



ASHLAND PTO NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

I hope you and your family had a wonderful holiday season! We have so many great events planned over the next several months, and you can find details on all of them below.

As you may know, the PTO collects snacks for the Warren and Mindess schools. We have students who are in need of healthy snacks on a regular basis so they have the energy and stamina to learn. If you'd like to donate snacks to help this effort, please sign up [here](#).

Thank you and Happy New Year,
Meghan McGuire - President, Ashland PTO
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Coming up this month

4th Grade Trivia Night at Mindess - It's time for 4th graders to test their knowledge! Join Principal Caira on January 12 at 6:30pm at Mindess for an evening of trivia. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 teams. This is not a drop off event. For more information visit: ashlandpto.com/mindestrivia. 5th grade trivia night coming soon.

Murder Mystery Dinner - Grab your righteous 80s gear to totally rock out in style while you solve a bodacious crime 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

Mindess Family Art Night - Let your child'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 and to register, visit: ashlandpto.com/artnight. Registration is required by January 6 so we can be sure to have enough supplies on hand for the event!

Helen Keller Presentation - On January 26 the 2nd graders will be visited by Historical Performer Sheryl Faye who will share the story of Helen Keller from childhood through her graduation from college. This very special program will help children understand and accept the different ways people do the same things and inspire them to be the best they can be with the talents they possess.

Box Top Campaign

Thank you to all who sent in **Box Tops** throughout November. A whopping 15,000 box tops were collected at Warren and 7,800 at Mindess! Children in the winning classrooms were rewarded with a popsicle party.

Winning classrooms include: K - Mrs. Moore, Grade 1 - Mrs. Savell, Grade 2 - Mrs. Clifford, Grade 3 - Mrs. Greenberg, Grade 4 - Ms. Silverman, Grade 5 - Ms. Underwood, and Neighborhood - Mrs. Tessicini.

Disney Raffle

You could win a \$5000 Disney vacation from the Ashland PTO! To purchase tickets, visit ashlandpto.com/Disney. Tickets are only \$10 and the drawing will be held on March 9 during the second annual Clocker Classic (need not be present to win).

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 December 16th, Mindess kids enjoyed the second **Kid's Night Out (KNO)** of the year where they had the option to watch a movie, create an arts and crafts project, join the dance party or play games. Our next KNO will be held on March 3 from 6:30-9pm at the Mindess School. For more information or to sign-up, visit: ashlandpto.com/kno/

PTO-Sponsored Enrichments

- **Mad Science Weather presentation** - Our Warren 1st graders were visited by mad scientists for a hands-on presentation December 5-7. They had a lot of fun and got all of their weather-related questions answered.
- **Tanglewood Marionettes** - On December 13, the Kindergarteners were visited by the Tanglewood Marionettes and saw a performance of The Dragon King. After the performance, they enjoyed a questions and answer session with this award-winning company.
- **Author Visit** - Award Winning Author and Illustrator Grace Lin visited the Mindess School on December 6 for a presentation to all Mindess students. We hope they walked away inspired with a renewed excitement for reading and writing.

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

JANUARY

- 1-2 No School - Winter Break
- 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
- 19 **Mindess Family Art Night @ 6:30pm, Mindess School**
- 26 Helen Keller, 2nd Grade, Warren School
- 27 **"Totally Murder" Murder Mystery Dinner @ 7pm, American Legion**
- 31 Mindess Dads Mtg @ 7pm, Mindess Library

FEBRUARY

- 1 ASHPAC "Executive Function in Elementary Schools" @ 7pm, AHS Auditorium
- 5 Clocker Club 8th Annual Pancake Breakfast @ 8am, AHS Cafeteria
- 8 District PTO Mtg @ 7pm, AHS Library
- 9 **5th Grade Trivia Night @ 6:30p, Mindess School**
- 17 Warren Square One Art Orders Due
- 18-26 No School - February Vacation
- 27 Read Across America Week Begins
- 28 K-5 PTO Mtg @ 7pm, Warren 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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- Shop on Amazon using our [link](#) and the PTO will earn 6-10% on every purchase made.
- Purchase gift cards through [SCRIP](#) year round to support the PTO.
- Bring your recycling to Abitibi Recycling Bins (green and yellow) located behind each school and the PTO gets money back!
- Become a [Friend of the PTO](#)!