



ASHLAND PTO NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

The holiday season has officially arrived! Did you know that there are lots of ways to help support the PTO while also tackling your holiday shopping list?

- Shop on Amazon using our [link](#) and the PTO will earn 6-10% on every purchase made.
- Purchase gift cards through [SCRIP](#) and the PTO gets a percentage of each gift card.

I hope you and your family had a wonderful Thanksgiving and enjoy the rest of the holiday season!

Happy Holidays,

Meghan McGuire - President, Ashland PTO

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Coming up this month

Kid's Night Out - Let your 3rd, 4th and 5th graders enjoy a night with their friends on December 16 from 6:30-9pm at the Mindess School. For more information, visit:

ashlandpto.com/kno/

PTO-Sponsored Enrichments

- **Mad Science Weather presentation** - Get ready for your 1st grader to become a weather expert! They are bound to want to become a meteorologist after the hands on **Mad Science Weather** presentation December 5-7.
- **Tanglewood Marionettes** - On December 13, the Kindergarteners will attend a performance of The Dragon King by the Tanglewood Marionettes. They'll even have a question and answer session with the company.
- **Author Visit** - Award Winning Author and Illustrator Grace Lin will visit the Mindess School on December 6 for a presentation to all Mindess students. Students are welcome to bring in her books to receive an autograph during her visit.

Fall Box Top Contest - Our Fall [Box Tops](#) event is in full swing at both the Warren and Mindess schools. You have until December 2 to send in your box tops. The class from each grade that earns the most points will win a Popsicle Party!

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](#).

Murder Mystery Dinner

Stock up on hair spray and scrunch your leg warmers - the 80s are coming to Ashland! Grab your righteous 80s gear and get ready to rock while solving a bodacious murder with your totally awesome friends!

Join us for the PTO's annual murder mystery dinner on January 27. Cost is \$40/person and includes a buffet dinner and dessert. Tickets are limited, so get yours at ashlandpto.com/totallymurder

Save the Date - Mindess Family Art Night

Let your kid's creative juices flow at our second annual Mindess Family Art Night on January 19 at the Mindess school. All age groups are welcome. For more information, visit: ashlandpto.com/artnight

Save the Date - Clocker Classic

Get ready to cheer the Ashland teachers and administration as they play each other in a fun game of basketball at the second annual Clocker Classic on March 9. There will be plenty of entertainment with half-time games, a 3-point contest and more. This is an event you and your kids won't want to miss!

Looking back

On October 27, the Warren School community enjoyed a successful **Math Night**. Students had a blast tackling math questions during the scavenger hunt, playing bingo, participating in number-related crafts, and building a LEGO wall. A huge thank you to the AHS Robotics Club, the Warren teaching staff, and all of the volunteers who made the night possible.

Mindess held its first ever **Trivia Night** on November 10 and the turnout was wonderful! This event was for 3rd graders and the kids had a great time. Mr. Caira served as MC and had everyone up and dancing for extra points in between rounds. Save the date for the 4th grade trivia night on January 12! For more information, visit ashlandpto.com/mindess trivia

On November 21 and 22, we gave thanks to our teachers by providing breakfast at each school. It was a special treat for them and much appreciated by both teachers and staff. A huge thank you to all of the volunteers who provided breakfast items and helped set-up at each school.

PTO-Sponsored Enrichments

- The 3rd grade class visited **Plimouth Plantation** on November 9. The students had a day of perfect weather while they met William Bradford, watched a mishoon be built and learned all about the US.
- **Wingmasters** visited the 4th grade class on November 21. They brought in a few species of owls and a few other birds of prey. The program was very informative and your kids picked up some new vocabulary words too!
- **Bugworks** also visited the 4th graders on November 10 and 15. The presenter brought tarantulas, walking sticks, millipedes, hissing cockroaches and more! Each insect was brought out one-by-one and the students discussed their lifecycles, habitats and bodies.

Translation Assistant Wanted - Do you speak a foreign language? Would you like to help the PTO translate our newsletter and flyers? Please email Erin at webmaster@ashlandpto.com if you are interested!

Calendar of upcoming events

DECEMBER

5-7	1st Grade Mad Science Weather Presentation, Warren School
6	Mindess Author Visit - Grace Lin, Mindess School
13	Tanglewood Marionettes visit the Kindergarteners, Warren School
14	District PTO Mtg @ 7pm, AHS Library
16	Mindess Kid's Night Out @ 6:30-9pm, Mindess School
21	Warren Dads Mtg @ 7pm, Warren Library
22	Student Council's Clocker Idol @ 7pm, AHS Auditorium
23	K-12 Early Release (after lunch)
24-31	No School - Winter Break

JANUARY

11	District PTO Mtg @ 7pm, AHS Library
12	4th Grade Trivia Night @ 6:30p, Mindess School
16	No School
17	K-5 PTO Mtg @ 7pm, Mindess Library
18	Warren Dads Mtg @ 7pm, Warren Library
24	Hellen Keller, 2 nd Grade, Warren School
27	"Totally Murder" Murder Mystery Dinner @ 7pm, American Legion
31	Mindess Dads Mtg @7pm, Mindess Library

Never miss an event by subscribing to the [Events Calendar](#) -Just click the SUBSCRIBE button in the lower right corner of the calendar.

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- Become a [Friend of the PTO!](#)