



# Hello!

To our new families, welcome to your first year at our special school, Cary Woods Elementary! To our returning families, welcome to another wonderful school year! Whether this is your first year here or you are a long-standing member of our school family, you will quickly understand why our school motto is "There's No Place I'd Rather Be.."

For introductions, our 2023-2024 board is made up of our PTO President and Lead of Sponsorships, Naomi Gehling, PTO Vice President Rebecca Melvin, PTO Treasurer Heather Roberts, and PTO Secretary, Social Media Coordinator, and Volunteer Coordinator, Jennifer Moreland. We are thrilled to be your PTO board this year.

Our PTO is an inclusive place and by virtue of having a child at our school, each and every family is part of our PTO. Whether you donate funds or supplies, attend one of our events, purchase spirit wear through our shop, support one of our spirit nights at a local restaurant, or volunteer your time, you are an integral part of our organization and make our school community a wonderful, supportive place for all.

The main mission of our PTO is to work within our school to contribute in any way we can to support and enrich the education of the children at Cary Woods Elementary by fostering relationships among the school, parents, and teachers. Together we can do amazing things. We have committees eager to help support to students in need, work to raise funds for improvements around the school, and provide resources to our faculty and staff as needed.

Please review the documentation in this packet to learn more about what we do, what we have done, and what we hope to do this year. We hope to have you join our email list, Facebook page, and Instagram for newsletters, volunteer opportunities, and event notifications.

We can't wait to get to know you all this year!

Cary Woods Elementary PTO Board



Thank you for being involved!  
Here are some reminders, QR codes, and links for you to check out!

## Sign up for PTO emails and volunteering!

Scan the QR code below to sign up for PTO notifications and you will begin receiving our monthly newsletter and other PTO event notifications/reminders via email. You will also have the option to sign up for emailed volunteer opportunities. The PTO does not get your information to add to our email list if you do not provide it directly to us and your email will only be used for what you opt into.

## Keep up with us on social media!

Follow our Facebook and Instagram pages to see news, event info, and all of the fun!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/cwesparents/>

<https://www.instagram.com/carywoodselementarypto>

## Sign up for passive fundraising!

We have partnered with Publix, Box Tops, Kroger, and Mabel's Labels who will all donate a portion of your sales made at their stores directly to our school! These partnerships make it easy for you to contribute to our ongoing fundraisers automatically on purchases you make everyday! Sign up today using the instructions on the following page!

## Check out our NEW website!

We now have our own website! Please visit us at [carywoodselementarypto.com](http://carywoodselementarypto.com) to keep up to date with news and events! We will continuously be updating the site throughout the year to ensure it will be a one stop shop for all PTO information!

### Contact us!

Email: [carywoodselementarypto@gmail.com](mailto:carywoodselementarypto@gmail.com)

President and Sponsorships: Naomi Gehling

Vice President and Fundraising: Rebecca Melvin

Treasurer: Heather Roberts

Secretary Social Media & Volunteer Coordinator: Jennifer Moreland



Join PTO Form



PTO Facebook Page



PTO Instagram



# Easy Fundraising

Fundraising for our school doesn't have to be hard!

We have great passive fundraisers year 'round. We call them passive because once they are setup, they just keep on giving! We have partnered with a few companies who will donate part of your sales on regular grocery and household spending!

Sign up to start donating today!

- Create and sign in to your free Club Publix account at [publix.com](http://publix.com).
- In your profile, click on My Publix Partner
- Type "Cary Woods" into the school search bar (I am trying to get them to fix that typo!)
- Click save!



Every time you shop at Publix, either pay on the app or enter your phone number at checkout in store and a portion of your sale will go directly to the school!



- Visit [kroger.com](http://kroger.com) and log into your Kroger account.
- Search for CARY WOODS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL either by name or NG307.
- Click Enroll

- Download the Box Tops app or visit their webpage to sign up for an account.
- Enter Cary Woods as your school.
- Scan in receipts or send your digital receipts from online orders/pickup orders to earn money for our school.



mabel's labels

Mabel's Labels has colorful, durable, waterproof labels for any and everything you can think of! Whether you are labeling items at home or in the office or you need to label clothes, backpacks, lunchboxes, and water bottles, they have just what you need!

Shop anytime at [MabelsLabels.com](http://MabelsLabels.com) and search for Cary Woods Elementary School (Auburn) and Mabel's Labels will donate 20% of what you spend right back to CWES.



# My School Bucks

My School Bucks gives parents the convenience and flexibility of one account to securely pay for all of their student meals, PTO dues, field trip fees, buy school items, make donations, and more with a credit card, debit card, or electronic check. Download their app in your app store to easily monitor the account!

## PTO Dues

Use the QR codes below to set your account up today!  
Once you are signed up, please pay your \$5 PER FAMILY  
PTO dues for the year (If you have multiple children at  
Cary Woods, you only pay the due ONCE)

Watch how-to  
and help videos  
to get you going  
or by clicking  
[here!](#)



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did you know

## our pto does that?!



### School Events

We put on events like Popsicles on the Playground, Family Fun Nights, and Donuts with Grownups.



### Fundraising and Sponsorships

We build our budget through various fundraisers, spirit nights, and we also work with many local companies, restaurants, and vendors.



### Upgrades

We raise the money needs to buy the school things they need that are not funded such like the new playground.



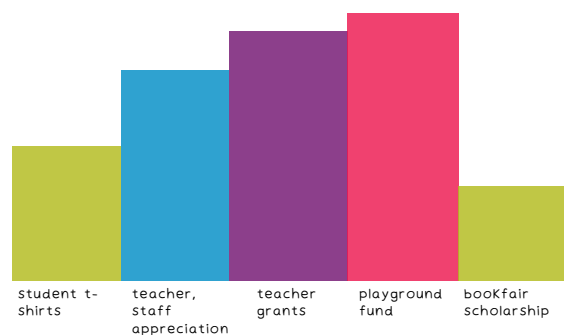
### Teacher Support

We throw many events and celebrations for our teachers and staff throughout the year. We also budget for teacher grants.

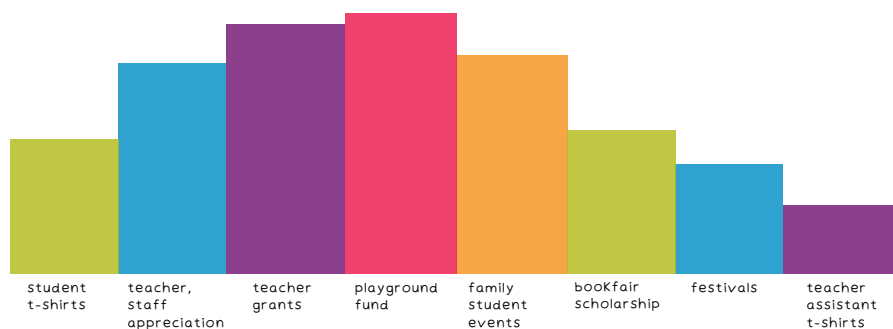
do you know

## where the money goes?

last year...



this year we hope to...



... and we can do so much more with your help!