



Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year at Willow Creek Elementary. We are excited to start a new year and look forward to seeing new and familiar faces! We have organized this welcome packet to help guide you through the upcoming year and equip you with essential information!

Welcome!

Our goal as a PTO is to foster a nurturing and caring environment that strives for continued parent involvement in helping build a better educational environment for our children.

For the PTO to be effective and truly representative of the school, it is essential to have involvement from as many parents as possible. We understand that life is busy and not everyone can come to every meeting, but your ideas, time and talents are valuable to us. This year will look a little different, but there are still many ways you can help!

How to Join the PTO

The Willow Creek PTO does not collect membership dues. **The school is not allowed to share your information with the PTO, therefore we must conduct our own membership enrollment. We do not share or sell your information. We only use your information to communicate about PTO and school related events.** The diversity of our community and the experiences you can share are valuable to us. Whether it's a little or a lot of time; on campus or at home; mom, dad or grandparent - **WE NEED YOU!**

Joining the PTO does not commit you to anything. It simply gets you on our email list so that you may choose volunteer opportunities that may interest you, and work for your schedule. This link to join the PTO is also on our website www.willowcreekpto.com

PTO Meetings

The PTO holds nine meetings over the course of the school year where committee chairs and board members report on activities and plans. Ms. Sullivan reports on the latest news from within our school.

Meetings are a great way to find out more about what is happening in the classrooms and hallways of our schools. Whether you are simply interested in listening and learning more or want to get more involved, all are welcome!

Meeting reminders will be emailed to anyone that has signed up for the PTO the week before the meeting, and posted on the PTO Facebook Page. Any and all parents are welcome to join us! Minutes will be posted each month on our website at www.willowcreekpto.com.

**Meetings will be the First Friday
of the month at 11:00 a.m. at
Café Marrese 11729 Spring Cypress Rd.**

**Dates and times are subject to change*

Date	Time	Location
Friday, October 9, 2020	11:00 a.m.	Café Maresse
Friday, November 6, 2020	11:00 a.m.	Café Maresse
Friday, December 4, 2020	11:00 a.m.	Café Maresse
Friday, January 8, 2021	11:00 a.m.	Café Maresse
Friday, February 5, 2021	11:00 a.m.	Café Maresse
Friday, March 5, 2021	11:00 a.m.	Café Maresse
Friday, April 9, 2021	11:00 a.m.	Café Maresse
Friday, May 7, 2021	11:00 a.m.	Café Maresse

**Stay
Connected!**

Visit our website at: www.willowcreekpto.com

Email: willowcreekPTO@gmail.com

or follow us on Facebook Willow Creek Elementary PTO



Spirit Wear T-Shirts

Shirts are available for purchase at any time throughout the year, online. Visit www.willowcreekpto.com and click on the spirit wear tab for more information. Shirts are delivered to your child's classroom. Please allow up to 2 weeks for your order to be delivered.

Masks & Lanyards

Wildcat Masks & Lanyards are available for purchase online (adult and child sizes). Masks are \$5, Lanyards are \$2, or buy them together for \$6. Masks will be delivered to homeroom classes. www.willowcreekpto.com/shop

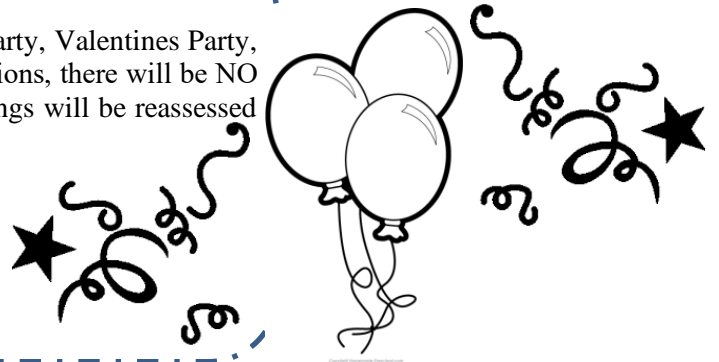
Homeroom Parties

We celebrate in the classroom on three occasions: Winter Party, Valentines Party, and End of the Year Party. Due to this year's Covid regulations, there will be NO PARENT PARTICIPATION during the holiday party. Things will be reassessed after the first of the year for the remaining two parties.

Holiday Party Fri. Dec. 18, 2020

Valentine Party Fri. Feb. 12, 2020

End of year Party Wed. May 26, 2021



Yearbooks

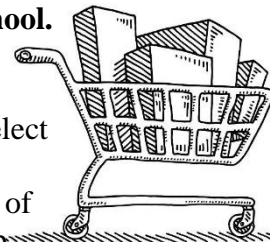
Yearbook and Memory box information will be sent home in September in Wednesday folders. Yearbooks will **only be available to purchase online**. They are \$28 until December. In January, the price will increase to \$30. **Yearbook order deadline is April 1, 2021.** Yearbooks will be delivered in May 2021. You may order your yearbook online at www.balfour.com Online ordering is available now.

Questions? Contact Amy Breaux at amyc.breaux@gmail.com

Shop Amazon

When you shop on Amazon.com a donation will be made to our school. There are two ways to make this happen.

1. Amazon Smile – Go to <http://smile.amazon.com> Search for Willow Creek Elementary School PTO. Make sure to select the one in Tomball, TX. Then you are ready to shop.
2. Start your search on the Willow Creek PTO page and a portion of you purchase will be donated back to the school. Click the shop amazon tab at www.willowcreekpto.com



Spirit Nights

Local restaurants support our school by donating back a percentage of the proceeds on Willow Creek Spirit Nights. Plan to join us for some fun throughout the year. Each month we will try to have a dine-in spirit night, and one delivery/pick-up spirit night. This makes it easy for anyone to participate. The PTO will offer fun prizes and incentives for your participation. **Look for announcements of dates and locations for our upcoming spirit nights!**



How Much Does the PTO Raise?

Boo Bash - \$31,900
Run Wild at the Creek - \$48,856
Spirit Nights - \$1,932
Other Donations - \$4,265

**2019/2020 Fundraising Total
\$86,959**

Where Does PTO Money Go?

WOW! Look at all the wonderful things that the 2019-2020 PTO money paid for, contributed to or organized!!!

- Playground Improvement
- Teacher Appreciation Week Staff Gifts:
 - o Cookies from Marble Slab
 - o Coffee at Café Marrese
 - o Lunch or dinner at Frey's
 - o Pizza from Marco's Pizza
 - o Potted plant from Plants For All Seasons
 - o Gift Card to Raising Canes
- Library (AR and Books)
- Student Appreciation (Class Parties)
- 4th grade Texas Time Machine
- 9 Week Rewards
- Field Day
- Red Ribbon Week
- Field Trip buses
- Counselor Program
- Perfect Attendance
- Special Ed Olympics
- Watch Dogs
- Boo Bash
- Run Wild at the Creek
- Recess carts for each grade
- A spirit shirt for every staff member
- A wildcat mask & lanyard for each staff member

Keep an eye out on the 2nd - 4th grade playground for installation of the final pieces of equipment from our Playground Improvement campaign that we have been raising money for over the last two years.

This year, in speaking with administrators and staff, our fundraising focus will be on purchasing chromebooks so that we have 1 available to every student enrolled at our school. We will also focus on other ways to enhance technology and improve our online learning experience.