

2019-2020 EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Informational Brochure



*“Teamwork Divides The Task
& Multiplies The Success”*

Where to Find More Info:

Website: www.cucinellapto.org. Visit to find dates, sign ups, contact info & more during the school year.

Monthly meetings: The PTO holds one general membership meeting per month, open to all PTO members who would like to attend. Most of the meetings are held in the evenings & located in the school cafeteria. We do have a few daytime meetings throughout the year. Join us! Get to know more parents, hear what's being planned and be a part of the excitement at Cucinella!

E-mails: E-mail blasts from the PTO Communications Directors will be sent out as needed. They will include any SignUp Genius links for upcoming events that need volunteers, a compiled list of upcoming PTO events and any important info from Committee Chairs will also be included.

Monthly Newsletters: Nellie's News will be released each month via room parents. Nellie's News will include information on past, current & upcoming activities, volunteer opportunities & more!

Event Flyers: Flyers for upcoming events, programs, etc. will be sent home via the student's backpacks as needed.

Facebook: Our FB page is for our PTO members only. Here you will see reminders, events, volunteer opportunities, pictures & more! Join today & gain access to our FB Group!

MemberHub Directory: This online database is for PTO members only.

Welcome!

Who we are

We are a Parent-Teacher organization, working together to support and enrich all students. We support school staff, help promote student self-esteem, and assist in efforts to solve school needs through volunteering and funding.

At Cucinella, we strive for excellence! The PTO is a TEAM effort in which we cannot succeed on our own. Become a member, join in the fun, create excitement and help our children in countless ways! Join the Cucinella PTO team today! We look forward to working alongside of you!

Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much!
- Helen Keller

Did you Know...Some companies will issue a grant for your PTO volunteer hours?

Volunteer grant programs, also known as "Dollars for Doers" programs, are corporate giving programs created to encourage volunteerism in communities where employees live and work. Through these programs, companies provide monetary grants to organizations where employees volunteer regularly.

What we do

Please take a moment to read through this brochure and familiarize yourself with some of the activities, events & programs we provide throughout the school year.

- **Art Appreciation** ~ A fun group that helps prepare the students artwork for the art show in the spring. Cutting matts, labels & more.
- **Art-rageous** ~ Children's artwork is displayed throughout the school for parents to come & view. A quick craft is available, music & signing is available to participate in.
- **Back To School Staff Breakfast** ~ Show our staff some love by supplying a bountiful breakfast on their 1st day back.
- **Baking/Sunshine Committee** ~ A group that comes together to prepare meals & care for needs of our Cucinella families when special circumstances arise.
- **Bingo For Books** ~ A family fun night of Bingo! The winner gets to choose a prize from a selection of lovely books donated from our library & PTO.
- **Book Fair** ~ Browse the amazing selection of books offered thru Scholastic! Kids are able to walk thru during their school day, create a 'wish list' but purchases are made when they return with their family after school or online.

- **Box Tops** ~ Collect your Box Tops & send them in with your child's name, teacher & grade. They can be dropped off in the collection box in the office all year. Send in via your child's backpack. Contests are held approx. twice a year.
- **Clothing Drives** ~ Collection of clothing & other items dropped off in the front of the school, usually held in the Fall & Spring.
- **Garden Committee** ~ Help keep the entrance of the school looking great! Care & maintain the pots by the front entrance.
- **Globalympics** ~ Help kids excel in their knowledge of geography with this wonderful self-paced K-3 program!
- **Hershey Park Tickets** ~ Discounted park and meal tickets available for purchase during a specific time period.
- **Holiday Boutique** ~ A wonderful & fun shopping experience for the kids in the winter! All grades browse & are able to purchase gifts for their family & friends. Gifts are wrapped & tagged then sent home with the children.
- **Ice Cream Social** ~ Come share in some delicious frozen treats with all your friends! An event held after the walk-thru in the beginning of the school year.
- **Kindergarten Tea & Tissues** ~ Come to a casual gathering to find out the ins & outs of what goes on in your child's day! A meeting for new parents to ask all of their questions & put their concerns to rest.
- **Library Helpers** ~ Volunteer in the library! See the kids as they come in for class time with books!

- **Plant Sale** ~ Children are able to purchase plants for their moms & other family members.
- **Room Parent Meeting** ~ This meeting is an informal informational meeting for all Room Parents. Answering questions & advising of some of the programs, parties, etc. that happen for the classes throughout the year.
- **Scholarship** ~ The PTO provides scholarships to a select few WMCHS students, former Cucinella graduates.
- **School Supply Kits** ~ Order your child's school supplies & have them delivered right to their classroom on the 1st day of school!
- **Silver Graphics** ~ A way to show-off your children's artwork! Pick from a large variety of items on which your children's creations can be preserved.
- **Snow Ball** ~ A Family Fun night for all to enjoy! This theme may change year to year but it's usually held around the same time each year (February).
- **Spirit Days** ~ Students participate monthly in a fun 'theme' chosen by the PTO to dress up & express themselves creatively. School spirit wear is worn on School Spirit Days chosen by the school.
- **Spirit Sticks** ~ An older program that we still have some stock available from. Fun colorful fabric keychain sticks to encourage students or to wish them a special greeting.
- **Spring Fundraiser** ~ The Tricky Tray is our BIG fundraiser held in the spring.

- **Spring Picnic** ~ A family event held towards the end of the school year. A fun time for the kids to run around with their friends, enjoy some games, food & entertainment.
- **Student Portraits** ~ Picture day for the staff & students!
- **Talent Show** ~ Children perform in our Cucinella's Got Talent performance!
- **Teacher Appreciation** ~ A week when we show the teachers & staff at the school how much we appreciate them & all they do! Followed up by a big luncheon! Some things include door decorating, goodie bags, gift cards, etc.
- **Teacher Grants** ~ Grants are reviewed & approved by PTO members.
- **Theater Week** ~ A creative play offered to kids in 2nd thru 5th grade. They attend practice right after school for 4 days & then perform for their family & friends on the 5th day.
- **Trick or Trunk** ~ Decorate your trunk, carve a pumpkin or donate a ton of candy! A Halloween Family Fun night for all to enjoy.
- **Yearbook** ~ Join an artistic team of people that bring the fun of the school year together into a book of memories that can be cherished for a lifetime.
- **5th Grade Celebration** ~ All of the graduating 5th Graders at Cucinella enjoy their last big event where they can sign yearbooks, have some snacks, dance & laugh with their friends.