

Topic 1: Intro to Tara Elementary PTO

- ❖ President: Lisa Jobst
 - ❖ Vice-President: Amanda Hall
 - ❖ Treasurer: Angela Sauro Davis
 - ❖ Co-Secretaries: Dannin Grosso and Rebecca Shoun
 - ❖ Teacher Liaison: Luci McGee
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- ❖ 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.
 - ❖ Fill out a District Volunteer Application to volunteer at school events this year.
 - ❖ We have a new email system to keep everyone up to date with all PTO news. E-mail taraptorocks@gmail.com if you are not yet on our email list, and we will add you!

Topic 2: Past Events- Thank you for participating!

- Chicken Salad Chick Spirit event raised \$77.81
 - Maple Street Biscuit event raised \$185.25

Topic 3: Tara Dance Team is back!

- Tara Elementary PTO now oversees Tara Dance
- ❖ Dannin Grosso is our Tara Dance Team Chair.
 - Due to high demand and waiting list an additional class maybe added. TBD

- Mrs. Michelle McCord, Director and Owner of the Ovation School of Musical Theater is our instructor.
- Thank you to Mrs. Bunni Roberts for leading Tara Dance for 20 years!

Topic 4: Order your Tara Drinkware at our new website tarapto.com.

- Please sign up for Amazon Smile! (School Year to date Tara has raised \$1400)

- Rhea Lana Tara Elementary Consignment Fundraiser
- ❖ Donate gently used children's items to the Tara Elementary PTO.
- ❖ School drop off days are December 12th-22nd.
 - (Tara has raised approx. \$1500 so far this school year)

Topic 5: Upcoming Events and Making Connections at Tara Elementary

- Blaze Pizza Spirit Night this Wednesday, December 7th 4-8 pm. Come See the holiday lights with your family and friends while you eat pizza!!
- The popular “Playground Play Date” will be held in January. Date: TBD
- PTO is again offering families the opportunity to be part of our Family Connection Digital Student Directory.
 - ❖ It 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.
 - ❖ A google form link will go out to opt-in to being part of the Family Connection Digital Student Directory.

Topic 6: Fall Fundraiser

- We met our big goal of \$30,000!
- The students earned a BMX show so PTO will be scheduling the BMX shows soon- one each for the upper and lower grades.
- Grade level prize baskets from the PTO will go out to winners later this month.

Topic 7: Candy Wonderland

- Friday, December 16th at 6-8 pm.
- Fliers went home last week for this special event.
- Volunteers are needed for our Candy Wonderland Event!
- Buy tickets to participate in certain activities.
 - ❖ Teachers will lead fun activity tables.
 - ❖ PTO is making a Candy Castle to walk through, filled with candy canes for the students to find.
- We will have food trucks and a dessert food truck on site.
- Visit with Santa.
- Watch a short Holiday Movie.
- Shop at our Holiday Gift Shop for affordable gifts for everyone in the family. (Cash only.)

Topic 8: Sweetheart Dance in 2023

- Friday, February 10th, 2023
- Ideas so far...DJ / Auction baskets / food, drinks & desserts (maybe an opportunity as a student fundraiser) / Photo booth / Food trucks

Other Topics:

Car wash - Feb 11th student council