



Dear Summerside Families,

Welcome to Summerside for the **2018-2019** school year. Whether you are a new or returning family, we are happy to have you here.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the Summerside PTO. The mission of the Summerside PTO is to help provide things to students in addition to what they receive during a normal school day. This is accomplished by holding after school events such as dances, providing additional materials for use in classrooms, and supporting after school clubs. Last year the PTO was able to purchase a stream table to support learning in Mrs. Duncan's class, provide StoryWorks and MobyMax materials for all grades, contribute to the cost of camp or field trips for all grades, support the yearbook club by purchasing yearbooks for its members, and provide a color run for the Girls on the Run 2K.

It takes the support of the entire Summerside community to ensure the success of our mission. Being a member of the PTO is a great way to be involved in your child's experience here at Summerside. PTO membership is not limited to parents of students, as we also welcome grandparents and any other family members who wish to become involved. While we hold business meetings the first Wednesday of each month, attendance at these meetings is never a requirement of being involved.

The PTO relies on volunteers and donations to support all events and fundraising efforts. Please keep in mind that all donations are tax deductible as the PTO is a non-profit group. Additionally, we encourage participation, and any way you choose to be involved is very much appreciated. Many people believe that they have to be a stay-at-home parent in order to be involved, but that is NOT the case. In fact, all of the PTO board members this year have jobs outside of the home. Aside from sending in donations, participation can include things such as:

- Working at an event (even just an hour of time is much appreciated!)
- Preparing or picking up items for an event
- Helping to acquire donations from companies for events

We have many events planned for our students and families this school year and we will need your help to ensure these events are able to take place as planned. On the back of this letter is a list of events we would like to hold this year. All of these events cannot happen without the support of our parents.

If you can help at all, please fill out the back of this form and return it to school with your child and we will contact you, or if you would prefer, you can contact us through the PTO email at summersidepto@gmail.com. Additionally, we would like your opinions on events you would like to see as well as fundraisers you would support and encourage you to attend one of our meetings to share your thoughts with us. Thank you in advance for working together with us to help provide your child with the best school experience possible.

Our first PTO meeting of the school year is on Wednesday, August 1, 2018 from 6:30 to 7:30 in the Media Center. Don't forget that free child care is provided during PTO meetings. Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Laura Ard
PTO President



EVENT	DATE	TIME	I can HELP
Movie Night	9/14	7-9	
Boo Fest Boogie Dance	10/26	7-9	
Parent Teacher Conferences (food donations)	11/5	3-4	
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Santa Breakfast **looking for chairperson	12/8	9-12	
Movie Night	1/25	7-9	
Father Daughter Dance	2/8	7-9	
Parent Teacher Conferences (food donations)	2/13	3-4	
Carnival **looking for chairperson	3/8	6-9	
Mother Son Dance	4/5	7-9	
Summerside-A-Thon	April-TBA	TBD	
Alumni Event	4/12or13	TBD	
Plant Sale	5/10	11-3	
5 th Grade Farewell	May-TBA	10-2	

Please tell us about suggestions you may have. _____

Please tell us about any connections you may have or resources you know of in the community that may help us meet our mission. _____

Please keep in mind that there are many behind the scenes tasks surrounding all of our events that allow you to work at a time and place convenient for you. If you would like to help, but are unsure of how you might contribute, please let us know, as we are confident we can find a way to help you be a partner in your child's education. Additionally, if you are unable to commit to an event at this time, please fill out the section below and we will contact you as events approach to let you know how you can help.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Child's Name: _____

Child's Teacher: _____