



Pilot Knob PTA News

Upcoming Events

⚙️ Family Fun Night

Location: Pilot Knob
Friday, March 4
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

⚙️ Raising a Responsible Child

Location: Pilot Knob
Tuesday, March 8
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

⚙️ Wendy's Night

Location: Eagan Wendy's
on Pilot Knob Road
Monday, March 14
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

⚙️ Spring Break

Friday, March 25, through
Friday, April 1

Pilot Knob STEM Magnet

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Perils of the Parking Lot: Keeping Our Kids Safe

Speeding. Swerving. Sudden stops. Language that would make a seasoned downtown cab driver blush. Just another rush hour in the Twin Cities? Or another hectic drop-off/pick-up in the Pilot Knob parking lot?

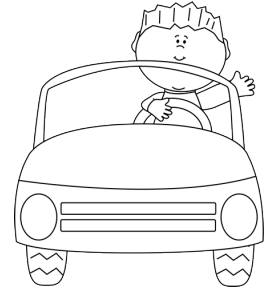
School drop-off and pick-up are by far the most dangerous times of day for children. According to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA), nontraffic motor vehicle crashes – including those in parking lots – injured an estimated 30,000 children and killed an estimated 1,043 children ages 14 and younger between 2008 and 2011.

About 85 percent of those killed and 60 percent of those injured were pedestrians and bicyclists – those outside of the vehicles involved.

We appreciate your cooperation in following these guidelines to keep our students and staff safe in the Pilot Knob parking lot:

- **Slow down** – We've had several close calls this year on the curve leading to and from the west drop-off and pick-up location. Please drive slowly and carefully, recognizing that curve is a two-way driveway. Snow and ice can make it especially dangerous.
- **Focus** – How many things are rushing through your mind during drop-off or pick-up? In those hectic moments, remember to keep your focus on your driving – and on watching out for kids who may not be paying attention to traffic.
- **Be patient and kind** – Consider making another parent's day brighter by allowing them to go ahead of you. Smile more.
- **Allow more time** – If you leave home just a few minutes earlier, you – and your children – will be less rushed and less stressed.
- **Consider the bus** – The more children taking the bus, the fewer cars at drop-off and pick-up.
- **Explain parking lot safety to your children** – Remind them to watch carefully for cars, follow staff instructions, and stay on the sidewalks.

Watch for an upcoming meeting this spring to help plan for pick-up, drop-off, and other potential parking lot improvements for the 2016-2017 school year.



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

Join us for this free workshop at Pilot Knob on Tuesday, March 8, from 6 to 7:30. Roberta Enderby from District 197 will discuss the latest research on responsibility and school success. She'll share ideas for age-appropriate chores and how to motivate kids to be more responsible.

- Free childcare included – RSVP to PilotKnobPTA@gmail.com and feel free to bring a bag lunch for your child
- 6:00-7:30 – Raising a Responsible Child workshop: Free for all parents/guardians/grandparents of Kindergarten – 4th grade students
- PTA members and nonmembers welcome!

Granite City Rocked

Thank you to all students, families, and staff who joined us at Granite City for our fundraiser event on Sunday, February 21! Together we enjoyed good food and great company – all while raising money for our school.

Last Chance: Order a PK Yearbook Today

Time is running out! To ensure your child receives a 2016 Pilot Knob Yearbook, you must place your order by Friday, March 11.

To order:

visit ybpay.lifetouch.com and enter our School ID code: 1075716.

The cost is \$25, with the optional current events insert an additional \$2. If you have questions, email us at

PilotKnobPTA+yearbook@gmail.com.



Don't Forget!

NO SCHOOL –
SPRING BREAK

Friday, March 25 through
Friday, April 1

Remember to practice IXL
and read, read, read!



**PILOT
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Family Fun Night – Friday, March 4

Grab your friends and neighbors and join us on Friday, March 4, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for our annual Family Fun Night! Our largest event of the year and a long-standing PK tradition, Family Fun Night features carnival games, a silent auction, a food truck, and vendors to shop. Game tickets are \$0.50 each and games cost between 1 and 4 tickets to play.

We hope you enjoy the evening with your children! If you can volunteer with set-up and clean-up, please sign up at pilotknobpta.my-pta.org.

Book Fair: By the Numbers

Thank you to everyone who shopped and volunteered at our book fair in February! As the numbers can tell you, it was a huge success!

The PTA was able to purchase:

- **\$80 in books** for each classroom
- **\$40 – \$80 in books** for each specialist
- **\$600 in books** for the library

Each teacher also received two \$10 Golden Tickets (\$300 total) to buy additional books. And we sold a whopping 70 secret spy pens!



Box Tops are Back!

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

The contest kicks off on **Monday, March 21**, and runs until **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!

Planning for 2016-2017

Even though we're just starting 3rd quarter, we're already planning for next year! Next year's calendar will be set this month, and we are looking for new parents to take on a PTA leadership role next year. As long as lots of people help, nobody has to do too much!

We have several open PTA board and leadership positions next year – and we will still have plenty of experienced and knowledgeable parents around to help as well.

What's your passion? What's your talent? Contact us today to see how you can help next year at PilotKnobPTA@gmail.com.

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.