

# YOUR U.P.E. PTO Newsletter

Newsletter - February 2016



## Upcoming Events

### TUESDAY, FEB 2nd

Next SAC meeting  
5:30pm (Library)  
\*Followed by the  
PTO meeting  
6:00pm (Library)

\*ALL parents invited to come  
and participate in both  
meetings!

### WEDNESDAY, FEB 10th

Cupid's Capers  
Literary Night - 6pm UPE  
Interactive Reading Event  
for students & parents  
Super, Super FUN!

### MONDAY, FEB 15TH

NO SCHOOL  
Presidents Day

### MONDAY, FEB 22ND

3rd Trimester Ends

### SATURDAY, FEB 27TH

Destination Imagination  
(DI) Tournament  
9am - 3pm  
Colorado Springs location  
\*See email from  
Mr. MD for all the details

**A YEAR AGO WE KICKED OFF  
THE PTO NEWSLETTER! MAN  
HOW TIMES FLIES!**

**IN CASE YOU ARE NEW TO THE  
SCHOOL, HERE IS THE SCOOP ON  
THE PTO!**

### What is PTO?

PTO stands for Parent Teacher Organization. This group includes Mr. Briggs Hail, teachers and parents from all different grades. Parents can come to ANY one of or ALL the meetings.

### How often does PTO meet?

PTO meetings are held the first Tuesday, of every month, during the school year. Meetings are held at the school, in the library at 6pm and they last about an hour.

### What does PTO do exactly?

The PTO's mission is to support the school, the teachers (bonus money to each teacher to spend on their class) and primarily, the students.

Annually we spend about \$5,000 on school enrichment (TAP), student events (Halloween Carnival, Breakfast w/Santa, Craft Day) and much more.

*We even buy cool things for the kids like 3-D printers!*

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Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.”

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*Dear Parents,* It's time to send in more BoxTops! Each one is worth 10 cents. They add up quickly and Ute Pass Elementary can use the money to buy whatever we need. We have already received \$331 so far this year & we would really like to reach a goal of \$500. Information about the program can be found at [BTFE.com](http://BTFE.com). This challenge period ends February 25, 2016 & the class submitting the most will win a Popsicle Party. Thanks for your help! Please send any questions to Kristina Reavis at [jadendog@msn.com](mailto:jadendog@msn.com).

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*Save the Date!* The Ute Pass Pony Run & Silent Auction will be Sat. May 7th, 2016!

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*Volunteers wanted!* We need help with our largest fundraising event of the year, The Ute Pass Silent Auction. Contact Jenny Kowal [jenniferkowal@rocketmail.com](mailto:jenniferkowal@rocketmail.com) if you can help by sending letters, making phone calls or picking up donations.

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*Partnership for Healthy Choices* will have a box for food donations in the front hallway for the month of February. Help support our local food bank and bring in any canned good or boxed item.

## Walking School Bus

Every Wednesday morning students, parents and teachers meet in Green Mountain Falls to walk to school. It's fun, refreshing and there will be a free breakfast at UPE for any and all who participate!

Meet at the bottom of Chipita Park and Mountain Roads, at the parking lot, adjacent to the Green Mountain Falls sign. Come at 7:05 am. We will leave at 7:10, sharp. Please join us! We walk in most weather, but for updates on weather cancellations text John Dooley at 719-322-4880, or Beth Romano at 710-313-3246.

Hope to see you soon!

## TAP SUCCESS

### The Rubik's

**Cube Club** is a lot of fun, and it also helps improve the kids teamwork. The older kids also teach the young ones, who don't know how to solve the Rubik's Cube how to master it.

In our current TAP class, we are creating cube mosaics, which is a pixalized picture made out of 100 Rubik's Cubes. We have 15 Club members and we are

having  
a great time!  
Thank you PTO,  
Landon May



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Elementary School

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## So far this year YOUR PTO has been very busy, Check it out...

In October, PTO gave you the family fun Halloween Carnival! There was a line up of great costumes, fun games, and fantastic food. The haunted house was spectacularly spooky, and with our best attendance EVER, almost 200 families!

In December, PTO hosted our 2nd Annual Breakfast with Santa! Families had a blast eating delicious food, cooked up by the UPE Dad Crew, getting pictures taken with Santa, and participating in the raffle-style auction. We also supported the Marine's Toys for Tots!

Our Craft Day in December was another PTO event and was such a blast! Students spent the morning creating one-of-a-kind gifts to bring home for their families. They also made fleece scarves for the donated Community Craft. They were graciously received by the Dale House, a homeless teen shelter ran by Grandma Science and her husband. The Craft Day Committee, made up of 15 parent volunteers, put in a lot of time and energy. We also had the 6th graders helping in each classroom, as well as the High School's Student Council. Having so much help made 2015 Craft Day our most successful yet! We are so grateful for all our hard-working, amazing volunteers!

## ----- P.T.O. Meetings -----

*Our next PTO meeting will be held at the school, in the library.*

**Tuesday, February 2nd - 6:00PM**

**U.P.E. school library**

*(meeting should last about an hour)*

*"There is no "I" in team, but we sure are glad there is "u" in volunteers!"*