



Pilot Knob PTA News

Upcoming Events

⚙️ Planning the 2016-2017 School Year

Location: Pilot Knob
Tuesday, April 5
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

⚙️ Box Tops Due

Friday, April 8

⚙️ Wendy's Night

Location: Eagan Wendy's
on Pilot Knob Road
Monday, April 11
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

⚙️ Spring Pictures

Thursday, April 28

⚙️ No School

Friday, April 29

Pilot Knob STEM Magnet

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Realistically Raising a Responsible Child: What's a Parent to do?

Last month, Pilot Knob hosted a district workshop on how to (and how NOT to) encourage children to be more responsible. Thanks to Roberta Enderby from District 197 for presenting an entertaining and informative workshop on the latest research on responsibility and school success. She also shared some great ideas for age-appropriate chores and tips for motivating children to be more responsible.

A few things we learned:

- **Praise matters** – The behavior we pay attention to is the behavior we get. When your child completes a chore, praise her as specifically as possible (“I’m so proud of you for putting away those trucks! Great job!”).
- **Don’t rescue them unless you have to** – If your child is struggling with a task, let him struggle to get it done before swooping in and doing it for him. When you take over a difficult task and do it for your child, you’re telling him that you don’t believe he is capable of doing it himself.
- **Frame chores positively** – Instead of saying, “We won’t be going outside until you load the dishwasher,” try “When you load the dishwasher, then we can go outside and ride bikes.”
- **Think of chores differently** – Chores aren’t “work” you’re giving your child. They’re opportunities for your children to learn independence and responsibility. What *opportunities* will you give them?
- **Consider your example** – How responsible a person are you? Do you arrive on time? Make your bed? Put things away when you’re done using them? Watch TV or spend time on your mobile device when you have other things you should be doing? Your actions speak louder to your children than your words. If you don’t pick up your stuff, why should they?
- **Make sure chores are age appropriate** – Generally, you shouldn’t expect a seven-year-old to do chores that a 12-year-old can do. A first grader probably can’t trim hedges or iron clothes, but she can clear the table, rake leaves, or make a salad. For free charts of age-appropriate chores, go to the parents.com website <http://www.parents.com/kids/printables/chore-charts/say-yes-to-chores/>



Planning for Next Year

Join us Tuesday, April 5, at Pilot Knob from 6:00 to 7:30 to brainstorm with other parents and share your ideas for fun events for Pilot Knob students for next year. We also have several open PTA board positions to fill and other volunteer opportunities to check out!

- Free childcare included – RSVP to PilotKnobPTA@gmail.com and feel free to bring a bag lunch for your child
- 6:00-7:30 – Planning for the 2016-2017 Pilot Knob school year
- PTA members and nonmembers welcome!

Parking Lot Update

Thank you to everyone for helping to make our parking lot safer, especially during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. Please continue to drive slowly and watch for children.

PK Yearbooks have gone to press!

A HUGE thank you to Janelle Christensen for doing all the yearbook layout! Thank you to everyone who pre-ordered a yearbook!

Yearbooks have been sent to the presses, and we will get them by mid-May. We are so excited for this first year with a full-color yearbook! There will be a very limited number of yearbooks for purchase in May.

If you have questions, email us at PilotKnobPTA+yearbook@gmail.com.



Don't Forget!

NO SCHOOL
Friday, April 29

Remember to
practice Dreambox
and read, read, read!



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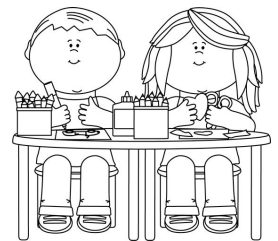
Recommended Books on Raising Responsible Children

Looking for tips and ideas on encouraging and instilling responsibility and discipline in your children? Consider these recommended books:

- *Pick Up Your Socks ... and Other Skills Growing Children Need! A Practical Guide to Raising Responsible Children*
by Elizabeth Crary and Pati Casebolt
- *How Much is Too Much? Raising Likeable, Responsible, Respectful Children – from Toddlers To Teens – in an Age of Overindulgence*
by Dr. Jean Illsley Clarke, Connie Dawson, and David Bredehoft
- *No: Why Kids – of All Ages – Need to Hear It and Ways Parents Can Say It*
by Dr. David Walsh
- *Kids Are Worth It! Giving Your Child the Gift of Inner Discipline*
by Barbara Colosorodo

School Store

Do you need some fresh crayons, new pencils, a fun eraser, a new folder? Check out the school store! Featuring items all costing \$1.50 or less, the school store is run by 4th grade students, and is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 7:35 – 7:45. Items in the school store vary week by week – so check back often to see what's new! Right now, we have some fun spring items – magnifying glasses, scented pens and scented folders, and lots of fun pencil grips – to name just a few.



Box Tops are Due Friday, April 8!

Our spring box top contest is ending soon! All Pilot Knob classrooms will compete for the most Tyson, Box Tops for Education, and Labels for Education labels submitted.

The contest ends **Friday, April 8**. All labels must be turned into your classroom to be counted towards the contest. The winning classroom receives a popcorn party! Good luck!



Volunteer Opportunities

Visit the PTA website at pilotknobPTA.my-pta.org, email the PTA at PilotKnobPTA@gmail.com – or simply contact your child's teacher to help out in the classroom.

Pilot Knob needs help in these areas:

- May Book Fair and Cultural Fair
- Summer tree watering
- Garden clean-up and maintenance
- PTA board positions for the 2016-2017 school year

PTA Convention

Mark your calendars: The Minnesota PTA convention is Saturday, April 16. The PTA has budgeted for six parents to attend. It's a great day of training, learning from other parents, and bonding with fellow PK parents!

Lunch is provided, and we can carpool from the school. Please email us at PilotKnobPTA@gmail.com if you are interested in attending.