



# Pilot Knob PTA News

## Upcoming Events

**Wendy's Night**  
Location: Eagan Wendy's  
on Pilot Knob Road  
Monday, May 9  
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

**BOGO Book Fair**  
Thursday, May 19:  
7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, May 20:  
7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Cultural Fair**  
Thursday, May 19  
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

**Kindergarten Concert**  
Thursday, May 26  
6:30 p.m.

Pilot Knob STEM Magnet

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## MYTHS and FACTS about the Pilot Knob PTA

What you don't know about the Pilot Knob Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) might just surprise you ...

**MYTH #1:** We're all stay-at-home moms.

**FACT:** Everyone on the incoming 2016-2017 school year PTA board works outside the home; most of us work full time. We are not all moms: Our board and wider membership includes dads, grandparents, guardians, and Pilot Knob staff.

**MYTH #2:** All the PTA does is fundraise.

**FACT:** Fundraising is an important part of what we do for our school – but we also provide fun events (Family Fun Night, Kindergarten Picnic, Meet & Greet, book fairs), support educational initiatives (Think Tank, school supply drives, books for teachers, residencies, recognition for teachers, STEM Fair), and more.

**MYTH #3:** Volunteering only an hour a year won't make a difference.

**FACT:** Everyone is busy and most parents of PK students are working parents. That's why volunteering even just an hour a year makes a HUGE difference. It enables us to carry out every event without anyone having to do too much.

**MYTH #4 :** PTA meetings are only for PTA members.

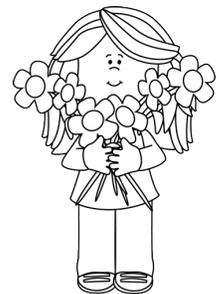
**FACT:** Our meetings are open to any parent or guardian of a child attending Pilot Knob, regardless of whether you're a PTA member.

Don't believe the myths – get to know the PTA instead! We're pleased to introduce you to the PTA board members for the 2016-2017 school year:

- **Amanda Kay, Co-President:** Hello! I will be sharing the President position with Deb Kubes next year. My husband, Matt, and I have two children: Evelyn, who will be a 2nd grader next year, and Oliver, who attends preschool in St. Paul. I work full time as an architect at a residential firm in Minneapolis and enjoy my job designing homes and cabins for my clients. I look forward to serving on the PTA next year and am excited to meet more of the families at Pilot Knob!

## THANK YOU

On behalf of the PTA Board and Pilot Knob community, we offer a heartfelt thank-you to Brenda Lawrence, outgoing PTA President and board member for the past four years! We wish her much-earned rest and relaxation – and look forward to her support as a volunteer next year.



- **Deb Kubes, Co-President:** I'm happy to be sharing the responsibilities of President with Amanda Kay next year, when my son, Carter, will be a 2nd grader at Pilot Knob. I work full time managing a team of writers and artists as a creative lead for an in-house advertising agency. I love volunteering at Pilot Knob as often I can and have enjoyed getting to know staff, parents, and our amazing students!
- **Emily Remick, Vice President:** I have two beautiful daughters, ages seven and five. I met my husband, Anthony, at Henry Sibley High School in 10th grade, and we had always dreamed of having our children attend the same school district that we did. Ivy, my oldest daughter, is the third generation of Remicks to attend Pilot Knob Elementary. We are all very big Wild hockey fans, and in the summer our favorites include swimming and Valleyfair.

## The Science Museum at PK!

Educators from the Minnesota Science Museum will be at Pilot Knob May 24–26 to teach our students about the importance of water as a resource. In this hands-on experience, students will conduct water cycle experiments and learn about pumping groundwater from wells, making wastewater clean enough to drink, how pH levels change in lakes affected by acid rain, and more. Thanks to funding from the PTA, this exciting residency program helps bring science to life for our students!



### Don't Forget!

**NO SCHOOL**  
Memorial Day  
Monday, May 30

Enjoy the beautiful  
spring weather!



**PILOT  
KNOB  
STEM  
MAGNET**

- **Jonathan Ehrlich, Secretary:** I am the father of Eliav (3rd grade) and Ayelet (1st grade). We live in Mendota Heights. I work as a long-range transportation planner and forecaster for the Metropolitan Council in St. Paul and am a licensed professional engineer.
- **Sarah Fortin, Communications/PR:** My husband, Doug, and I have two daughters at Pilot Knob: Sonja and Sunny. I work full time as the senior writer on a marketing team, and try to bring my communications experience to the PTA. I'm excited to serve the other families and teachers at Pilot Knob in this small way, and look forward to a great 2016–2017 school year!
- **Nicole Gode, Volunteer Coordinator:** Our son, Billy, will be in 3rd grade next year at Pilot Knob. We got involved in the PTA when he was in Kindergarten, and it was the best decision. With the crazy work schedules we have, it's a great way to stay involved in the school and be a part of his educational career. We have so much fun volunteering at the events, getting to know the other PK students and families. Thanks to all of you for making this such a great school!
- **David Foster, Teacher Representative:** Next year will be my second year teaching 1st grade at Pilot Knob. I have been working with students and their families for the past 10 years in many different settings and roles. I'm looking forward to another year of supporting the needs of families and teachers here at Pilot Knob through my role as a PTA member.
- **Treasurer:** We currently have an open position for Treasurer on our PTA board. If interested please email us at [PilotKnobPTA@gmail.com](mailto:PilotKnobPTA@gmail.com).

### How Can You Help Next Year?

What are your interests? We have many volunteer opportunities to fit your talents and your time. Choose from an array of roles and tasks that can be done at school, at home, in the evenings – or consider signing up to help plan one event! Check out our list of open positions for next year on our volunteer page at [pilotknobpta.my-pta.org](http://pilotknobpta.my-pta.org).

### BOGO Book Fair – May 19 & 20

Mark your calendars for May 19 and 20! Our last book fair of the year is only two days, but you don't want to miss it! Everything in the fair is buy one, get one FREE!! It's a great time to stock up on books for summer reading, year-end gifts for teachers, and summer birthdays. All books, posters, kits, and even the multi-packs of books are included in this amazing sale! We cannot reorder items from this fair – once they're gone, they're gone!

### BOX TOP WINNERS! Congratulations to Mr. Autio's 2nd Graders!

915 Box Tops + 1,074 Labels for Education + 8 Tyson A+ labels = a popcorn party for Mr. Autio's lucky 2nd Grade class. Their record-breaking grand total of 1,997 box tops/labels was the highest of any Pilot Knob classroom this year.

**Together, all Pilot Knob students collected a whopping 10,996 box tops and labels – more than double what we collected last fall.** This translates to funding for Pilot Knob, as well as academic, athletic, and arts supplies all students can enjoy. Start saving box tops and labels now for our fall contest!

