



Pilot Knob PTA News

Upcoming Events

⚙️ Planning for a Big Finish

Location: Pilot Knob
Tuesday, February 2
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

⚙️ Book Fair

Location: Pilot Knob
February 4, 8, 9, 10, 11
7:30 to 10:30 a.m.

⚙️ Wendy's Night

Location: Eagan Wendy's
on Pilot Knob Road
Monday, February 8
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

⚙️ Dine to Donate

Location: Granite City
on Pilot Knob Road
Sunday, February 21

Pilot Knob STEM Magnet

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Don't Miss the February Book Fair!

Our February Book Fair on the 4th and 8th–11th is the best way to get new books for the classrooms, library, and our students. We'll earn 60% back for everything spent at the fair. So, for example, if you purchase \$10 in books for your child at home, the school will get \$6 in books!

New this fair: We'll only be open from 7:30 – 10:30 a.m. during the school day. Teachers will send the students who bring money to buy books to the fair during that time only. This means that, while we do need several volunteers for that time frame, we don't need volunteers all day. We'll also be open during conferences.



Since the Book Fair is run completely by volunteers, we're looking for help running the register (instructions are provided – no retail experience necessary!) Please sign up on our website at pilotknobpta.my-pta.org. Email us with any questions at PilotKnobPTA@gmail.com.

Welcome New PTA Board Members

We are pleased to welcome Nicole Gode and Jen Colby to the PTA board! Nicole and Jen will be partnering to fill the volunteer coordinator position. A huge thank-you to Nicole and Jen for taking this on!

Dine to Donate at Granite City – Sunday, February 21

Take a break from cooking and delight your family – and your school – with brunch or dinner out! Join us at Granite City on Sunday, February 21, for a fundraiser for Pilot Knob. We'll send a flyer home with your child soon. Bring it to Granite City anytime on the 21st (brunch, dinner, or both!), and Pilot Knob will receive 20% of your total bill.

This is our easiest (and most delicious) fundraiser of the year! Funds raised will go to help the PTA pay for initiatives such as scholarships, a STEM residency, and offsetting the cost of the STEM Fair.

CANCELED: Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser

The annual Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser and silent auction scheduled for Saturday, February 6, has been canceled.

Planning for a Big Finish – Tues., 2/2

The school year is already half over, but we still have lots of exciting events before summer break. Join PTA members and other PK parents to help plan some fun and educational events for our kids. Please RSVP to PilotKnobPTA@gmail.com if you need childcare.

- Free childcare included – RSVP to PilotKnobPTA@gmail.com and feel free to bring a bag lunch for your child
- 6:00-7:30 – Planning events for the second half of the year
- PTA members and nonmembers welcome!

New Furniture for the Library

We are pleased to announce that the PTA recently purchased several pieces of furniture and storage items for the library. Stop in and see the new spinning shelves and new display cases on top of the shelves.

Adding it Up: Math at PK

On January 5th, Pilot Knob parents and PTA members came together for Adding it up: Math at PK, a workshop with a district curriculum advisor on the PK math curriculum. We learned how – and why – our kids are studying math differently than we did, and how to help with math homework.

If you missed the presentation, you can view the slides (including links for more information) at <http://tinyurl.com/pkptamath>.

You'll also find great resources for helping your children with math at youcubed.org/parents.



Don't Forget!

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Thursday, February 4
and Thursday, February 11



NO SCHOOL

on Monday, February 15



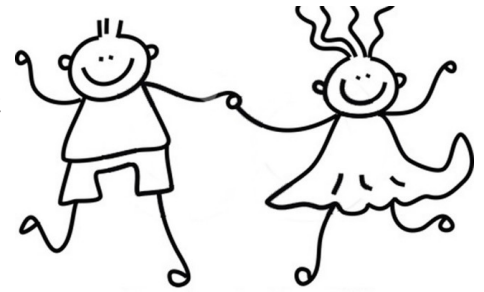
STEM FAIR

Thursday, February 25
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.



Get Ready for Family Fun Night

We're in the process of planning Family Fun Night, our school's carnival and silent auction taking place on March 4th. This is our biggest event of the year. We're still looking for donations for the classroom baskets for the silent auction. Each grade level has its own theme, so please consider donating the following to your classroom basket:



- **Kindergarten:** Junior Chefs (aprons, spoons, mixing bowls, cookbooks, measuring cups/spoons, baking mixes, etc.)
- **1st Grade:** Animals (anything animal themed)
- **2nd Grade:** Movies made from children's books (*Charlotte's Web*, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, etc. Don't forget the popcorn and candy!)
- **3rd Grade:** Family Fun Night (any activities that families can do together)
- **4th Grade:** STEM (anything related to Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math)

If your family can donate a gift card for the silent auction, please drop it off at the office or send it with your child to school in an envelope marked "PTA Silent Auction."

The PTA is a qualified nonprofit, so all donations are considered tax deductible. If you need a receipt, please email our treasurer at PilotKnobPTA+Treasurer@gmail.com. If you have other items you would like to donate for the silent auction, such as gift baskets, experiences, tickets, or merchandise, please let us know at PilotKnobPTA@gmail.com.

We're also looking for groups and organizations to run games at the carnival. If you know of a non-profit group who would be willing to run a game, please contact us at PilotKnobPTA@gmail.com.

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112 is a big number. Is it how many millions you could win in this week's Powerball? How many days left in the school year? How many books our students read in a week? Nope. It's how many parent volunteers it will take to make February successful. The Book Fair, Kindergarten registration, rollerskating, and Jump Rope for Heart are all happening in February.

Pilot Knob is one of the best schools in the state because of the wonderful events and curriculum available for the kids. These events are what set our school apart – and they're not possible without your help. Please be part of our 112 by signing up for one of our many volunteer opportunities at pilotknobpta.my-pta.org. If you have any questions, or would like to know about additional ways to get involved, please email us at pilotknobpta@gmail.com.

Teacher Meals During Conferences

One thing the PTA prides itself on is providing a meal for teachers during conferences. During February conferences, we'll have a baked potato bar for teachers to enjoy. One parent has already volunteered to provide baked potatoes and chili. You can help by bringing other toppings or supplies, or by helping offset the cost. Please sign up on our volunteer page at pilotknobpta.my-pta.org.

