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# PINE STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO

*Your official Parent-Teacher Organization Newsletter*

## HERE'S WHAT'S UPCOMING:

Nov 4-5 - No School  
Nov 11 - Veterans Assembly  
Nov 13 - Early Release Day  
Nov 14 - Citizens for Safe  
Streets - all invited  
Nov 20 - Holiday Pics/Fall  
Picture Make-up Day  
Nov 21 - Late-Stay Night  
for employees  
Nov 27-29 - Thanksgiving  
Break



## FALL FUNDRAISING WENT OVER OUR GOAL

*Message from PTO President - Erica McCarthy*

Last month was Principal Appreciation Month! We are so lucky to have such an amazing team of principals. They keep PSS running smooth while keeping it fun at the same time!

We just finished our 6th year of fundraising with Boosterthon, now known as Booster. Surprisingly, we met our goal of \$45,000 and ultimately went over making a final amount of \$48,017...but some money is still coming in! This money covers numerous things through the school year for: our teachers and students; school property enhancements/upgrades; in addition to our new focus this year which is to equip our library, teachers and reading specialists with the most up-to-date materials for keeping PSS one of the strongest reading/academic elementary schools in the district! PTO is "PSS Family - dependent" (and that includes our employees) when it comes to ensuring that we are the best we can possibly be - so THANK YOU!

Lots of memories were made on our chilly Fun Run day including our incentives of slime, duct tape, and pie in the face days! Thank you all families who came out on this day!

If you are a PTO member, you received a fundraising survey to better equip our PTO with suggestions and a direction for doing Fall fundraising in the future. Your opinions are important to us, so we hope everyone completed their survey!





# OCTOBER IN A FLASH



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Whoa! October felt like a blur to many folks. So much going on at PSS...notice the tiny font! The Wild West Booster was essentially 2 weeks of the month. Our Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night was successful mid-month through your purchases, giving our school 20% of sales! Thank you!

During Red Ribbon Week, we held a Duty-Free Lunch for our PSS Employees with the Fudd Truck! Even in the rain, we all managed to have some fun! Thank you to all parents who volunteered on this day and to PTO members: Mary Grace Close & Katherine Barre for hosting!

Along with our Guidance Dept, PTO held an Opioid Crisis L&L on October 23rd that addressed the rising statistics of addiction in children as young as 4th grade. We heard from Mrs. Lib Orr, Dr. Greg Colbath, and Taylor Dockter from various groups in Spartanburg. Very eye-opening presentation that covered the development of the adolescent brain and other factors contributing to addiction. If you would like to know more about this rising issue, the book: "Dreamland" by Sam Quinones was recommended. Dr. Colbath is part of our PSS Family and is also a great resource if you have questions!

## Next PSS Parent Meeting Opportunity:

Join us on November 14th at 5:30 in our Media Center with Mr. Jody Traywick with "Citizens for Safe Streets" in terms of Pine St. and safety concerns. All parents/grandparents are invited and your questions are encouraged. To see current community partnerships, please go to: [citizensforsafestreets.org](http://citizensforsafestreets.org)

## PTO BUSINESS MATTERS:

Our Spirit Shop Chair, Allison Pingley, and PTO executives have been working on an online Spirit Shop to make buying Spirit Wear easier and faster than ever! This is a first, so we'd love your feedback. Our school will receive \$2-3 dollars back per purchase!

[www.pinestreetstore.com](http://www.pinestreetstore.com)



## PTO Member Highlight:

**Who is that behind-the-scenes lady always with a camera and quietly sneaking in picture-taking everywhere?!**

**That lady is Amanda Powell Peuser, AKA Ms. Amanda or "Yearbook Lady." She has had a passion for photography since a young age and did photographs/design for her yearbook in highschool. She is a hobby photographer in addition to doing weddings and family pictures. She really enjoys working with children as her subjects! This is her 3rd year working on the PSS yearbook along with our amazing PTO members: Becky Smith and Amy Usry. THANK YOU Amanda for your dedication, frequent presence, and volunteerism that makes PSS "smile" brighter!**

## What is the Cheer Cart?

**Our PSS employees stay late on 1 or 2 nights in a month whether it's catch-up time, conference time, whatever is needed-time. The PTO cheer cart is stocked with YOUR donations and this is a wonderful way for our families to be able to "give-back" especially if they are not able to volunteer during the school day. PSS employees are SO grateful. Thank you.**

