

PTO News

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Hello Stoller Families

I hope everyone is having a successful first week of school. Over the summer big changes took place with Stoller's administration. After just one meeting, the excitement the new administration has for Stoller rubbed off on me and I am looking forward to an AMAZING year for our students, staff, and school.

Along with the changes at the School, there are also changes with the Stoller PTO. With the exception of myself, the entire PTO Board is new and we are eager to begin working with all of you in making Stoller the best it can be. The PTO is taking a new approach to the support we offer Stoller and the staff. We will continue to sponsor programs such as Art Lit, but we want to do more. We are in the process of finalizing our goals, which include big projects such as

- helping with the creation of an all new Makerspace room
- modernizing the library to make it more inviting for students to read, learn and collaborate
- installing monitors in the entryway and hall as a way of communicating announcements and showcasing student activities
- new banners throughout the school
- an outdoor beautification project as a way of having families join together to improve the appearance of the school grounds

These may seem like big dreams, but we are a big community and I am confident we can make them all a reality. In Mid-September, we will kick off our annual Write-A-Check fundraising campaign. With the cancellation of Jump Start, we are coming up with ways to make donating to the PTO as easy as possible. One solution we are already working on is the relaunch of StollerPTO.com. This will allow families to make an online (and in most cases tax deductible) donation to the PTO. We are hopeful the website will be ready before Parent Night (September 12 and 13). In the meantime, follow us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/StollerPTO). This is a quick and easy way for us to get information to you, but we only have 220 followers.

At the core of the PTO is our volunteers. Thank you to all who responded to the last minute requests for volunteers. Not only did the annual "We Are Stoller" banners get completed, but Chromebook distribution is going smoothly. Thank you again for your time!

Our first PTO meeting will be Thursday September 27 at 7:00pm. We will be meeting in the Stoller Community Room (directly across the main hall from the office). Along with meeting the entire PTO Board, agenda items will include the adoption of amendments to the PTO bylaws - which will bring them more inline with the bylaws of our neighboring elementary and high schools, and the PTO Budget. We will be providing updates from our committees and there will be a Q&A session with our school principal, Veronica Galvan.

One final item is for 8th Grade Families. June may seem far off, but now is the time to start thinking of the 8th Grade Celebration/Send Off. Volunteers are needed to form a planning committee. If you want to be involved in this memorable event, please let me know. The best way to reach me right now is via email at templemorris@mac.com.

Thank you for your time and support. It is going to great year.

Chris Temple-Morris

Stoller PTO President

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