



DEAN ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

P. T. O. “*cheat sheet*”



As a “back to school treat”, our PTO has created a “cheat sheet” with information we have compiled to help this year go smoothly! We asked around to veteran DRES parents to see what they wish they had known before school started. We hope this information helps provide you with some of the answers you may have throughout the year! Until then, enjoy your last couple days of summer!

What is the PTO?

- Stands for Parent/Teacher Organization
- Comprised of parents, teachers, and staff dedicated to improving the educational experience of the schools’ students
- Occasional evening meetings are held to keep parents/teachers informed. These meetings are at 6pm, but are not mandatory
- If you are interested in serving on the PTO board, contact **Alyssa Northcutt (President)** at awnorthcutt@gmail.com board meetings held once per month
- Option to work as a committee head or help on a committee

What is a Room Parent?

- Liaison between the teacher and Class parents
- Sign up to be a Room Volunteer on Meet the Teacher night
- Plan and participate in class parties, help coordinate class needs, create sign ups
- **Katharine Manley, Room Parent Coordinator**, will contact you
- Questions? Contact **Katharine** at katharinemanley@gmail.com



What is the Rocket Run?

- Our **BIGGEST** fundraiser of the school year
- Pep Rally will be held Oct. 5th at 1:00 to get the kids excited and a video will be shown to promote the event
- Students will earn “tags” for different levels of donations collected (**Hint: there are tons of prizes to be earned**)
- Rocket Run Event will take place Oct. 18th-We **LOVE** parent involvement (**hint hint**)
- Donations collected from Oct. 8th -Oct 24th
- Rocket Run Celebration is Oct. 26th (**top class from each grade, top earners from the school, and 1 spirit winner from each class will be announced**)



Our Veterans Day Program



- A very special program honoring a special Veteran in your family on November 9th at 10am
- Led by our teachers and performed by our students
- A slideshow will be shown of our veterans. Your teacher will request a picture of your Veteran closer to date (**Hint: start looking for one**)
- An invitation will be sent home to your Veteran
- We invite your family, the student, and your special Veteran to our program and a reception in the Media Center afterwards

What is the Book Fair?

- Occurs twice a year...tentatively set for Nov.5th - Nov.9th and Mar.4th -Mar.8th
- Scholastic Book Clubs sends books to be sold in our Media Center
- A sign up genius will be sent out from your teacher-please consider signing up to work a shift
- A "Wish List" board will be displayed for parents to purchase books wished for by your child's teacher
- A portion of the proceeds goes toward the purchase of new books for our Media Center

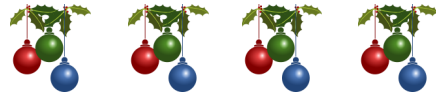


What is Mom Prom?

- A time for moms and their sons to spend quality time during this special event
- Tentatively set for January 25th
- A "mini prom" in our multi-purpose room in the evening



Is there a Winter Program?



- Of course...and you won't want to miss it...December 18th
- All classes will be assigned a performance time closer to date
- Multiple performances allows Mrs. Key to give each class opportunity to shine and for you to get a great seat

How can I show appreciation for my teacher?

- Send your teacher a "Favorites" survey at the beginning of the year. Ask for their favorite candy, color, salty snack, restaurant, and date of their birthday
- Offer to come read a book or do a craft with your Child's Class to give them a much needed 20minute break

- Send a treat to school on a random day

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

- Teacher Appreciation Week will be April 1st - April 5th
- Look for sign ups sent out by the PTO asking for goodies and food
- A flyer with details about each day during Teacher Appreciation week will come home two weeks before



What is Dad's League?

- A time for dads and their children to spend quality time together before school
- Meets August 25th, November 2nd (First Responders Breakfast), March 1st, April 26th at 6:30 am
- Breakfast is served for \$2 per adult and \$1.50 per student
- Meetings are led by our PTO Dad's League coordinator
- Guest speakers (typically male athletes) share an inspiring message while giving practical tips on how to raise your kids in a life giving way

