



ASHLAND PTO NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Happy February! We have so many exciting events coming up, and we need volunteers. Please join one of our upcoming meetings to find out more about [volunteer opportunities](#).

Our apologies to anyone trying to reach us online - our web host was hit with a DDoS attack earlier this month which caused corrupt codes in our database. We appreciate your patience and we hope to be back up and running soon. In the meantime, you can visit our web store [here](#) for Disney Raffle Tickets and Mindess Kindness Packages.

Thank you,
Meghan McGuire - President, Ashland PTO
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Coming up this month

Mindess Care Packages

Valentine's Day is the perfect time to celebrate kindness and recognize our hard working students at Mindess. You can order your child a care package that will include a Valentine's Day themed pencil, notepad, candy sweethearts, small lollipop, bookmark and heart shaped cut out. To make it even more special, we can attach a handwritten note from you! Students will also participate in a kindness wall. They will record acts of kindness on the cut outs received in their care package and post them to the wall. Visit ashlandpto.com/kindness to order online.

5th Grade Trivia Night at Mindess

It's time for 5th graders to test their knowledge! Join Mr. Caira on February 9 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/mindess trivia.

2nd Grade Movie Night

Shhhhh...the movie is a SECRET, but the 2nd graders can come and have the time of their LIFE with their friends on February 3 at 6pm at the Warren School. Bring pillows and blankets, but no PETS allowed! This is not a drop-off event and it is intended for 2nd graders only (no siblings please).

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. You don't need to 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!

Warren and Mindess Read-a-Thon

The Warren and Mindess Read-a-Thon will be held the week of February 27. Principals Caira and Regan will have a special surprise in store when their schools reach their reading goals!

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 students fed so they have energy to learn. If you would like to donate snacks, please sign up [here](#).

Looking back

On January 12, Mindess held **Trivia Night** for the 4th graders. The kids had a great time testing their knowledge while spending time with teammates. As expected, Mr. Caira brought his energy as MC and had everyone dancing for extra points in between rounds!

The 2nd annual **Mindess Family Art Night** was held on January 19. The event was a huge success with approximately 70 children and their families in attendance. The kids had the opportunity to use their creative side to develop different art projects. Thank you to Susan Brostrup-Jensen and all of the volunteers who made the event a great success!

To cap off their weather unit, the Warren school 1st graders enjoyed a special visit from **WBZ-TV Meteorologist Danielle Niles**. The kids were able to improve their meteorology knowledge and even got themselves a spot on the news! You can watch the clip [here](#).

On January 26, 2nd graders were treated to a performance by **historical performer Sheryl Faye** who shared the story of Helen Keller from her childhood through graduation from college. This moving performance demonstrated how everyone has their own special talents and the importance of always trying their best.

Calendar of upcoming events

FEBRUARY

- 1 ASHPAC "Executive Function in Elementary Schools" @ 7pm, AHS Auditorium
- 5 Clobber Club 8th Annual Pancake Breakfast @ 8am, AHS Cafeteria
- 8 District PTO Mtg @ 7pm, AHS Library
- 9 **5th Grade Trivia Night @ 6:30p, Mindess School**
- 9 School Safety Night @ 7pm, Ashland High School Theater
- 17 Warren Square One Art Orders Due
- 18-26 No School - February Vacation
- 27 Read Across America Week Begins
- 27 **Read-a-thon 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.

MARCH

- 1 K-2 Early Release (after lunch)
- 1-3 Read Across America Week Continues
- 2 DAET "College Transitions" A Program for Parents @ 7pm, Ashland Public Library
- 3 **Mindess Kid's Night Out @ 6:30pm, Mindess School**
- 7-19 2nd Grade Mad Science Presentation
- 8 K-2 Early Release (after lunch)
- 8 District PTO Mtg @ 7pm, AHS Library
- 9 **2nd Annual Clobber Classic @ 6pm, AHS Gym**
- 14 DAET Community Book Read w/ Jim Adams @ 6:30pm, Ashland Public Library
- 15 K-2 Early Release (after lunch)
- 16 Mindess Square One Art Orders Due
- 21 K-5 PTO Mtg @ 7pm, Warren Library
- 22 ASHPAC "Maintaining Balance, Self-Identity, and Relationships with a Special Needs Child" @ 7pm, AMS Activity Room
- 30 **Warren Literacy Night @ 6pm, Warren School**
- 30 AHS Student Council Bingo Night @ 7pm, AHS Cafeteria
- 31 Warren Author Visit - Brian Lies, Warren School

Support the PTO

- [Volunteer](#) at one of the many PTO events.
- 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](#)!

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