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SPIRIT WEAR

Pine Trail Spirit Wear is available online at ptepta.com/shop Spirit Wear can be worn every Friday throughout the school year and on field trips!



SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

PLEASE help us with our SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE! The teacher supply lists have been shortened so that your child can carry in the items themselves; to limit adults coming onto campus. Deadline is Sept. 30th

[DONATE NOW](#)

KEY ROOM PARENTS

We are looking for a KRP for every classroom! This is a unique opportunity to help your child's teacher and class. If you would like to help out, reach out to your child's teacher.

You can sign up at ptepta.com/volunteer-opportunities

SPIRIT NIGHTS

Wednesday, Sept. 23rd at Zaxby's. Meet up with friends or family for dinner and support the PTA! 1287 W. Granada Blvd. Ormond Beach, FL



FREE MEALS

Starting Wednesday, Sept 9th, all students attending in-person classes in Volusia County Schools will receive their breakfast and lunch meals at no charge. Free Weekly curbside meal service for children not attending in-person classes.



Box Tops have gone digital. Download the app, and scan your receipts to earn money for Pine Trail! Click on the box to the left.

EARLY RELEASE DATES

DECEMBER 2ND | JANUARY 6TH | FEBRUARY 3RD
MARCH: 3RD | APRIL 7TH | MAY 19TH

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Nov 3: No School / Teacher Duty Day
- Oct 18: Box Tops due
- Nov. 2: 1st 9 weeks ends
- Nov 11: No School / Veterans Day
- Nov 23-27: Thanksgiving Break

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT



Mrs. Courtney Holcomb
Kindergarten

Crazy Quarantine Story: Mrs. Holcomb and her boys witnessed a praying mantis egg sack hatch with around 200 babies. They decided to keep two and raise them. They were fascinating to observe as they ate, molted and danced.

Fun Fact: She drives a JEEP and loves every minute of it!

What is one thing you want your students to take away from your class? To always be kind to their family, friends and strangers. You never know what another person is going through.

[VISIT PTEPTA.COM/JOIN-PTA](http://PTEPTA.COM/JOIN-PTA)

JOIN THE PTA!

For only \$8.00! With membership dollars PTA has been able to provide Pine Trail students with an estimated \$3,500 for online programs such as SumDog, Starfall and Brain Pop, \$10,000 for technology that was matched by the State (\$20k total!), \$10,000 for teacher wishlists (classroom supplies, teaching materials, etc.), exciting events for students and the whole family, and we were able to fund after-school clubs and tutoring!

2020 - 2021 PTA Board

Lara Butera President • Amie MacDonald, Treasurer • Michelle Moore, Secretary • Callista Spiker, VP1 • Flora McFarland, VP2 • Lyn Gildon, VP3 The PTA is always looking for help! Please contact us at ptepta1@gmail.com, if you're interested in joining us!



Greetings from your PTA President!

First and foremost, I hope that you and your families are healthy and happy and are adjusting well to this very different school year. If you are new to PTE; I would like to extend a very warm welcome! My name is Lara Butera. My son, Roman, is in 2nd grade (currently the live version), and my daughter is in VPK. When we started Kindergarten, we were so excited for this stage in life that I immediately joined the PTA! I didn't know much about it. I thought they just put together events; which was my thing. What I didn't know is what PTA really does. We work together; with teachers, staff, and the community, to make our school and our children's experience here the best it can be. We advocate for the children and their well-being. We fundraise and have events so that we can enrich their education. PTA buys technology, computer programs, supplies, tutoring, aids in financial grants, hospitality for staff, wishlists and more! So, the money you pay to either join the PTA or to any of our other fundraisers goes a long way toward a good cause- YOUR CHILDREN!

Some of you may wonder if joining the PTA is right for you. If you have a child here, then the answer is YES! Whether or not you are attending PTA in person, or live, you are still a part of this family! We welcome all family members, friends, neighbors and community members.

By becoming a PTA member, you'll be demonstrating to your child the importance you place on their education. You'll form relationships with teachers, staff, and other parents; creating a bond that will last your years here and beyond.

No Time to Volunteer? Or is there no way to currently volunteer due to COVID? That's ok! Your membership guarantees you have a voice here at PTE and on the national level. You can be a part of the decision making for your school.

There is no wrong way to PTA!

This year is going to be very different. We don't know how volunteering or events will look. We will figure it out as we go; TOGETHER. Our strength is in our membership. JOIN TODAY!

-Lara Butera
PTA President 2020-2021