



ASHLAND PTO NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Is spring weather finally upon us? I certainly hope so!

I wanted to give a big thank you to everyone who came out to support our many events in March. Whether you volunteered or attended with your family, we really appreciate all you do to help the PTO's efforts to provide enrichment programming for our wonderful schools.

Please read on for some great events taking place in April and the months ahead.

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

MetroWest College and Career Fair

Would your future graduate be interested in learning more about colleges and careers? Stop by the MetroWest College & Career Fair on April 1 from 9:30-11:30am at AHS to check out over 100 colleges, get insight from speakers and college coaches, and speak with professionals representing different industries. Admission is free. For more information visit: ashlandpto.com/mwccf/

Warren DQ Takeover

Spring is here and it's time to celebrate with a treat from DQ! Come out and support the PTO on April 25 from 4-8pm at the DQ in Ashland, there will even be an extra special guest. 20% of all proceeds will go to support enrichment opportunities for Warren students. Mindess DQ Takeover coming in May!

Kindergarten Dance

It's time for your kindergartener to show off their moves at the Kindergarten Dance on April 28 at 6pm at the Warren School. This is not a drop-off event and it is intended for kindergarteners only (no siblings please).

Teacher Appreciation Week

Hands down, we have the best teachers around! Help the PTO celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week from May 1-5. Keep a look out for volunteer opportunities coming soon.

Save the Date - Mindess Carnival

Make sure to save the date for the Mindess Carnival on June 9. Join us for an evening of family fun as the school year starts to wind down.

Clocker Classic Update

On March 9, the 3rd annual **Clocker Classic** was held at AHS. Team Blue defeated Team Gray, but win or lose, fun was had by all who attended! Thank you so much to the teachers, administrators and volunteers who helped make this event a success. A HUGE congratulations to the Powers' family who brought home the Disney raffle prize! The event and raffle raised more than \$5,500 that will be used for enrichment programs for our schools.

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

The **Warren and Mindess Read-a-Thons** wrapped up on March 3rd. Warren school students read more than 32,000 pages and Mindess students read more than 50,000 pages, far exceeding the goals set for each school! That means principals Caira and Regan will be dressing up in a silly costume soon, much to the delight of your kids. More than \$8,000 was raised to support enrichment programs for Ashland schools.

Warren students were visited by Author and Illustrator **Brian Lies** on March 9. Mr. Lies spoke to the children about his writing process, showed some of his original drafts and drawings, and shared the very important message that it takes hard work to become successful as a writer and illustrator.

On March 7-10, 2nd graders were treated to a **Mad Science presentation** and got to participate in hands-on science activities.

On March 22nd, the **Wingmasters** visited with the 1st graders, and spoke to them about all different kinds of birds of prey. The kids learned about their different features and adaptations that help them survive, and they even got to see real live hawks, falcons, and owls!

1st graders and their friends had a HAIR-raising good time at **1st grade movie night** on March 24 at the Warren School. They enjoyed relaxing with their pillows and blankets, and using up their last bit of energy dancing to the movie credit's tunes.

Calendar of upcoming events

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
- 5 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.

MAY

- 1-5 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 2 DAET "College Transitions: A Program for Parents" @ 7pm, Ashland Public Library
- 5 **Mindess Kid's Night Out @ 6:30pm, Mindess School**
- 9 DAET College Send-Off for AHS Students and Parents @ 7pm, AHS Auditorium
- 10 District PTO Mtg @ 7pm, AHS Library
- 11 ASHPAC "Creating Independent Strategies for Coping with Anxiety" @ 7pm, AMS Activity Room
- 12 K-12 Early Release (after lunch)
- 16 K-5 PTO Mtg @ 7pm, Mindess Library
- 23 **Mindess DQ Takeover, 4-9pm, DQ Ashland**
- 29 No School - Memorial Day

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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