



ASHLAND PTO NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Welcome to the first edition of our monthly PTO newsletter! I'm so excited to have a new way to share all of the wonderful things we're doing for our Ashland school community. Each month, the newsletter will include information on upcoming events throughout Ashland, a link to sign-up to volunteer, a look back at the past month's events, and ways to help support the PTO and the many programs we bring to our schools.

We always welcome feedback and suggestions. If you have any questions or comments, please reach out to me at president@ashlandpto.com.

Thank you,
Meghan McGuire
President, Ashland PTO

Coming up this month

Color Splash Run - Come join in the fun with family and friends while raising money for the AHS Make-A-Wish Club and the K-12 PTO on October 16 at 10am at Stone Park. For more information, visit:

ashlandpto.com/2016/09/07/color-splash-run/

Kid's Night Out - Let your third, fourth and fifth graders enjoy a night with their friends on October 21 from 6:30-9pm at the Mindess School. For more information, visit:

ashlandpto.com/kno/

Warren School Math Night - Head on over to the Warren School on October 27 at 6pm for a math-themed family fun night, including bingo, a scavenger hunt, crafts, stories, and games. Children are allowed to wear costumes and have a picture taken in the Math Night photo booth. If you would like to volunteer for Math Night, please visit

ashlandpto.com/volunteer to sign up.

Walk to Mindess - As part of the national "Let's Move" campaign, let your Mindess children walk to school on October 5, 19 and 26 at 7:30am from Montenegro Square. Parent volunteers are needed and will be there to walk children to the Mindess School. If you would like to volunteer, please visit ashlandpto.com/volunteer to sign up.

Healthy snack donations needed - The Warren and Mindess Schools have students who are in need of healthy snacks on a regular basis. The PTO truly appreciates your generosity in this effort to keep our elementary students fed so they have energy and stamina to learn. If you would like to donate snacks, please sign up [here](#).

Support the PTO

- Shop at Amazon using our [link](#). The PTO gets a percentage of your purchase!
- Bring your recycling to Abitibi Recycling Bins (green and yellow) located behind each school and the PTO gets money back!
- Purchase gift cards through [SCRIP](#) and the PTO gets a percentage of each gift card!
- Collect [Box Tops](#) and send them into school with your child. The PTO redeems them and gets money back!
- Become a [Friend of the PTO!](#)

Request for outdoor toys - Do you have any extra outdoor toys, such as balls, jump ropes or hula hoops? If so, the teachers at the Warren School would love to collect them for children to use at recess. Please bring donations to the schools.

Looking back

The annual **Popsicle Playdate** was held on August 24 for the incoming kindergarteners to allow them a chance to meet other children in their class. The event had a huge turnout and the children had so much fun on the new Warren School playground. Parents also had the opportunity to ask questions to a parent representative for each kindergarten teacher and meet Principal Peter Regan. The event was great kick-off to what we hope is a successful year for the newest Warren students.

On August 30, The PTO teamed up with ASHPAC to support the district in bringing in keynote speaker **Ron Suskind**, Pulitzer Prize winning journalist and author of “Life, Animated” to present to Ashland teachers during an all-staff meeting in preparation for this school year.

Johnny the K visited the Warren and Mindess Schools on September 13 and 15 respectively, to entertain all classes through song, while teaching important lessons about how to be a kind and respectful member of our community.

Calendar of upcoming events

OCTOBER

- 3 No School
- 5 District PTO Mtg @ 7pm, AHS Library
- 5 Walk to Mindess @ 7:30am, Montenegro Square
- 10-12 No School
- 16 [Color Splash Run @ 10am, Stone Park](#)
- 18 ASHPAC “Basic Rights” @ 7pm, AMS Activity Room
- 18 [K-5 PTO Mtg @ 7pm, Mindess Library](#)
- 19 K-12 Early Release (After Lunch)
- 19 Walk to Mindess @ 7:30am, Montenegro Square
- 19 [DAET/PTO/ASHPAC “Fostering Resiliency” w/ Ken Ginsburg @ 7pm, AHS Auditorium](#)
- 19 Warren Dads Mtg @ 7pm, Warren Library
- 21 [Mindess Kid’s Night Out @ 6:30-9pm, Mindess School](#)
- 25 Mindess Dads Mtg @ 7pm, Mindess Library
- 26 Walk to Mindess @ 7:30am, Montenegro Square
- 27 [Math Night @ 6pm, Warren School](#)
- 29 Ashland Half Marathon, 5K & One Mile Walk @10am

NOVEMBER

- 1-4 Mindess Scholastic Book Fair
- 1-3 K-5 Early Release (before lunch)
- 8 No School
- 9 District PTO Mtg @ 7pm, AHS Library
- 9 ASHPAC “College Info Night for Students on IEP” @ 7pm, AMS Activity Room
- 11 No School
- 15 [K-5 PTO Mtg @ 7pm, Warren Library](#)
- 15 DAET World Café: Reducing Ashland’s Adolescent Alcohol Use @ 7pm, Ashland Public Library
- 18 AEFI Casino Night @ 6pm
- 23 K-12 Early Release (before lunch)
- 24-25 No School
- 29 Mindess Dads Mtg @ 7pm, Mindess Library

[Never miss an event by subscribing to the Events Calendar](#) - The calendar not only includes PTO events, but shows half days, vacation days, and meeting/events from other organizations such as AEFI, ASHPAC, AHS Student Council, DAET, Mindess and Warren Dads, and more! Just click the SUBSCRIBE button in the lower right corner of the calendar. You can even add it to your Google calendar, Apple iCal, Outlook calendar, or any other calendar app you choose.

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