

Park Forest Elementary PTO

September Agenda - 09/19

Thursday / 19 SEPTEMBER 2024 / 7:00 PM / ZOOM ONLY!

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AGENDA

- Principal's Remarks
- Introduction of officers
- Approval of May minutes - view the minutes here
<https://www.pfepto.com/meetings>
- Treasurer report and vote on yearly budget
- Back to school night recap
- Back to school breakfast recap - Word around the halls, it was delicious!
- Spirit Wear updates - 5th grade design
- Penguin Shuffle (Fun Run) - Friday, October 18th, (rain date, October 25th) See attached letter, more info to come, Volunteers needed- signup genius coming!
- Book Fair: October 30 - November 1st, volunteers needed, sign up genius coming!
- Kindergarten Field trip - included in yearly budget \$600 to Way Fruit Farm Sept 24th
- Directory update - Scan QR Code to fill out directory form, if you haven't done it in the last two years.



- Any other items

Next MEETING - THURSDAY, October 10, 2024 / 7:00 PM / Zoom ONLY!

Dear PFE Families,

Exciting news! Our annual fundraiser, the Penguin Shuffle, is just around the corner on Friday, October 18th, and we need your support! **Our goal this year is \$20,000.** *For extra fun, if we raise over \$22,000, we will have a school-wide prize!*

The Penguin Shuffle is more than a fundraiser—it's a fun and healthy event where students gather pledges before participating in a 15-minute run/walk/movement with their classmates. The best part? Almost all funds raised go directly to support essential initiatives at PFE:

- **School Supplies:** Ensuring every student has the tools for success.
- **Community Building:** Creating a close-knit, supportive environment with events and staff appreciation.
- **Equal Opportunities:** Providing funding for field trips and buses so every child can benefit from valuable experiences.

How can you help?

- **Encourage pledges** from friends and family. Each student is encouraged to raise \$50, but all are welcome to participate, regardless of donations.
- **Prizes are available** for different fundraising tiers! The majority of our prizes are generously donated, including items contributed by one PFE family. This keeps our overhead costs low and allows over 97% of all funds raised to go back to the PTO for events.
 - Classroom Challenge: The classroom with the highest total donations raised online by the first weekend (deadline: Monday, Sept 23 at 8 a.m.) will win a Crumbl party that week.
 - Weekly grade level prizes after the first week.
- **Join us on October 18th** from 8:30–11:30 AM to cheer on the students with the sounds of Nittany Entertainment! (Rain date: October 25th). *Specific grade times will be shared soon.*
- **Volunteer** before or during the event—more hands make less work!
- **Spread the word** and share with family and friends.

Donating is easy at <https://www.pfepto.com/penguin-shuffle>. Cash or checks can be given to teachers for the PTO. Make checks payable to "PFE PTO."

Your support truly makes a difference in the lives of our students. Let's come together for the Penguin Shuffle and show our PFE spirit! Looking forward to seeing you there!

Warm regards,
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