



Dear Families,

On behalf of the PTO, we would like to welcome everyone back to school. The school year's PTO is made up of several officers: **April Tibbetts** and **Jaime Poirier**, Co-Presidents; and **Amanda Hope and Natalie Leonard**, Co-vice Presidents; **Kate White**, Secretary; and **David Lichtenstein**, Treasurer, and not to mention our wonderful school staff and volunteers.

What is the PTO and who can be a Member?

You ask what is PTO? PTO stands for Parent-Teacher Organization, consisting of parents and teachers 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. So, who can be a member? If you're a father, mother, protector, guardian, and/or a person who teaches or instructs at Hampden Meadows School. If you answered YES, then we would like you to become a member. How do I sign up? Signing up for the PTO is easy, just go to www.hampdenmeadowspto.org and click on the Register button OR scan the QR code below.

PTO Programs & Fundraising

Our primary objective as a PTO is to provide our school with funds, programs, resources, and services that will enrich and maximize the education of every child and to benefit the school. To meet this important objective, we fundraise. Because of generous participation in the Tough Tiger Race, Whooo's Reading Read-a-thon and membership dues we have funded and supported the following activities and projects:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Books, therapeutic games and art supplies for the social emotional staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Playground irrigation system repair, sod and mulch installation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Gr. 5 Cartographer workshop
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Books for classrooms and library 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Author visits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ \$40K on Playground equipment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ School-wide assemblies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Teacher Appreciation week 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ \$100 Teacher Grants for classroom supplies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ "Sanctuary"-calming room 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Equipment for PE classes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Bike Safety Program
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Fully funded field trips 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Bike racks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ \$25K on Makerspace

Become a Volunteer....Why YOU should get involved!

As you can see, we are a small and busy group. This is where you can come in! We need your help, and so do your child(ren). A special thanks to all of our volunteers from last year for all their hard work and dedication. Here at Hampden Meadows we strive for excellence and what better way than to become involved today. We are in need of growth and are seeking volunteers to continue re-establishing the organization. We have planned some exciting events this year in hopes to get more parents involved in their children's education. The PTO is a team effort in which we cannot succeed on our own. Please come and join us by signing up or contacting the Executive Board at board@hampdenmeadowspto.org.

Sincerely,
April Tibbetts and Jaime Poirier

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