



Pilot Knob PTA News

Upcoming Events

⚙️ Adding it Up: Math at PK

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

⚙️ Wendy's Night

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

This month's proceeds go the PK Music Program

⚙️ Family Dance

Location: Pilot Knob
Friday, January 15
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Pilot Knob STEM Magnet

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We Can't Do What We Do Without You

Thank you to all of our fantastic volunteers who've helped make the first half of the school year a huge success for our students!

As you know, the PTA is a completely volunteer-run organization of parents from Pilot Knob, and we rely on your help. We have several leadership roles open; if we don't fill these, it will be a challenge to continue with some of our planned activities. See below for a description of some of the roles.



Please email us at PilotKnobPTA@gmail.com if you can help with any of these!

Volunteer Coordinator

The Volunteer Coordinator maintains a list of our volunteers, creates Signup Genius forms for each event, emails our list of parents, and coordinates the volunteers at our large events. (The Volunteer Coordinator is not responsible for the events; rather, he or she works with the Event Coordinator to determine the volunteers needed.) The Volunteer Coordinator is also a member of the PTA Board, and attends monthly PTA Board meetings. This role is ongoing throughout the school year.

Volunteers for Family Fun Night

All Family Fun Night roles start the first week in January and end right after Family Fun Night on March 4. We'll have a kickoff meeting with all the coordinators on Thursday, January 7, at 7:00 p.m. at LaFonda de los Lobos on Hwy. 13. Please join us for a margarita and help us plan this great event!

- **Silent Auction Coordinator** is ideally shared between two people. You can sign up with a friend, or just let us know you're interested, and we'll find a partner for you. The main responsibilities for this role include organizing incoming donations and grade-level baskets, as well as picking up items for the auction. We have already contacted most of the local businesses who donate (although you may need to recontact a few of them). You'll also pick up items. As the Silent Auction approaches, you'll package the silent auction baskets and fill out bid sheets.

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Adding it Up: Math at PK – Tues., 1/5

Join PTA members and other PK parents for a workshop with a district curriculum advisor on the PK math curriculum. Learn how – and why – our kids are learning math differently than we did, and how to help with math homework. 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 – Learn about Pilot Knob math curriculum
- PTA members and nonmembers welcome!

Get Ready for the Family Dance!

Don't miss the annual Pilot Knob Family Dance on Friday, January 15, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. We're bringing back the same DJ – KidsDance – a huge hit with the kids in past years! Snacks and spirit wear will be available for purchase. We'll also have a book swap – so be sure to bring some gently used books to trade. Admission is \$3 a person (no more than \$10 per family). More details coming soon!

Why Read 20 Minutes a Day?

The research doesn't lie. Most students who read (or are read to) 20 minutes a day typically **score in the 90th percentile on standardized tests.**

Twenty minutes a day doesn't seem like much, but it adds up fast! If your child starts reading for 20 minutes a day in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th Grade he or she will have read 3,600 minutes per school year. That's the equivalent of 60 school days reading! Please **READ, READ, READ** with your child every day. It's one of the easiest ways to help them achieve.



Don't Forget!

There is **NO SCHOOL** on Monday, January 18; Thursday, January 28; and Friday, January 29.

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Volunteers for Family Fun Night

- **Games Coordinator** is also easily shared between two people. This role consists of contacting local clubs, organizations, and businesses to find people to run the games at Family Fun Night. We have a list of those who participated last year, and have guidelines in place for the differences between businesses and nonprofits who will come in and help.
- **Vendor Coordinator.** This role (again, best shared between two people) will be to coordinate the applications, advertising, and set-up of the vendors (such as Thirty-One, Tupperware, etc.) at Family Fun Night. We have the guidelines and applications from last year, and last year's coordinator is available to help get you started.
- **Food Truck Coordinator.** This role involves finding and booking a food truck to come to Family Fun Night. You'll also be the contact for the food truck during the event.

Art Supplies Needed

The PK art department is in need of supplies, most of which you may already have around your home. If you have any of the below, please send them to school with your child in a bag marked "Art Supplies – PTA" and we'll get them to Ms. Timmerman, our art teacher. We need:

- Cleaned out containers: gallon ice cream buckets, cottage cheese containers (or similar sized items, and Chobani yogurt containers
- Arts and crafts materials you no longer use: beads, sequins, glitter, googlie eyes, pom poms, watercolor brushes, and markers
- Books for kids to read when they're done with their work

Congratulations to the Yearbook Cover Contest Winners!



The results of our yearbook cover contest are in! After reviewing some beautiful and creative entries, the following students' artwork will be featured in the Pilot Knob 2015-2016 yearbook:

- **Kalu Ly** (3rd Grade) – front cover
- **Estrellita Garcia** (3rd Grade) – back cover

Thanks to all the students who entered their work!

Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser

Mark your calendars! Saturday, February 6, is our annual Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser and silent auction. Ticket information will come home with your child soon!

Gift Cards Needed

The PTA is looking for several gift cards – from \$10-\$25 in value. These will be used at our Applebee's fundraiser and Family Fun Night for our gift card pull. If you are able to donate a gift card or two, please put them in an envelope and mark it "PTA gift card" and send it with your child to school. 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.



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