



ELK PLAIN K-8 PTA NEWSLETTER

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Hello EPSOC Families,

It is certainly an interesting time we're living in right now. One for the history books for sure. Even though we are physically separated from our EPSOC community right now, we are still making plans for next year. The PTA board is preparing the budget for next year and looking to fill many important leadership positions in many of the programs that provide enrichment for our kids. As you think about the things that you and your kids love most about EPSOC, most are supported by the PTA. Please consider ways that you can share your interests and talents with the EPSOC community to make our school the best that it can be for all of the students, staff, and families. It is also worth mentioning that not all positions require you to be able to be at the school during school hours, and not all require huge time commitments. Be on the lookout for a parent survey, so we can get feedback and help fill those open positions.

EPSOC PTA would like to thank all the families and staff for their support throughout the year. So many things make such a big difference; from donating clothing and food, goodies, and treats to reading to your children. It all helps, and we really appreciate it. We miss our EPSOC community and look forward to seeing everyone as soon as possible.

Stay well and keep safe,

Shaunna Ruda and Crystal Green

Co-Presidents, EPSOC PTA

Class/Spring Pictures



If you ordered class/spring pictures in early March, we are waiting to hear from Dorian about delivery dates. Dorian is not considered an essential business, so they had to stop operations. As soon as they resume operations, we will have more information about delivery of pictures. Thank you for your understanding.



YEARBOOK PHOTO SUBMISSIONS

During this historic time, we are putting together spreads of our Elk Plain students homeschooling! Send us your pictures!

Email to: elkplainyearbook@gmail.com

Photos will be for yearbook use only, they will not be shared on social media.

Photos must be high resolution/good quality to be considered for the yearbook.
Please label with date and event name.

Not all photos are guaranteed to make it into the yearbook.



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many services have been delayed, including pictures and the yearbook. We have extended the deadline for ordering to June 15th, and we will distribute the yearbooks the week before school starts.

To order online, you can go to ybpay.lifetouch.com and enter **13929020** for the Yearbook ID code.

1/4, 1/2, and full page spreads are available for graduating 8th graders, and the deadline for submissions is May 15th. You can order your spread online at the Elk Plain PTA's website store. Please use a laptop or desktop computer, so you will be able to see all the options available.

If you have questions or to order a spread, please contact Judy Monhollen at judymonhollen@gmail.com.



Sustainability

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The Sustainability Committee is committed to continuing its earth-friendly work in spite of so many strikes against us. We have lost our composting service (Murray's closed it) and lost all of our Terracycle brigades except the toothpaste, toothpaste tubes, deodorant containers, and floss

box brigade, sponsored by Tom's of Maine. However, we do have over 9,000 Terracycle points leftover to donate to worthy environmental and humanitarian groups. To vote for your favorite, visit Vote on where our 9,116 Terracycle points should go! Or, use this QR code.



We still have our dedicated Leadership group, who will collect curbside recycle from classrooms, our 3rd-5th graders, who will make sure everything that can be recycled during lunch will be recycled during lunch, and Mrs. Colyer, Mr. Case, and Mr. Johnson, who take turns taking rigid plastic (not from home, please) and dry styrofoam to the Tacoma Recycle Center every other week. We are not gone, just regrouping!

Visit the Earth Day Celebration padlet created by Mrs. Park and Mrs. Link! Every day is Earth Day!

Earth Day 2020! 50 years of caring for the environment



Membership

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Thank you to all who joined the PTA! Your students benefitted from the contributions and time sacrificed on their behalf. We're looking forward to a


great membership drive next year!



2020/2021 HELP WANTED!

We are in need of committee chairs for the 2020/2021 school year for the following committees:

- Beautification
- Box Tops
- Fall Carnival
- Family Fun Nights - Co-chair
- Field Day - Co-chair
- Membership
- Reflections
- Yearbook - Co-chair



READ AND LEAD 2020

We are so proud of all the students and your participation in our Read and Lead program. Sadly, the school closed right at the end of our 10-week reading timeline, and we were unable to have our ice cream party and medal assembly. Students who earned medals will still receive them, we are just working out details on how to best accomplish that. Also, any other prizes earned by students will be handed out at that time, as well. Thank you so much to all the families and staff for your support of this program and all the fabulous volunteers for helping make this happen. Any questions or comments, please contact Shaunna Ruda shaunnaruda@gmail.com or Jessica Mays jessicacaddell@yahoo.com.

