

Royal Oaks PTA Newsletter

March 2019

Welcome to the Royal Oaks (RO) PTA Newsletter!

There are a lot of fun happenings coming up at Royal Oaks in the next month or so which are highlighted in this newsletter! In addition, last month we shared information about where the PTA spends its funds. This month, we are sharing where our funds come from as well as a flyer about our annual Pledge Plea.

We hope you are enjoying the addition of the monthly PTA newsletter and if you have any thoughts, suggestions or recommendations on future topics, please email us or drop a note in the PTA drop box in the school office.



Upcoming Events

Fri. March 1
Read & Feed
Book Character Dress Up

Mon. March 4
Read & Feed
PTA Meeting 6pm

Tue. March 5
Conferences and
Book Fair

Thurs. March 7
I love Royal Oaks Day!
Spirit Wear Day

Fri. March 8
No School
Staff Workshops

March 11 – March 15
No School
Spring Break

Mon. March 18
Wendy's Night 5pm – 7pm

Wed. March 20
Culver's Night 5pm – 7pm

Thurs. March 21
Science & Art Fair
Evaluations 3:00-5:45pm
Viewing/Social 6-7pm

WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?

Definitions

Pledge Plea – In lieu of door-to-door type fundraisers, parents are asked to donate to our annual pledge plea - \$40 for a single student or \$60 for a family of two or more students. This is the PTA's largest source of income. See attached flyer for more details.

Carnival & Silent Auction – Each spring, the PTA hosts the RO carnival and silent auction. This is the largest event the PTA hosts. It's a lot of fun and a favorite for many. **Save the Date** and join us Sat, April 6th for this year's event!

Community Nights – When you participate at a RO community night (Culver's, Wendy's, Chuck E. Cheese's, Portillo's, Buffalo Wild Wings, etc.) a portion of the sales comes back to the PTA.

Revenue Sources



Other Funding Sources – Employee Matching, Art to Remember Fundraiser, PTA membership dues and various rewards programs such as Boxtops, Kowalski's Groceries for Good Causes, AmazonSmile, Coke Rewards and Kwik Trip Milk Moola.

Spotlight Roller Skating!



Roller skating is a program offered to students in 1st through 5th grades during their phy-ed class. The PTA now pays 100% of the costs for this program to be offered at our school. This is a wonderful program that the students very much look forward to each year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Science & Art Fair

Thursday, March 21st
Evaluations 3:00-5:45pm
Public Viewing & Social Event 6-7pm



We invite all students, families and friends to join us for a fun evening; view the projects, partake in activities and enjoy a treat.

If your child(ren) would like to submit a science and/or art project, the registration deadline has been **EXTENDED to March 7th** so there's still time to sign up. Further information can be found at royaloakspta.org.



Spring Carnival & Silent Auction

The 2019 Spring Carnival and Silent Auction are on Saturday, April 6th. The carnival runs from 10am-1pm and the silent auction runs from 10am-12:30pm. These events are great fundraisers for the PTA and a lot of fun for the entire family - both children and adults! Tickets will be available to purchase onsite to play the carnival games and activities. Food will also be available for purchase.

The PTA is asking families, who are able, to consider donating to the event. There are a variety of ways to donate such as: donating gift cards for the Gift Card Garden (value \$5 or more), treats for the Cake Walk, 2-liter sodas for the Pop Toss, items for the Silent Auction and/or signing up to volunteer.

These events also require a large amount of volunteers and we appreciate anyone who can help. Please consider signing up for a shift. The sign up link will be posted soon on main page of the PTA website at royaloakspta.org.



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Topic Requests

Do you have a topic you would like to see in an upcoming newsletter?

Let us know!

Meet A Staff Member: Stephanie Sonnek – Art Specialist



Mrs. Sonnek started at Royal Oaks in 2016. She is the art specialist and also works as one of the student council facilitators and is involved with the culturally responsive teaching & learning program. She loves seeing her student's passion and excitement for art. She has been with her husband for nine years and has two dogs, Dexter & Bailey. She has been skydiving and loves to travel. She's been to New Zealand, Egypt, Spain, Mexico, Germany, Panama and about 2/3 of the states. This summer she is going on vacation with her husband to Iceland, Norway and Denmark.



Royal Oaks Elementary PTA

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Each year the PTA asks families to support Royal Oaks by taking part in our annual Pledge Plea. **Royal Oaks does not ask students/families to do door-to-door type fundraisers.** In lieu of this, we ask our families for an annual pledge.

The Pledge Plea is our largest source of income. We however are currently under budget in this area and are therefore reaching out to our families to share information about our annual Pledge Plea and if you haven't done so already, we are kindly asking you to consider donating to the PTA if you are able to do so. If you have already donated, thank you very much! ... and you can please just recycle this letter:)

Our 2018-19 budget for Pledge Plea income is \$10,000 but we are currently falling short at income of \$6,710.

The suggested pledge amount is \$40 per student or \$60 per family of two or more students, however, any pledge amount you are able to make is greatly appreciated. Please note that the Pledge Plea is optional and donations to Royal Oaks PTA are tax-deductible as we are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization (Federal EIN 41-1495472).

Donations can be paid through the PTA's online store at www.royaloakspta.org/shop or completed using this form via cash or check (payable Royal Oaks PTA). The form and payment can be sent to school in a labeled envelope, dropped off in the school office or mailed to Royal Oaks (Attn: PTA Treasurer).

ALL Royal Oaks students benefit from the funds raised and allow the PTA to continue funding all that we feel so very fortunate to be able to provide each year for the Royal Oaks students, staff, families and school. Some examples include staff requests, staff funds (classroom funds), field trip assistance, specialist funding (library books, instruments, phy ed equipment, art supplies), events/programs (technology licenses, planners/AVID, roller skating, Science & Art Fair, Fall Party) and SO MUCH MORE!! A breakdown of the amounts budgeted for our top annual expense areas was included in the February PTA Newsletter which can be found on our website www.royaloakspta.org anytime under the "About Us" tab.

Thank you for your support in helping make Royal Oaks the best school for our students, staff and families! Please feel free to contact the PTA with any questions you may have at royaloakspta1@gmail.com You are also welcome to attend the PTA meetings to see how the funds raised are being spent and to share your input. Our remaining PTA meeting dates for this year are March 4th, April 9th and May 9th starting at 6pm in the Royal Oaks media center.

Thank you,
Royal Oaks PTA

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

of Students: _____ Amount (\$40 - 1 student / \$60 - family of 2 or more students): \$ _____

Student Name / Teacher / Grade (please list for each student):

