

# ELK PLAIN PTA NEWSLETTER



**Wow**, it's hard to believe we are already halfway through the first semester. It feels like just yesterday that we were welcoming students back to school. It's been full steam ahead with our events and activities and we are busy planning for a fun filled school year. It's been a few years since we have been able to put on full events so please bear with us. With the changes to volunteer policies we hope to see new faces in the building and at events. Please make sure you have completed your background check with the district in order to volunteer.

With our fall fundraiser/donation drive behind us we would like to say THANK YOU to everyone who donated to support our school. 100% of your donation stays at our school, which means you help fund all of the wonderful activities that we have planned for this year. Our goal is to support students and teachers to make sure they have the tools and support necessary to succeed academically and to have fun doing it.

As we approach the holiday season we would like to send out our warm wishes for a happy and healthy holiday break.

We look forward to continuing to work together in the new year.

Your PTA Co-Presidents Diana Tomlinson and Mara Areglo

## 2022/2023 PTA OFFICERS

### CO-PRESIDENTS:

DIANA TOMLINSON & MARA AREGLO

### CO-VICE PRESIDENTS:

ROSLYN JAMES & CRYSTAL GREEN

### CO-TREASURERS:

JESSICA MAYS & CHERYL WALTERS

### CO-SECRETARIES:

ERIKA NELSON & SHAUNNA RUDA

## PTA EVENTS

### November

- 10- MOD Pizza Night
- 10- Food/Clothing Drive Ends
- 15- PTA Meeting 2:20 pm
- 17- Picture Retakes
- 29-12/2- Holiday Shop

### December

- 2- Last Day of Holiday Shop
- 9- Movie Night 5:30 pm
- 16- Read and Lead Packets Go Home

### January

- 3- Read and Lead Begins
- 6- Movie Night
- 9- First Read and Lead Sheet Due
- 17- PTA meeting 2:20
- 26- Club Pictures

This is a great opportunity for our students to experience the joy of giving to others. All of our items are priced right for kids shopping.

Our shoppers have been busy selecting the perfect gifts for all ages, with prices ranging from 50 cents to \$7.00. Best of all, S.O.A.R. tickets can be redeemed for 25 cents each, up to a total of \$5.00. More information will be sent out the week before the event.



## HOLIDAY SHOP!

November 29 - December 2

Questions? Please contact Steve at 253-241-1990 or [steve@dddist.com](mailto:steve@dddist.com).

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## Read and Lead 2023 is almost here!

Elk Plain PTA is preparing for our annual Read and Lead Program. This long-standing event is a PTA sponsored and executed 10-week reading challenge/program designed to strengthen reading skills and encourage quality family time. This year's theme is "Unplug and Read". Students are rewarded with weekly prizes, an ice cream party, and a medal presentation ceremony.

Help us achieve our goal of 100% schoolwide student and staff participation! Look for fliers and more information to come... As with any successful EPSOC PTA event, many volunteers are needed!

Here are a couple of ways to earn your volunteer hours:

- » Weekly Tracking of Read & Lead minutes (7:30 am Monday Mornings)
- » Weekly Prize Tracking (7:30 am Tuesday Mornings)

Please contact Shaunna Ruda at [epsocreadandlead@gmail.com](mailto:epsocreadandlead@gmail.com) with questions or if you would like to help!

THANK YOU!

## JOIN MOD IN SUPPORTING ELK PLAIN PTA

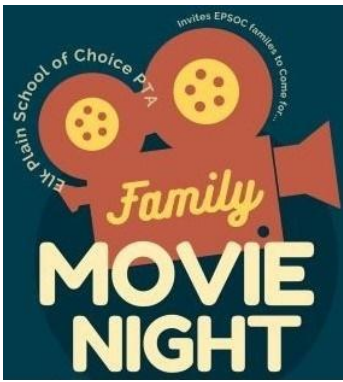


When: November 10th, 2022  
Where: 10301 156th St E, STE B201  
Puyallup WA 98376  
Fundraiser Code: MODF14241

Our *Fall Carnival* this year was a success! Thank you to all who donated candy and to the fabulous volunteers at the event who made it so wonderful. Special thanks to the middle schoolers and high schoolers who gave their time!



- FOR YOUR DONATIONS -  
WE RAISED ALMOST \$18,000.00 IN OUR  
FUNDRAISER/DONATION DRIVE.  
100% OF IT GOES TO HELP OUR SCHOOL



Join EPSOC for a **free** Family Movie Night at the school Friday December 9th. Bring the family and blankets to sit on and enjoy watching with us. Concessions will be for sale during the event. Doors open at 5:30 pm, movie starts at 6 pm. NOT A DROP OFF EVENT. Students must stay in the building throughout the movie. **Volunteers are needed to help!** We look forward to seeing you all there,  
PTA Family Fun Night Committee

**EPSOC SPIRITWEAR FOR SALE**

November 1st through November 22nd!

For questions email:  
[erika@westwoodmortgage.com](mailto:erika@westwoodmortgage.com)

Requests for new styles welcome.  
Make your orders for holiday gifts!  
<https://www.companycasuals.com/elkplain/sta-rt.jsp>



Reflections is a National PTA Arts contest. This year's Theme is: **Show Your Voice!** Submissions are due to the school by: November 22nd!  
To request the submission form and category guidelines, please send an email to: [epsocpta1@gmail.com](mailto:epsocpta1@gmail.com) with the following information, and submission information will be given to the student:

1. Student's Name
2. Student's Grade & Teacher
3. The Art Category they are interested in (Dance Choreography, Film Productions, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts)

For more information please go to: <https://www.pta.org/home/programs/reflections>



**Yearbooks will be for sale starting Nov. 7th**

\$25 each; purchase online at: [epsocpta.org](http://epsocpta.org)  
Pre-ordering is the only way to guarantee you will get a book. We only order a limited number of extras and last year we sold out the first day.

Please email us pictures of your student throughout the year to: [elkplainyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:elkplainyearbook@gmail.com) We would love pictures of summer activities, first day school, sports, holidays, school activities, clubs, hobbies etc.



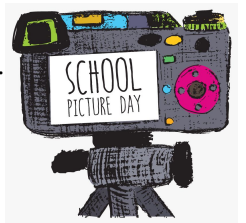
PTA is excited to announce that **Volunteers** are no longer required to be vaccinated in order to help during school hours! The district background check is still required to be completed with an approval from the district before you can start helping during the school day. Please make sure you have completed the background check on the Bethel SD website for volunteering. There is currently a backlog of applications waiting to be processed, please be patient as they get caught up. We can't wait to see your smiling faces!

**Fall Food, Clothing & Resource Drive  
Mon. Oct. 24th - Thur. Nov. 10th**

Volunteers needed to weigh, sort, and deliver donated goods and facilitate class parties. Contact Anneliese Feld to help: [Anneliesefeld@icloud.com](mailto:Anneliesefeld@icloud.com) or 253-224-0799

*Practice those smiles!*

Picture Retakes is **November 17th.** You must have your prints with you to get Retakes. If you were absent or are new to the school you will have your picture taken.



Thank you to all the kiddos and the wonderful Elk Plain families for visiting the Book Fair!!

**EPSOC PTA Membership Form**

To become a member please complete this form, choose your membership level, and return to your child's teacher or the office with cash or check made out to EPSOC PTA

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Child(ren)/Teacher(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Standard Membership Only Fees: \_\_\_\_\_ Individual: \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ Couple: \$18

Business Membership Only Fees \_\_\_\_\_ PTA Website Ad \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ Website Ad & Monthly PTA Facebook Ad: \$50



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