



A note from the **PTO!**

September 10, 2018

Welcome back to school, returning Silver Beach Parents, and for all of our new arrivals in Kindergarten and other grades, we're so happy you're here! I think our kids are incredibly lucky to be here in this fantastic school, with these dedicated teachers, administrators and staff.

I'm Ken Putney, the president of the Silver Beach Education Association. That's the official name of our Parent-Teacher Organization. Mostly we're just called the PTO.

We're not a PTA, because that would require paying dues to the National PTA organization, and it would require our members to pay dues. As a PTO, our membership comprises everyone with an interest in the children of Silver Beach Elementary School. All members are eligible to vote and run for a position on the seven-member board of directors, and the board votes on the PTO priorities, budgets and activities.

Our PTO Board meetings happen on the second Tuesday of every month, in the school library, at 6PM. Anyone is welcome to join us. At 7PM after our meetings, we are available for an open forum discussion of any topic. Feel free to come ask questions or make suggestions. We'd love to see you!

Want to know what we do? I'll give you a small sample of the parents who've been working for weeks already to get ready for the year:

Ginny Hansen began planning in August to run the Silver Beach Jog-a-Thon on September 28th, our only fundraiser every year.

Sarah Elmer has been working for weeks to set up the schedule of after-school programs, with everything from chess to crossfit! Hundreds of kids will play and learn after school this year thanks to her efforts.

Leanne Slesinger and Karen Fuller held information sessions for new families and met the Kindergarteners on their first days to make them feel welcome and help them find their way. Kristen Kiene and Kelly Swart met the teachers during the first week with snacks, donuts and coffee to welcome them back, Teri Milnes is scheduling the first Scholastic Book Fair, and Susan Miner is already prepping the first Kids' Nights Out. Misty Saldivar is arranging the Harvest Festival, Laura Cabrera is working hard on the school directory, Stacy Milewski's on school photos, and I'm setting up the Watch D.O.G.S. pizza night for dads.

There's so much more going on, too... There are MANY more parents already thinking about and planning for their events later in the year, and they're all volunteers.

Want to join us? Just drop us a line or join us at the meeting! (We're especially in need of a chairperson for each of the third, fourth and fifth-grade math clubs.)

I'm excited for the new year, and I hope you are, too. See you at school!

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