



# Willow Creek Elementary PTO Welcome Packet

Welcome to the 2024-2025 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. There are 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](http://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](http://www.willowcreekpto.com).

**Most meetings will be the First Friday  
of the month at 12:00 p.m. at  
Willow Creek Elementary**

September 6<sup>th</sup> there will be a Welcome Breakfast at 9  
prior to the meeting.

*\*Dates and times are subject to change*

Date	Time	Location
Friday, September 6, 2023	9 am.	WCES
Friday, October 4, 2023	12:00 p.m.	WCES
Friday, November 3, 2023	12:00 p.m.	WCES
Friday, December 6, 2023	12:00 p.m.	WCES
Friday, January 10, 2024	12:00 p.m.	WCES
Friday, February 7, 2024	12:00 p.m.	WCES
Friday, Feb. 31, 2024 (March meeting)	12:00 p.m.	WCES
Friday, April 4, 2024	12:00 p.m.	WCES
Friday, May 2, 2024	11:00 a.m.	WCES

**Stay  
Connected!**

**Visit our website at: [www.willowcreekpto.com](http://www.willowcreekpto.com)**

**Email: [willowcreekPTO@gmail.com](mailto:willowcreekPTO@gmail.com)**

**and 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](http://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.

*This year we are offering a package:*

- 1 Willow Creek Wildcat Spirit Shirt
- 1 Grade level class shirt (design and colors TBD by teachers)
- 1 Extra (choose between a lanyard, water bottle, hairbow or headband)

## Homeroom Parties

We celebrate in the classroom on three occasions: Winter Party, Valentines Party, and End of the Year Party.

**Holiday Party Friday, Dec. 20, 2024**

**Valentine Party Thursday, Feb. 13, 2025**

**End of year Party Wednesday, May 21, 2025**



## Yearbooks

Yearbooks will **only be available to purchase online**. They are \$28 until December. In January, the price will increase to \$30. Cash purchases are \$35. **Yearbook order deadline is March 28, 2025**. Yearbooks will be delivered in May 2024. You may order your yearbook online at [www.balfour.com](http://www.balfour.com) Online ordering is available now.

**Questions? Contact Amy Breaux at [amyc.breaux@gmail.com](mailto:amyc.breaux@gmail.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. **Look for announcements of dates and locations for our upcoming spirit nights!**



## **How Much Does the PTO Raise?**

2023-2024 School Year:

Run Wild at the Creek - \$43,000

Spirit Nights - \$4,610

Trunk or Treat - \$13,524

Other Donations - \$6,434

**2022/2023 Fundraising Total**

**\$67,568**

## **Where Does PTO Money Go?**

**WOW!** Look at all the wonderful things that the PTO has paid for, contributed to, or organized!!!

- Learning Website Subscriptions
- New Murals on the entry way walls and cafeteria!
- Picnic Tables and umbrellas in the atrium areas
- Benches at the front of the school
- Playground Improvement
- Staff Appreciation Luncheons
- Teacher Appreciation Week Staff gifts
- Library Books
- Student Appreciation (Class Parties)
- 9 Week Rewards
- Field Day
- Red Ribbon Week
- Field Trip buses
- Counselor Program
- Perfect Attendance
- Special Ed Olympics
- Watch Dogs
- Trunk or Treat
- Run Wild at the Creek
- Recess carts for each grade
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Paw Prints
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade Step-Up Party
- Yearbooks