

Viva! La Yogurt dates TBD in May



Know Your Rights - Wednesday, April 22nd 6pm-8pm

Columbus Metropolitan Library-CW Branch

Join us as we host Caitlin DiCresce with the Legal Aid Society as she presents and answers any special education related questions!

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Teacher/Staff Appreciation

Celebrate your student's beloved teachers the first week of May.

TEACHER'S

Every day the PTO will be treating the CW teachers and staff and you can too. Check out our Teacher Wish List resource page.

WISH LIST



HELP MAKE OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY STRONG



Next Year Open Board Positions!

Do you want to make a difference at our school? Help shape events, support teachers, and build a stronger community? The PTO Board is looking for enthusiastic parents and guardians to join us for the upcoming school year!



CONNECT WITH US

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REMINDERS

**ALL PTO MEETINGS ARE AT
 WINCHESTER TRAIL IN THE
 2ND FLOOR ART ROOM 6:30PM**



Canal Winchester Elementary Schools PTO

Meet the PTO

Board of the 2025 - 2026 school year!



Tricia Lewandowski
President



CJ Weiss
Vice President



Olivia Hogan
Treasurer



Kendra Stuckey
Secretary &
Community
Outreach



Stacia Thornton
Community
Outreach
& Appreciation



Devin Fairchild
Event
Coordinator



Tyler Groll
Event
Coordinator



Audra Mohler
Special Education
and Inclusion



OPEN
Fundraising



Molly Pifer
Social Media



Sidney McAlpine
Social Media



Melissa Hazelbaker
Spirit Wear



Kelley Pairan
Spirit Wear



Corey Fries
WT Admin



Brett Stewart
IT Admin

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**Community Outreach & Appreciation ~ Fundraising
Secretary ~ Co-Event Coordinator**



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VOTING IN APRIL

**Did you know
The PTO Does That?**

SCHOOL EVENTS

We host an array of events like Bingo Night, Movie Night, Trunk or Treat, Spring Fest, Family Dance and more!

FUNDRAISERS

Classroom Support Fund, Box Tops, Sticker Machines, Spirit Wear, Kroger Community Rewards, Sock Sales and more!

SCHOOL FUNDING & PROGRAMS

Back to School Night, Recess Supplies, Field Day, Sole Sisters, Author Visits, student experiences and activities.

TEACHER & STAFF SUPPORT

Help restock teacher & staff supplies and organize an amazing teacher appreciation week lineup.

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Calendar of Events

 2025 - 2026 

SEPTEMBER



Aug 19th Meet the PTO
1st No School
9th Popsicles on the Playgrd
K & 3rd Grade
10th Popsicles on the Playgrd
1st & 4th Grade
11th Popsicles on the Playgrd
2nd & 5th Grade
16th PTO Meeting
22nd No School

OCTOBER



7th Trunk or Treat
9 - 12th Fall Break
21st PTO Meeting

NOVEMBER



3rd & 4th No School
7th Movie Night
18th PTO Meeting
19 - 28th CW Holiday Sock Sale
26 - 30th Thanksgiving Break
29th OSU vs. Michigan
Square Fundraiser

DECEMBER



5th & 6th Christmas
in the Village
16th PTO Virtual Meeting
22 - 30th Winter Break

JANUARY



1 - 4th Winter Break
19th No School
20th PTO Meeting
30th Family Dance

FEBRUARY



8th Super Bowl Fundraiser
13 - 16th President's Day
Weekend Break
17th PTO Meeting

MARCH



5th BINGO Night
6th No School
10th PTO Meeting
14 - 22nd Spring Break

APRIL



3 - 6th Easter Break
21st PTO Meeting
30th Spring Fest

MAY



4 - 8th Teacher/Staff
Appreciation Week
19th PTO Virtual Meeting
28th Last Day of School

Spirit Wear Sales are Every Friday!

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is the difference between PTA and PTO?

The main difference is their affiliation and organizational structure. A PTA (Parent-Teacher Association) is a formally affiliated unit of the National Parent Teacher Association, following their national policies and guidelines, while a PTO (Parent-Teacher Organization) is an independent organization that sets its own rules and policies. Both, however, aim to support and improve the school community.

Is the PTO for both elementary school buildings?

Yes! Our PTO is for both Winchester and Indian Trail. It's an interesting set up but we do our best doing as much as we can for such a large student population.

What does it take to be in the PTO?

Anyone who has a student who attends Winchester or Indian Trail school is automatically a member of the PTO! There are no fees, no commitment, and no prior experience necessary!

Do I have to attend EVERY meeting if I attend ONE meeting?

No! You can come to any or all meetings that work for you.

What happens at a PTO meeting?

We hear about PTO financials, get updates/plan school events and learn what's going on in classrooms.

Why should I get involved in the PTO?

Get to know some of the school teachers, our principals, and connect with other parents. Learn more about the school. Help make decisions that affect your school and your child. Research shows that parent involvement greatly affects the success rate of students in a positive way. IT'S FUN!

Am I required to be a volunteer if I join PTO?

No. We encourage our members to volunteer if they are able, but recognize that everyone has many demands on their time.

How do I volunteer?

Parent volunteers play a vital role in creating our thriving school community. There are endless ways — both big and small — for you to get involved with the PTO. Whether you help out in person or drop off much-needed supplies, your actions directly connect to the mission of the PTO. Subscribe to get news on needed volunteers.

