

EPCDS PTO

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Welcome to the El Paso Country Day School PTO! We are excited for our children to start another wonderful year at EPCDS. There are many opportunities for you to get involved with this wonderful community. Whether you can donate an hour, an entire day, or organize an event there is a place for you with the PTO. There are even many opportunities that require no daytime hours.

Here is a list of events with opportunities for you to be involved. Please contact Tammy ASAP if you would like to chair an event or help.

Classroom Bake Sales: *All parents are asked to provide small bake sale items. 2 or 3 parents needed for 1.5 hours on Friday to sell the items to the students for fifty cents each.*

PTO Bake Sales: *1 parent is needed to coordinate and price donations. 2 parents are needed to sell the items. All parents are asked to provide a large bake sale item and to buy items. PTO bake sales are at the "Back to School Picnic" and the "World Tour Showcase."*

Collection Day: *Bring in aluminum soda cans, box tops, and Prices milk tops on the first Friday of the month.*



<http://www.boxtops4education.com/AboutBoxTops/>

For a list of products that have box tops, click here. You'll be surprised. From box tops to Kleenex and Ziploc bags ten cents at a time, together we can collect a lot of money. And it is easy to ask friends and family to collect them and mail them to you (much easier than just asking for money)

Be creative with opportunities to collect, ask neighbors, grandparents and coworkers to save them for you. One dedicated mom went around her office clipping off the box tops from tissue boxes... before the tissues were used! One mom e-mailed all of her out of town relatives to ask them to collect box tops and mail them to her. Another mom collects the Price's milk caps from Starbucks.

Albertson's: *Obtain and use an Albertson's community card.-This is one of the largest PTO money maker.*

Target Red card- *If you have a Target credit card a portion of your purchase price can go to the school.*

Back to School picnic: *September*

Come and visit with old friends and meet new ones at a BBQ for the whole family. We need "burger flippers" and "bean servers" Moms and Dads are encouraged to help. Bring a ball, Frisbee, water balloons, have fun!

Scholastic Book Fair: *Tuesday Oct 14 - Friday Oct 17 8:00-5:00*

The number one goal of this fair is to get great books into the hands of our wonderful kids. Here is a link to our book fair home page:

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/epcds>

To reach our goal, we need:

Artistic parents to help decorate. This year's theme is Safari... Can you draw a lion or have an idea for decorating the room into a Safari Store? We need you. Volunteer anywhere from one hour to all day, or everyday! Strong men are needed to help Monday morning the 14th and Monday the 20th to get books in and out of the school. Time commitment is just one hour. Parents are needed to guide students and parents through the room, and to run the cash register

Chairperson: Tammy Johnson contact her for more info or to volunteer.

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Art Fair and Fall Festival: *October 3*

Pick a place and have some fun! Games and art all around the big play ground. Parents are assigned to a station and help the children with fun activities. We also need help with set up and breakdown.

Annual Fundraiser: *November 14*

Each family is asked to purchase 2 tickets or a table and sell additional tickets and tables to friends, family and the business community. Donate items for the silent auction. Help with the classroom silent auction basket. Also come for lots of fun

with other parents and faculty bidding on silent auctions, dancing, eating and playing games. A planning meeting will occur early in the year please plan to attend. Contact Linda at linda@epcads.org for more information. **This event is LOTS of fun!! It also takes LOTS of planning. We need every parent for it to be successful.**

Holiday Bazaar: *December*

The Bazaar is 2 days during December. Parents are needed to help from 9-3. It is a time for students to buy gifts for the ones they love. We need a chair person to purchase inexpensive gift items from downtown stores, and organize volunteers.

World Tour: *April 2nd and 3rd parents are needed to help 8:30 - 3*

Teacher directed tour around the world. Parents are needed to help decorate the room and help the child with their personal project. All parents are asked to pitch in during these 2 days. At least 2 parents per room are needed to be in the room at all times. Contact your teacher or room parent with the hour or two you can help in the room. Each parent also cooks a dish. And "sewing parents" needed to help with the costumes.

Math team parent: *Facilitate communication between math coach and parents.*

Basketball team parents: *Parents are needed to help with practices, keep stats, play in teacher/parent vs. players game.*

Cheerleading Coach: *A parent is needed to teach the cheers and supervise the cheerleaders. Cheerleading is open to both upper and lower school students. There is no experience necessary to coach!*

Dance chaperones: *Parents needed to supervise upper school dances and help with organization.*

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon:

Can you cook? Can you serve? Can you socialize? The last week of school we thank the teachers with a luncheon at a parent's home. The home and the cook need not be the same person/family. We do this up like a fancy lunch; it's lots of fun.