

Pilot Knob PTA NEWS

August 2015

*connecting students,
teachers, and parents*

Upcoming Events

Meet and Greet: Grades 1-4

Wednesday, 9/2
4-6 p.m.

Meet and Greet: Kindergarten

Wednesday, 9/2
3:30-5:30 p.m.

First Day of School Flag Raising

Tuesday, 9/8
9:15 a.m.

Parents welcome!

Wendy's Fundraising Night

Monday, 9/14
5-7 p.m.

September PTA Meeting

Tuesday, 9/15
6 p.m.

Kindergarten Picnic

Thursday, 9/17
5-6:30 p.m.

Welcome to a new year

On behalf of your PTA, welcome – or welcome back – to Pilot Knob! We wanted to take a minute to introduce you to the PTA, a group of Pilot Knob parents with the following four-part mission:

- To support teachers, staff, and parents in their efforts to help each student reach his or her own unique potential academically, and as a valued member of our community
- To champion and facilitate parent and community engagement with our school
- To provide flexible, ad hoc support for evolving school needs and improvements that enhance the joy and well being of our students, teachers, and staff
- To support our school's reputation as a STEM educational center of excellence

To deliver on this mission, we manage and support a variety of programs and events, help provide supplies for the classrooms and teachers, and much more. The stronger our group, the more we can do for our children and our school's outstanding faculty and staff.

We're happy to announce that we've filled all the PTA board positions this year, but we still have a number of volunteer positions open; below are just a few. Please email us at PilotKnobPTA@gmail.com if you're interested in any of them. Don't see a perfect fit? We've got something for you – just let us know your interests and talents! Current open positions include:

- **Directory Chair** – Ideal for someone with great word processing skills, this volunteer puts together the school directory. We usually get the final class lists from the office about two weeks into school, then try to get the directory out as soon as possible after that. All the work for this position happens in late September and early October.
- **Assistant Volunteer Coordinator** – We have a volunteer coordinator on our board, so this volunteer would help out when times are busy. Hours would vary, and responsibilities could include managing volunteer lists, sending emails, calling parents, and writing thank-you notes.
- **Assistant Treasurer** – We already have a treasurer who manages our books and reports. This position or assistant treasurer would simply help out with running to the bank for us, typically before and after events. A background

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New year, new opportunities

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check and references will be needed for this position.

- **Photographers** – If you love to take pictures, let us know! We're looking for parents to take pictures at both day and evening events. We'll use the photos you take on our school's Facebook page, the PTA website, bulletin boards, newsletter, and the yearbook.
- **Book Fair chair** – Our book fairs are huge events, and the kids and parents love them! All the profits from the book fair stay right in the school. We're looking for someone to take on the coordination of the book fairs. Scholastic provides fabulous training, and last year's chairs are available to help with any questions you may have.
- **Event committees** – We'd like to get some new ideas for our events this year! Would you like to help us plan an event? We would love help with the Kindergarten Picnic, Family Reading Night, the Silent Auction, Family Fun Night, and more. Just let us know which one you'd like to help with.

For more information about joining or volunteering with the PTA, please contact us at PilotKnobPTA@gmail.com.

Free cookies at assessments

Stop by the PTA table when you bring your Kindergartener, 1st grader, or 2nd grader in for their scheduled reading assessment. We'd love to meet you, and we'll have free cookies and information for parents while your child is in with the teacher for their assessment. You can meet some of our board members, find out what the PTA does, purchase some Pilot Knob gear, and pick up your child's nap mat or other hard-to-find school supplies.

Use your Target card for PK

If you have a Target Red Card (either credit or debit) please remember to set it up for Pilot Knob. Target will donate 1% of all purchases to Pilot Knob, but only if you set up your Red Card and choose Pilot Knob STEM Magnet School as your designated school. Visit target.com/tcoe to set up your card. This is by far the easiest fundraiser of the year! Don't worry – we can't see what you're purchasing – we can't even see who has signed up. Right now we have 53 people with Target Red Cards who have designated Pilot Knob, and we've earned almost \$700 so far this year!

School supply drive

We're proud of our very caring community. We know some families are struggling, and we want to make sure their children have the school supplies they need to succeed. While you're doing your school shopping, please pick up a couple extra items if you are able, and drop them in the bins when you come in for assessments on August 11th and 12th or for Meet and Greet on September 2. All supplies received will go to our 360 Communities worker, who will give them to Pilot Knob families.

Wendy's Night

Monday, September 14
5-7 p.m.
@ Wendy's on Pilot Knob,
south of 35E

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Volunteer

Visit the PTA website @ pilotknobpta.my-pta.org for more details. Volunteers are needed to chair events, work events, and help with various projects.

We need help now in these areas:

- **Kindergarten Picnic**
- **Book Fairs Chairperson**
- **Picture Day volunteers**
- **Wendy's Night Coordinator**
- **Office Help**
- **Photography Chair**