

**TARA PTO MEETING Date: October 11, 2022 Time: 6:15 pm**

**Location: Media Center Topic 1:**

Welcome to Tara Elementary PTO ● Introduction of our Board

- ❖ President: Lisa Jobst
- ❖ Vice-President: Amanda Hall
- ❖ Treasurer: Angela Sauro Davis
- ❖ Co-Secretaries: Dannin Grosso and Rebecca Shoun
- ❖ Teacher Liaison: Luci McGee

● Meetings and Involvement

❖ Childcare is now available at our meetings for all ages. Bring your students and younger siblings and attend SAC and PTO monthly meetings in person!

❖ Thank you to Lakewood Ranch High School Key Club Volunteers for providing childcare at our meetings.

❖ We have a lot of events coming up, so we need as many volunteers as possible.\* PTO will be sending out a sign-up genius link within the next week.

\*Please complete a simple application which can be accessed thru the school website at: <https://www.manateeschools.net/tara>

❖ We have a new email system to keep everyone up to date with all PTO news. Coming soon...

Please E-mail: [taraptorocks@gmail.com](mailto:taraptorocks@gmail.com) if you are not yet on our email list, and we will add you!

❖ We need a new Box Tops Coordinator. If you are interested in a small volunteer position, please email PTO asap.

## **Topic 2: Past Events- Thank you for participating!**

- Key chain prize incentive distribution for our fundraiser took place over the past few weeks.
- Spirit Day at Maple Street Biscuit Company was September 24th. Will update with total raised at our next meeting.

## **Topic 3: Treasurer's Report**

- Big news: We have a PTO website! We will update you as soon as we have an official web address.
- Please sign up for Amazon Smile! It's the holiday season and this is the BEST time to sign up to maximize our Tara dollars!!!

## **Topic 4: Upcoming Events & Making Connections at Tara Elementary**

- Goldfish Swim School exclusive Family Swim for Tara Families –
  - ❖ Friday, October 14th 5:30-7:30 pm.
  - ❖ Call to register and pay online or at the door.
  - ❖ \$5 per person or \$15 per family. 50% of proceeds goes to Tara
- Costume themed Spirit Night for Tara at Freddy's on 70
  - ❖ Wednesday, October 26th 4-6 pm.
  - ❖ Students in costume from Tara enter to win a Freddy's gift basket.
- Blaze Pizza Tara Elementary PTO Spirit Night
  - ❖ Wednesday, December 7th 4-8 pm.

❖ See the holiday lights, while you eat pizza.

● We are looking at hosting the popular “Playground Play Date” again in November. More info to come.

● PTO will again offer families the opportunity to be part of our Family Connection Digital Student Directory.

❖ Will be divided by grade level and list student’s first name and last initial, teacher’s name, parent’s first name and email. ❖ It is to be used for organizing play dates and helping families make more connections.

❖ More information about how to opt-in to being part of the Family Connection Digital Student Directory will go out later in November.

#### **Topic 5: Fall Fundraiser ● On-line orders closed at midnight Oct 11th.**

● We will still collect paper orders till Friday Oct 14<sup>th</sup> – please hand in sealed envelopes to your teacher or the office.

● This was a combined Tara effort and has been a huge success – well done – BMX show here we come!!!

● Now we need volunteers to help us organize and distribute all the sold items in mid-November. Sign up genius to come.

#### **Topic 6: Fall Festival ● Friday, October 28th at 6-8 pm.**

● Pre-order ticket information will come home later this month. Tickets will be used to play fun games hosted by your teachers, plus get a variety of food items.

● Event volunteers are needed. A sign up will go out soon, so you can choose when and where you want to help.

- Trunk or Treat -

❖ Sign up to have a car at our Trunk or Treat in the front parking lot. Only costs \$10 and bring 300 pieces of wrapped candy.

- Bake Sale for Fall Festival (Amanda)

- Spooky Forest candy hunting and Pumpkin Patch photo spot. (Amanda)

### **Topic 7: Decorating**

- We need volunteers to help decorate for the Fall Festival week running up to Oct 28<sup>th</sup>. Sign up genius will be sent out soon.