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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome Back Meadow Brook Parents, Teachers & Staff –

It's hard to believe we're already a month into the school year. But the drop in temperature reminds us that fall is here; as does the full calendar of events. Here at Meadow Brook and throughout the district a lot of activities are underway, including Trunk or Treat, a STEAM event at Stoney Creek High School, the Legislative Committee's Candidate Forum and more.

I'd like to thank our PTA board members (Allison Patterson, Kristine Ma & Emily Perez) who started working during the summer, and haven't stopped yet, planning a year of fantastic fun and educational programs for our students here at Meadow Brook. Did you know that all the assemblies your students attend, including Science Alive, Authors in April, and Matt Wilhelm-The BMX Rider, are all planned and paid for by the PTA? This is just one way that we fulfill our goal of providing a better education for all students.

I'd also like to thank the amazing teachers and staff at Meadow Brook who are an integral part of the PTA's success, working with us to establish and execute so many programs and experiences.

Many of you have already joined the PTA this year; we currently have 104 parents and 21 staff members signed up, which is great. But it's not too late to sign up. And while we love to have a lot of people at our meetings and volunteering at events, PTA membership does not require either of those things. By simply signing up for membership, your \$10 dues goes a long way in helping students not just at Meadow Brook, but also within Michigan and nationwide as PTA advocates for all students

everywhere. There's a membership form included in the newsletter, and they are also available in the metal bins by the PTA bulletin board in the school lobby.

Another way to help out is with the Fun Run this Friday Oct. 5th. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. See the next page for more information from our Fun Run chairs.

Since the 2015-16 school year our Meadow Brook PTA has been designated a National PTA School of Excellence. This recognition program supports and celebrates partnerships between PTAs and schools to enrich the educational experience and overall well-being for all students. The designation lasts for two years and this year is time to renew, so please be on the lookout for a survey that will help us in this process as we work to improve and strive for excellence.

I hope to see you all later this month at our October meeting on the 16th at 9:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. (Please note, there is no childcare available for this meeting). And feel free to reach out at any time with questions, ideas or to volunteer.

Sincerely,
Jamie Rawcliffe
Your PTA President
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313-702-1443



SAVE THE DATE

October

- 10/5:** Fun Run 2pm
(rain date: 10/12)
- 10/10:** Walk & Bike to School Day
- 10/16:** PTA Meeting 9:30am, Cafeteria
- 10/18:** Superintendent's Coffee 8:45am, North Hill Elem.
- 10/19:** Fun Run Donations Due
- 10/23:** Rescheduled: Chipotle Restaurant Night
- 10/26:** Trunk or Treat 6:30-8pm, Parking Lot

November

- 11/2:** End of First Trimester
- 11/5-6:** No School
- 11/13:** Conferences 5-7:30pm
- 11/13:** Reflections Submissions Due
- 11/14:** PTA Meeting 6:30pm Media Center
- 11/15:** Conferences 5-7:30pm
- 11/19:** Conferences 4:30-7:30pm
- 11/21-23:** No School, Thanksgiving Recess
- 11/26:** Reflections Ceremony 6:30-8:30, MBE Cafeteria

COMMITTEE CORNER

FUN RUN:

It's time for our annual Meadow Brook Fun Run this Friday, October 5th at 2 p.m. All students will be running for a set amount of time, as well as cheering on other students. Additionally, we're inviting each student to help in the fundraising effort. The money raised will go directly back to the school to fund important programs and projects throughout the school year.

Our goal for this year is 100% student participation in turning in pledge donations. Any amount helps! Prizes will be given to students who meet pledge goals. There will also be classroom prizes and an award for the top donation collector for each grade. If the goal of 100% student participation is met, each student will be given another set of prizes. The last day to turn in pledge forms is October 19th.

Students should wear their Hero class shirts on Friday. Family and friends are welcome to come cheer on students – make signs, bring noisemakers and/or bring younger siblings to cheer on the kids. We also need volunteers to help on the day of the Fun Run. Sign up at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084aadaf22a4f85-meadow>. Thank you for supporting our student's success!

REFLECTIONS ART SHOW:

The theme for this year's Reflections program is "Heroes Around Me." All students are welcome to participate and can enter work in any/all categories (as many entries as you like). The categories include:

- Dance Choreography
- Film Production
- Literature
- Music Composition
- Photography
- Visual Arts

Everyone who enters will receive a ribbon; awards will be given out for first, second and third place winners in each category. The first and second place winners in each category move on to the RCS District Competition, with a chance to move to state and national competitions.

Entry forms/rules will be sent home this week with your students; extra forms are available in the office. All submissions should be turned in to the school office (in the Reflections box on

the counter) no later than November 13th. The art show and awards ceremony will be held on November 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Meadow Brook cafeteria/gym.

RESTAURANT NIGHTS:

October: The Chipotle Fundraiser has been rescheduled for Tuesday, October 23. [Due to an unforeseen store closure, Chipotle had to cancel our September event. However, we are looking forward to this rescheduled event as Chipotle is donating 33% of the proceeds to MBE PTA, and also donating food for our staff at an upcoming event!]

November: Dine at Jersey Mike's on Walton Nov. 14-18 to support Meadow Brook PTA. More details to come.

Thank you for your support in attending the Restaurant Nights to raise funds for MBE PTA!

ART TO REMEMBER:

Students are currently working with their art teachers on their Art to Remember pieces. Watch for personalized order forms to come home with your child in early November. Items purchased will be in and distributed to students before the holiday break and make GREAT holiday gifts (mugs, keychains, coasters, flags, shirts and more). Questions? Contact Emily Perez at esawdon@gmail.com.

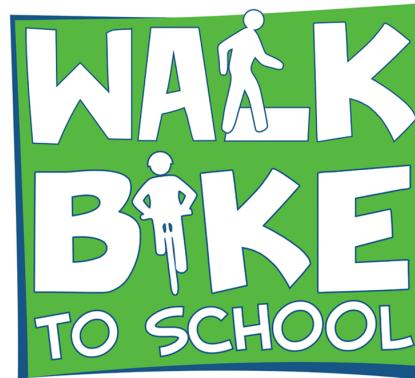
STAFF APPRECIATION:

New this year: A binder is available in the office near the PTA mailboxes filled with "Favorite Things" surveys completed by our staff members. If you're ever looking for a special idea or way to show appreciation to your child's teacher or other staff members, this is a great place to check to find out some of their favorite things!



We are on Facebook! Connect with the Meadow Brook PTA on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/MBE.PTA>

Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018



Please join us on Wednesday, Oct. 10th, for Walk and Bike to School Day at Meadow Brook Elementary! Over 3,500 schools nationwide are expected to participate in this international event! Come around to the East Kindergarten door upon arrival, and please be safe on the way to school!



www.walkbiketoschool.org

DID YOU KNOW...

You are your children's most important role model!

Showing your children that you value their school and education will teach them to value it as well. Research has shown that children whose parents are involved in their school get better results and have fewer disciplinary problems.

Joining PTA is a great way to get involved at school!

DON'T TOSS IT. CLIP IT!



EACH BOX TOP IS WORTH 10¢ FOR YOUR SCHOOL. BTFF.COM

Dear Meadow Brook Families,

We are off to a great start this year! We have received hundreds of Box Tops already but this is just the beginning. Box Tops were due by October 1st, and every child who turned in Box tops was entered in a drawing to win a free book. Every month one child from each grade will win a new book. Each child who turns in Box Tops has a chance to win. The winners for September will be announced October 8th.

Next month the Box Tops will be due by October 26th. Please print the attached collection sheet OR send in your Box Tops in a bag or envelope with your child's name and the teacher's name. This is necessary so they may be entered into the monthly book drawing.

At the end of the year, the class who collects the most Box Tops will be rewarded with a popsicle party!

Thanks for your help!

Jennifer Wroza

Box Tops for Education Coordinator

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**STEM
+FAMILIES**



Rochester PTA Council

**STEM + Families
Science Festival**

November 10, 2018

10:00 AM – 12 Noon

**Stoney Creek High
School**

Cafe and Aux. Gym



This event is entirely volunteer run,

we need help make it happen, sign up here: <https://bit.ly/2LkGeL8>

This is a **free event** sponsored by the Rochester PTA Council, National PTA and Bayer, **SPACE IS LIMITED** so please sign up as a family and indicate the number of children aged 5-12 who will attend: <https://tinyurl.com/ycj7854k>

IMPORTANT: All children MUST have a caregiver with them. **STEM + Families** is meant to engage families together in fun STEM experiences. So, please join us and enjoy this event with your child.

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Join us at one (or all) of our events
to commemorate

**FIRE PREVENTION
WEEK 2018**

**FREE AND FUN
FAMILY
EVENTS**

- ◆ Child finger-printing
- ◆ Child bicycle helmets
- ◆ Games
- ◆ Trucks of all kinds
- ◆ Refreshments
- ◆ Safety information
- ◆ Awesome photo opportunities
- ◆ Learn about your emergency services
- ◆ Sparky the fire safety dog
- ◆ Child obstacle course
- ◆ Child safety seat info
- ◆ CPR and choking instructions

EMERGENCY VEHICLE DISPLAY

Friday, October 5, 2018 6:00 pm—9:00 pm at Meijer

3175 S. Rochester Rd. Rochester Hills. Trucks, trucks and more trucks with a live kitchen fire safety burn demonstration.

THE HISTORY OF THE BROOKLANDS FIRE DEPT. (now known as Rochester Hills Fire Department)

Tuesday, October 9, 2018 starting at 7:00 pm.
Fire Station 2 1251 E. Auburn

Free event but please register at:

rhmuseum@rochesterhills.org or 248.656.4663

ROCHESTER HILLS FIRE STATION OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, October 10, 2018 3:30 pm—7:00 pm
Rochester Hills Fire Station 1 1111 Horizon Ct.

**QUESTIONS OR
MORE DETAILS:
248-841-2705**

Community Sponsors



CALL FOR ENTRIES!

2018-19 REFLECTIONS ART SHOW

HEROES AROUND ME



CREATE ART IN THE THEME OF "HEROS AROUND ME"

Divisions: Primary (Kindergarten-Grade 2) Intermediate (Grades 3-5)

Categories: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography and Visual Arts (Drawing, Painting, Collage, Graphic Design)

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES NOVEMBER 13TH
IN THE MEADOW BROOK OFFICE**

1st, 2nd & 3rd place awards for every category in each division and a ribbon for every participant. 1st and 2nd place winners will have their art go on to the district competition.

**MEADOW BROOK ELEMENTARY REFLECTIONS
AWARDS CEREMONY NOVEMBER 26TH, 6:30PM-8:30PM**

Please pick-up an entry form in the MBE office for more information



Rochester Community PTA Council Legislative Committee

Candidate Q&A

When: Monday Oct. 15th, from 7-9 p.m.

Where: Rochester Community Schools
Administration Building
Harrison Room
501 W. University
Rochester, MI 48307

Why: The Legislative Committee's goal is to inform parents and advocate for children in our public school district and throughout the state of MI.

What's a Q&A? The Candidate Q&A is an opportunity for committee members, PTA members and RCS parents to ask questions, gather information on a candidate's position on issues related to public education and then share that information with PTA members and parents at their respective schools.

Our Candidate Q&A will be formatted in the following manner:

- Each candidate will be given a time to arrive and approximately 10 minutes to:
 - Introduce themselves
 - Respond to two (2) questions provided to the candidate prior to their Q&A session.
 - Answer any additional questions from our committee members or RCS parents in attendance.

If unable to attend, invited candidates were asked to forward their answers to the questions provided prior to this event. All written responses will be posted on the Rochester Community PTA Council Legislative Committee's website and shared via school email.

YOUR VOICE YOUR VOTE

Invited Candidates (* indicates attendance confirmed):

8th DISTRICT - Representative in Congress:

- Mike Bishop (R)
- Elissa Slotkin (D)
- Brian Ellison (I)

45th DISTRICT - Legislative Rep in State Legislature:

- Michael Webber (R) *
- Kyle Cooper (D) *

13th DISTRICT - State Senator:

- Marty Knollenberg (R) *
- Mallory McMorrow (D) *

12th DISTRICT - State Senator:

- Michael McCready (R)
- Rosemary Bayer (D) *
- Jeff Pittel (I) *

FUNDRAISER COMING SOON!

Our school is participating in a fundraiser with Art to Remember that gives you the opportunity to purchase keepsake items customized with your child's artwork. The best part is that every keepsake order supports our school.

Order forms will be sent home soon.



Art to Remember

Everyday Shopping Earns Meadow Brook Money!!!

These programs all earn money for Meadow Brook Elementary! Just by shopping as you normally do, each of these businesses gives back to Meadow Brook students! Please contact Jennifer Wroza with any questions at wroza@sbcglobal.net

	<p>Meadow Brook has teamed with Kroger Community Rewards! Just link your Kroger Plus Card online to Meadow Brook Elementary PTA (#CN841) and use it each time you shop. You must re-enroll your card each spring. Apply for a Kroger Plus Card at www.kroger.com</p>
	<p>Meadow Brook has enrolled in Busch's Cash for Education Program! First, create a MyWay account online or in store (sign-up is easy and free). Then choose "Meadow Brook Elementary PTA" in the dropdown menu on the Cash for Education section of your MyWay account. Use your MyWay card when you shop and help Meadow Brook earn money! You must re-enroll each year. Create a MyWay account at www.buschs.com</p>
	<p>AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to our PTA! Go to smile.amazon.com and select Meadow Brook Elementary PTA as your organization. Then when you want to make a purchase, just visit smile.amazon.com and shop as you normally would on amazon.com. Easy money!</p>
<p>the difference 1 can make.</p>	<p>You can earn cash for Meadow Brook by clipping Box Tops coupons from hundreds of participating products! Look for the Box Tops logo on hundreds of products as you shop. Then clip and send them in to your child's classroom or drop them off in the front lobby. Each Box Top is worth 10¢! To learn more visit www.boxtopsforeducation.com</p>
	<p>Toysology Toys is Metro Detroit's modern toy shopping experience. Toysology Toys will give Meadow Brook a 10% kickback every time you shop. Just mention "Meadow Brook Elementary" when shopping in-store or use our code "meadowbrook10" when shopping online at www.toysologystoys.com</p> <p>Perks at Toysology Toys: Free Gift Wrapping, Ship From Store, Local, Best Selection, Helpful Staff</p>

Meadow Brook Elementary PTA
presents

TRUNK OR TREAT

2018

FRIDAY OCTOBER 26, 6:30-8:00 PM
MEADOW BROOK PARKING LOT

CARS AND TREATS WANTED!

SIGN UP GENIUS COMING SOON!

SIGN YOUR CAR UP OR DONATE CANDY & TRINKETS!

Cars should arrive at 6:00pm
to set up, and bring
wrapped candy that is free
of nuts and peanuts or
non-food trinkets to pass
out (plan on 300 pieces).

Please decorate your trunk for
the occasion, but be thoughtful of
our younger children, no scary or
gory trunks!

In order to promote inclusion of all trunk-or-treaters, this event
is proud to offer food-free treats in participation with the Teal
Pumpkin Project & the MBE Food Awareness Committee.
Email mbe.pta.food@gmail.com for more info.



The Little Donut Factory will be offering mini donuts made onsite, hot cider, & hot chocolate for sale! (cash only)



Cars MUST stay for the duration of the event.

THIS IS NOT A DROP OFF EVENT. In order to provide our elementary students with a safe and fun environment, all students must attend Trunk or Treat with a parent or guardian, and any cars participating in Trunk or Treat must stay for the duration of the event.



BUZZ IT!

THE LATEST NEWS & INFORMATION FROM BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION | OCTOBER 2018

FALL DEADLINE: TURN IN YOUR BOX TOPS NOW!

Check your cupboards and
fridge...the fall submission
deadline is almost here! All Box
Tops submitted by our school
by the deadline will count
toward our fall earnings check.

Send your Box Tops to school by

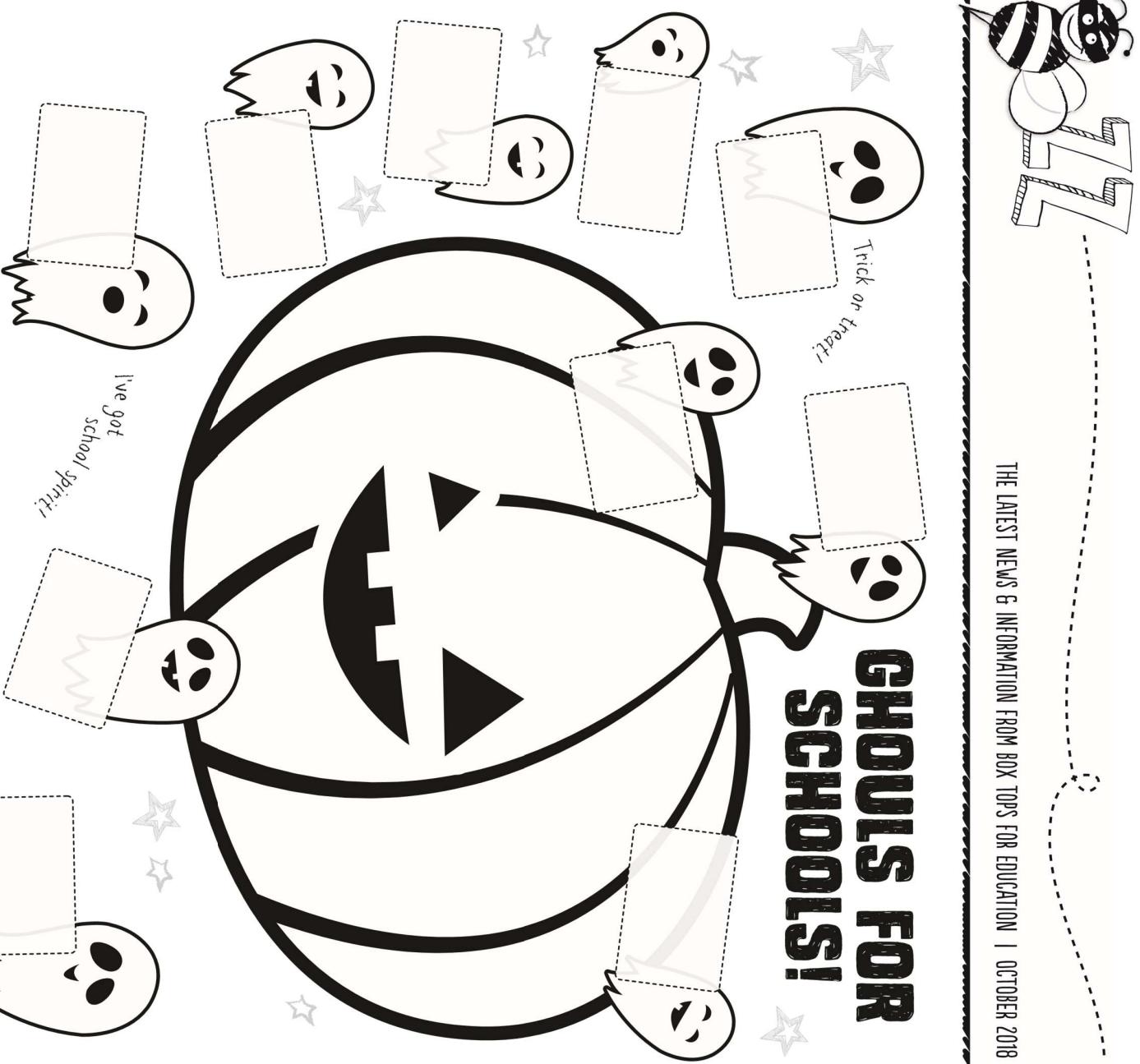
DATE: October 26, 2018

Any Box Tops turned in after
this date will count towards our
school's next earnings check!

Name: _____

Teacher: _____

See a list of participating products
at BTFE.com/Products



Thank you for helping! Clipped Box Tops are each worth 10¢ for your child's school.
Bonus certificates should not be attached to this sheet – please submit them
separately. To see more ways to earn cash for your child's school, go to BTFE.com.



Meadow Brook Elementary PTA
2018-19 General Membership Form
****Join the PTA and/or make a donation****



Meadow Brook PTA General Membership Registration **Amount Due**

Adult #1 Name: _____ \$10.00 \$ _____

Adult #2 Name: _____ \$10.00 \$ _____

Student #1 Name: _____ Grade: ___ Teacher: _____

Student #2 Name: _____ Grade: ___ Teacher: _____

Student #3 Name: _____ Grade: ___ Teacher: _____

Home Address: _____
Number & Street Name City Zip

Email Address(es): _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Meadow Brook PTA Direct Donation (optional — for further information, see reverse)

Please note, there will also be an additional chance to donate and earn prizes via the Fun Run in October.

Suggested Donation Amount: \$30 per student OR \$50 per family

Meadow Brook PTA Direct Donation Amount \$ _____

Total Amount Due (add all amounts from right column) \$ _____
Please make checks payable to: Meadow Brook PTA

PTA Use:
Check/Cash/Credit: _____ Amount: \$ _____