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MHMS - PTO

WELCOME TO THE PTO

All parents and teachers at MHMS are members of the PTO!

The Mission Hills Middle School Parent Teacher Organization (MHMS-PTO) is open to all MHMS parents/guardians & teachers, and we welcome everyone's participation.

Research shows that students whose parents/guardians are involved in their education have better grades and fewer discipline problems. Working with our PTO lets you impact hundreds of lives – including the one's closest to your heart. We know your time is valuable and promise that the time you give to your PTO and MHMS will be worth your while – AND FUN!!

There are many ways to be involved in the PTO, and we are always seeking volunteers. We have opportunities for even the busiest parents to help. Check our website regularly for volunteer opportunities at www.MHMSPTO.org.

You can show your support by participating in the events and programs that we have planned throughout the year.

Your time and involvement is appreciated.



OUR MISSION



The purpose of the PTO is to support the faculty, staff, parents, and most especially our students at Mission Hills Middle School. We strive to enhance the academic and social experiences for students at MHMS, and build a strong sense of community by serving as a liaison between parents, staff, and students.

TEACHING THE NEXT GENERATION



Garden Workdays



GO GREEN WITH THE MHMS PTO!

The MHMS PTO is committed to protecting our environment by promoting ways to recycle, reuse, and renew.

We strive to minimize the amount of paper you receive home from the PTO. We send the majority of our information,

announcements, and newsletters by email.

For example, the PTO collects plastic bottles for recycling. We turn these water bottles in at local recycling centers and get money for them.

This is just one way that the PTO demonstrates our commitment to environmental protection.

In 2014, the Go Green committee created a school garden. Our school garden was designed to celebrate the diversity of our community and to provide a rich learning opportunity for students from Pre-K through 8th grade.

Almost every month, we will have a workday on a Saturday. We welcome all parents, children and family members to join us. Please remember to wear appropriate attire for the sun, bring water and snacks, and be prepared to have fun. Visit www.mhmspto.org for the latest schedule.



frequently asked QUESTIONS

When does the PTO meet?

The PTO holds general meetings four times during the school year. All parents and teachers are welcome. The meetings are usually held in the library, but please check with the front desk for up-to-date information. The meetings for the 2015 - 2016 school are September 24th, January 21st, March 24th, May 26th.

Where does the PTO get its money?

Fundraising events such as bake sales, concession sales at movie nights and plant sales.

What does PTO fundraising support?

The PTO funds numerous programs and educational activities throughout the school year, such as the Multi-Cultural Celebration, the school garden, family movie nights, the end-of-year BBQ and many more.

Who develops and approves the PTO budget?

The PTO budget is prepared and voted on by the PTO Board and available to the PTO general membership at anytime. The PTO Board and the MHMS administrators provide input on the budget for PTO activities, and additional input from the general membership is always welcome.

How can I become involved?

Visit the www.MHMSPTO.org website regularly for volunteer opportunities and events, and attend PTO meetings.

PTO Calendar 2015 -2016



Sept. 24

Parent Mixer Let's get to know each other! Make new friends and connect with other parents. Learn about the exciting plans for the new school year from the school administration and the PTO. Daycare available.



October

Pumpkin Patch A special treat for our youngest students who can pick pumpkins directly from our school garden. Try roasted pumpkin seeds, decorate pumpkins, and get ready for Halloween.



Nov. 20

Thanksgiving Feast In this annual tradition at MHMS, parents provide a potluck Thanksgiving feast for the students and teachers to enjoy together. Vegetarian options are always available at all our events.



Jan 16

Multi-Cultural Day A celebration of the diversity we see every day at MHMS, this international feast is for all and entertainment is provided by our Spanish, French and Bollywood clubs.



Feb. 12

Valentines Send your favorite student, teacher or other staff member a flower during our Valentine's Day fundraiser. Purchase your flower in advance, and MHMS students will deliver them to each classroom.



April 22

Earth Day Environmental awareness is taught from your child's first day at MHMS, and the PTO provides many ways to encourage recycling, reducing and reusing. Earth Day events vary, and ideas are always welcome.



**Various
Dates**

Family Movie Nights Enjoy a free night at the movies in our multi-purpose room. Popcorn and other treats are available for sale. The movies are recently released on DVD and appropriate for all ages. Bring your pajamas and sleeping bags, and have fun.

PTO Calendar 2015 -2016



Various Dates

Garden Work Days Help our garden grow. Throughout the year, we will be planting, fertilizing, harvesting and beautifying our garden. Bring kids, snacks and sunscreen.



Various Dates

Farmers Market As our garden starts to produce a harvest, we will offer vegetables for sale to our school families. Visit our school farmers market, and encourage your kids to try some of our organically grown produce.



Various Dates

Bake Sale We will have 3 - 4 bake sales throughout the year to raise funds for the PTO. Stop by and enjoy some homemade goodies.



First week of May

Teacher Appreciation Week At MHMS, we love our teachers and staff. Every year, we take this week in May to celebrate their hard work and dedication.



May 6

Muffins with Moms On this special event to celebrate our MHMS moms. All moms or grandmas and their children are invited to stay for a breakfast of fruit, coffee, juice, and - of course - muffins.



June 11

Donuts with Dad This celebration of dads is another of our longstanding MHMS traditions. Enjoy a morning of juice, coffee, and donuts with your kids before school starts. Grandfathers and other guardians are welcome.



June 11

End-of-Year BBQ Celebrate the end of another fun and successful year at MHMS. The entire school community comes together to enjoy an afternoon of great food and entertainment.

These events are made possible by donations of time and money by family members of our MHMS students. Please sign up to participate in PTO events. We need you!

Visit www.mhmspto.org for information about the latest events, and to volunteer.