



ASHLAND PTO NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

There are so many opportunities for family fun this month. March is the biggest month of the year for PTO-sponsored events, so please make plans to join us at one or all of them!

Did you know that you could win a \$5000 Disney vacation from the Ashland PTO? You can purchase a \$10 raffle ticket at ashlandpto.com/Disney. The drawing will be held on March 9 during the second annual Clocker Classic, and you don't need to be present to win.

I hope to see you at an event this month!

Meghan McGuire - President, Ashland PTO

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Coming up this month

Warren and Mindess Read-a-Thons

The Warren and Mindess Read-a-Thons will be held February 27 through March 3. At each school, if students read a combined 25,000 pages, Principals Regan and Caira will spend an entire day wearing a CRAZY costume! Make sure to get your student's pledge sheets to their teacher by March 10! If your child didn't receive a pledge sheet one can be downloaded at ashlandpto.com/readathon

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

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 at 6pm at the high school. 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! For more information and a complete list of participants visit: ashlandpto.com/clockerclassic/

Upcoming PTO-Sponsored Enrichments

- **Mad Science presentation** - Get ready for your 2nd grader to become a science expert after the hands on Mad Science presentation March 7-10.
- **Author Visit** - Award Winning Author and Illustrator Brian Lies will be visiting the Warren School on March 9 for a presentation to all Warren students. Students are welcome to bring in his books to receive an autograph during his visit.
- **Screenagers** - Award-winning film SCREENAGERS (www.screenagersmovie.com/) comes to Ashland on March 29 at 7pm at the AHS auditorium. Screenagers explores the impact of social media, video games, academics, and internet addiction on kids and gives concrete solutions on how we can empower kids to navigate the digital world. This event is FREE to the public! *AMS and AHS students will see this film during school hours prior to the public screening.

Coming up this month, cont.

1st Grade Movie Night

It's time for your 1st graders and their friends to have a HAIR-raising good time at 1st grade movie night on March 24 at 6pm at the Warren School. Bring pillows and blankets, but no BERGEN's allowed. This is not a drop-off event and it is intended for 1st graders only (no siblings please).

Literacy Night

Are you "Batty about Books"? Join us on March 30 at the Warren School for Literacy Night from 6-8pm for an evening of family fun. You won't want to miss the basket raffles, story walk, and other fun literacy-themed activities. More information is coming soon.

Looking back

The 2nd graders had the time of their LIFE with their friends at **movie night** on February 2. They enjoyed popcorn and a night of laughs with their friends.

Thank you to everyone who donated a **Kindness Package** at Mindess this year. Once again we were overwhelmed by the generosity of the Mindess community and are pleased to report that every child was able to receive a package. Thank you Mindess families for your ongoing support of this program!

The 6th grade went on a PTO-sponsored **field trip** to the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium at Framingham State University in January. While there, they participated in a "Mission to Mars," simulating an exercise sending people to Mars from the Martian moon Phobos.

Calendar of upcoming events

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**
- 7-10 2nd Grade Mad Science Presentation
- 8 K-2 Early Release (after lunch)
- 8 District PTO Mtg @ 7pm, AHS Library
- 9 Warren Author Visit - Brian Lies, Warren School
- 9 **2nd Annual Clocker Classic @ 6pm, AHS Gym**
- 10 Read-a-Thon pledge forms due
- 13-17 Scholastic Book Fair @ Warren School
- 14 DAET Community Book Read w/ Jim Adams @ 6:30pm, Ashland Public Library
- 15 K-2 Early Release (after lunch)
- 15 School Safety Night @ 7pm, AHS
- 16 Mindess Square One Art Orders Due
- 21 K-5 PTO Mtg @ 7pm, Mindess Library
- 22 ASHPAC "Maintaining Balance, Self-Identity, and Relationships with a Special Needs Child" @ 7pm, AMS Activity Room
- 24 1st Grade Movie Night @ 6pm, Warren Cafeteria

MARCH continued

- 29 Screenagers Parent Viewing and Conversation @ 7pm, AHS Auditorium
- 30 **Warren Literacy Night @ 6pm, Warren School**
- 30 AHS Student Council Bingo Night @ 7pm, AHS Cafeteria

APRIL

- 1 Metrowest College Fair @ 9:30am, AHS
- 4 ASHPAC/DAET/PTO "Ben Speaks" Anti-Bullying Program @ 7pm, AHS Auditorium
- 7 AEFI 14th Annual Gala @ 6pm, Sheraton Hotel
- 12 District PTO Mtg @ 7pm, AHS Library
- 13 K-12 Early Release (after lunch)
- 14-23 No School - Spring Break
- 25 K-5 PTO Mtg @ 7pm, Warren Library
- 25 Warren DQ Takeover, 4-8pm, DQ Ashland
- 28 Kindergarten Dance @ 6pm, Warren School

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

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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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](#).