

November 2023 Gilbert PTO Newsletter

All Gilbert Schools parents, guardians and staff are invited to join us at our next meeting, **Monday, November 6, 7:00 p.m.** in the high school library to learn more about the exciting things happening with Gilbert PTO!

Giving Thanks

Trunk or Treat 2023 was a HUGE success thanks to so many in our community! The volunteers who hosted trunks went above and beyond to make the day special. Candy donations from families and Fareway made sure we had plenty for all the trick-or-treaters. The second grade team with their ESPN GameDay trunk was voted fan favorite! With over 800 people attending, it was a full house, and we're already excited for next year!

We're excited to announce that Gilbert PTO is officially a 501(c)3 nonprofit with tax-exempt status! This would not have been possible without Jonathon Schroeder, a Gilbert dad and attorney with Fredrikson & Byron P.A., who donated his time and talents to make the process a success.

Current Programs and Upcoming Events

- **Conference Meal Donations:** PTO is planning to show our teachers some love for the long hours they put in during conferences by providing them with dinner both nights. We do this at all 4 schools so that's about 300 meals served! It's something our teachers greatly appreciate, and we can't do without your help. Each school has a separate sign up for each night. There will be a catered dinner, fridge full of drinks, and an after-school snack mix. All donations are appreciated! Sign ups: [Elementary](#) / [Intermediate](#) / [Middle](#) / [High](#)
- **Tiny Tigers Play Group:** Bring your babies, toddlers and preschoolers to the Gilbert Fire Station on Wednesday, November 15! Meet at 8:30 a.m. in the Gilbert Franklin Community Room (connected to fire station) 105 SE 2nd Street. We will put together a survival kit goodie basket for the firefighters. If you would like to donate an item we are collecting Lifesavers, Starburst, Hershey Kisses, Peppermint Patties, Snickers, and packs of gum. We will present it to the firefighters as a thank you for all they do and enjoy a tour of the fire station and trucks. A donation is not required to attend!
- **Moms' Night Out:** We're hosting our first-ever Moms' Night Out on Tuesday, November 28, 6:00-8:00 p.m., at Oak Lane Candle Co.! Check out this form for more information and complete it if interested! [Mom's Night Out RSVP](#)
- **Christmas Cookie Walk:** Join us for our second annual Christmas Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 2, 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the elementary school! You'll be able to shop for some homemade goodies, enjoy some hot cocoa, and make a stop at the book fair. If you love to bake, now's your chance to shine! Plus, there are still spots to help the day of the event. It's a sweet way to kick off the holiday season!
 - [Cookie Donation Sign Up](#)
 - [Cookie Walk Volunteer Sign Up](#)
- **Literacy Night:** Save the date Thursday, December 7, 6:00-7:00 p.m. for a family literacy night at the elementary. More details coming soon!

Staff Favorite Things

- Find favorites of Gilbert Schools staff [HERE](#). *This is a voluntary list to fill out and not all staff choose to do so.*

Upcoming PTO Meetings

- Monday, November 6, 7:00 p.m., Gilbert High Library
- Monday, December 4, 7:00 p.m., Gilbert High Library

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