

December 2023 Gilbert PTO Newsletter

All Gilbert Schools parents, guardians and staff are invited to join us at our next meeting, **Monday, December 4, 7:00 p.m.** in the high school library. Our regular meeting will be held until 7:30 p.m. and then we'll have snacks and do a "Favorite Things" gift exchange. Bring a \$10-15 gift if you would like to participate or just stay to mingle!

Giving Thanks

- **Conference Meal Donations:** PTO served 300 meals to our teachers during conferences! This is no small feat to coordinate at all 4 schools while our teachers are working hard to serve our families. It would not have been possible without our generous community! Donny and Stacie O'Brien from Dublin Bay and Mitch Saienga from Ge-Angelo's offered amazing meals at an affordable price. Over 100 families donated drinks to fill the fridges, food for an after-school snack mix, monetary donations to contribute to the dinners, plus a large group of volunteers helping pull it all together. Thank you to all who contributed to make this tradition possible!
- **Moms' Night Out:** Thank you to all the moms who attended our first Moms' Night Out Event at Oak Lane Candle Co! It was a fun way to strengthen our parent community so we can have a greater impact on our students and schools. We met moms from all four schools, and we're looking forward to the next event!
- **Showing Gratitude:** Gifts of thanksgiving are always appreciated by our Gilbert Schools staff, but we hear over and over again how much they enjoy a thoughtful note from parents or students. Taking time to send an email or write a note goes a long way to warm their hearts during this busy time of year!

Upcoming Events

- **Christmas Cookie Walk:** The elementary school has been transformed into a winter wonderland for our Christmas Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 2, 9:00-11:00 a.m.! Walk down the line of goodies and pick one dozen for \$10. Take your treats to-go or enjoy them in the lunch room with hot cocoa for \$1. Walk down the hallways of the school to view the decorated classroom doors and vote for your favorite. The winning class will get a cookies and cocoa party sponsored by PTO! Be sure to stop by the book fair in the library and don't forget to snap a picture with Santa Tiger! *Please note the book fair is open before and after our event from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.*
- **Family Literacy Night:** Cozy up with some good books for Family Literacy Night from 6:00-7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 7, at the elementary school! Families are invited to visit classrooms to hear a number of stories read by special guests and make a bookmark in the lunch room. Stay for one story or catch a few--however works best for your family! Shop the book fair from 3:30-7:30 p.m.
- **Tiny Tigers Play Group:** Bring your babies, toddlers and preschoolers to the Gilbert Library on Tuesday, December 12, at 10:00 a.m. We'll enjoy a snow themed story time, craft, cookies, and cocoa!

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.* (Any staff wishing to be included or make changes, fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/cad8b37PNC6KerSm8>.)

Monthly PTO Meetings at Gilbert High Library

- Monday, December 4, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, January 8, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, March 4, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, April 1, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, May 6, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

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