



PTO NEWS YOU CAN USE



Hi River Otter Families and Staff! We hope you had a wonderful winter break. Now that the holidays are over, we are thinking about 2022, and we want to help our students and staff finish the year strong. Please mark your calendar for the upcoming dates noted on this flyer. There will be other upcoming events not listed yet, and we will push those dates out as soon as they are solidified.

Survey Responses

Thank you to everyone who responded to the survey that we sent out through email and Facebook before break. We had 68 responses, and from the responses received, there was some concern with spending PTO funds to buy beanie hats for the students. Some members would like to see the money go towards bigger initiatives for the school. Therefore, we decided NOT to purchase the hats, and we will be in contact with the NKES administration to see what big initiative we can assist with in the future. There has been some discussion over adding sensory walks and purchasing playground balls for the grade levels. We will see what the staff wants/needs and try to make it happen.

From the survey, we also heard several members would like to hold PTO meetings in the evening. To try and accommodate this, we have planned two evening meetings in Spring 2022. We will see how the attendance is at these meetings to help plan for next year. If attendance is poor, we will keep our morning meetings.

Committee Chairs

Thank you to the following members who have stepped up as committee chairs.

- **Yearbook-Laura Richards**
- **Holiday Shop-Erin Begonia and Maggie Settlemire** did an AMAZING job heading up the holiday shop. Thank you so much ladies!
- **Spirit Night-Rachael Hubbard**
- **Beautification-Jordan Wingenbach**

We still have a few committee chair positions available. We need one more **beautification chair** to work with Jordan to decorate the front hallway bulletin board and lobby, change flags, maintain blue flower pots out front, etc. **Two staff appreciation chairs are needed** to coordinate a monthly treat for the staff. One or two **book fair committee chairs** are needed to coordinate volunteers, and help with set up/break down of the fair (to be held in April or May 2022). Don't be nervous to step up, the board is here to help you along the way! Please email us at riverotters@nkespto.org if you are interested in one of

these positions. We appreciate working as a team to make a big impact on the staff/students at NKES. Thank you!

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2022!

~NKES PTO Executive Board

Kristel Lamp, Caroline Tavai, Brittany Gutierrez, & Lauren Paone

PTO Calendar of Events-Spring 2022

January

- **Friday, January 14th-JANUARY PTO MEETING** at 9:15 am the NKES Cafeteria (Note this is a change from the original January 7th date)
- **Monday, January 24th-SPIRIT NIGHT at Third Base Grill** from 6:00-9:00 pm.

February

- **NO FEBRUARY PTO MEETING**
- **Tuesday, Feb. 8th-SPIRIT NIGHT** at Wendy's Bottom Bridge 5pm-8pm
- **February 7th-11th-Valentine Grams** to be sold
- **February 14th-Valentine Grams** to be distributed

March

- **Tuesday, March 8th-SPIRIT NIGHT** at McDonald's Bottom Bridge location 5m-8pm
- **Thursday, March 10th-March PTO Meeting** at 6 pm in the NKES Cafeteria
- **Friday, March 25th-Friday, April 1st-SPIRIT DAYS** at Five Below Williamsburg Settler's Landing

April

- **Thursday, April 14th-April PTO Meeting** at 6 pm in the NKES Cafeteria
- **Tuesday, April 26th-SPIRIT DAY** at Pizza Hut Bottoms Bridge (all day)
- **BINGO FOR BOOKS and the BOOK FAIR** will be held in April or May 2022-date(s) to be determined

May

NO MAY PTO MEETING PLANNED at this time

June

- **Friday, June 3rd-June PTO Meeting** at 9:15 am in the cafeteria
- **Tuesday, June 7th-SPIRIT NIGHT** at McDonald's Bottoms Bridge 5pm-8pm