

Center Point-Urbana PTO



Dear CPU Families,

Welcome to the 2024-25 school year! We hope you're settling into the new routines and feeling ready for an exciting year ahead.

As your PTO Executive Committee, we're thrilled to continue working alongside our amazing group of parents, teachers, and staff. With the completion of our primary playground project—thanks to the dedication and generosity of our community—we're eager to build on that momentum this year.

Our new strategic initiative is focused on supporting our teachers and all supporting staff. This will be the centerpiece of our efforts this year, and we're committed to providing the resources, recognition, and support they need to continue making a positive impact on our students.

Here's a breakdown of our spending allocation for the year:

Category	Allocation	Types of Activities
2024-2025 Strategic Initiatives	50%	Supporting teachers and all assisting staff
Events	25%	Breakfast with a Buddy (previously Muffins with Mom and Donuts with Dad), Trick-or-Treat event, Thanksgiving Feast, Grandparents Day, Sock Hop, Gala, etc
2025-2026 Strategic Initiatives	25%	Intermediate Playground

Our Walk-a-Thon will continue to be our primary fundraising event. Our goal is to raise at least \$25,000 through the Walk-a-Thon to provide a solid foundation for this year's activities. Anything raised beyond \$25,000 will go directly towards our strategic initiatives, with a focus on supporting our dedicated teachers and staff.

Other upcoming events for September:

1. **Walkathon:** Our biggest fundraiser of the year is starting soon and will run until Friday, September 13th! Be sure to check your student's folder for an envelope with all the details. You can donate [here](#).
 - a. Select school (Primary or Intermediate).
 - b. Click on the PTO category.
 - c. Select donation amount.
 - d. Complete the info on the page.
2. **PTO Meeting:** Monday, September 16th at Apple Creek. Social starts at 6:00PM, and the meeting begins at 6:30 PM.
3. **McTeacher Night:** Thursday, September 19th. Join our teachers and staff for dinner at McDonald's!
4. **Walk-a-Thon Carnival:** Friday, September 27th. Celebrate the end of the Walk-a-Thon with an outdoor carnival (weather permitting).

There are many ways to get involved with the PTO this year! We'll have various volunteer opportunities, both at the school and supporting our new initiatives. You can also contribute through monetary donations, supplies, or by participating in our events—every bit helps. To sign up, please fill out our volunteer form [here](#), email us at pto@cpuschools.org, or contact any of the PTO members listed below. Your support in any form is greatly appreciated.

We know that communication is key, and we'll continue to keep you informed through teachers' newsletters, the principal's Smore newsletter, and our Facebook page ([@cpupto](#)). Below, you'll find a schedule of our events for the first few months. Please note that **Breakfast with a Buddy** will take place at the Primary School this fall, with the Intermediate School hosting their breakfast in the Spring date TBD. This is a change from last year, so be sure to mark your calendars!

Walk-a-thon	9/4 -9/13	Biggest fundraiser of the year! Our strategic initiative for 2024-2025 is on providing support to our primary and intermediate school teachers and all assisting staff.
PTO Meeting	September 16	Join us to learn about the latest happenings and how you can help us. Every third Monday of the month from 6:30p-8p at Apple Creek Coffee Co.
McTeacher Night	9/19	Join our teachers and staff for dinner at McDonald's!
Walk-a-thon Carnival	9/27	Wrap up the Walkathon and classroom competitions with an outdoor carnival, weather-pending.
Art to Remember	Sept/Oct	Students create unique art projects that are transformed into unique gift items for purchase.
Breakfast with a Buddy at Primary school	10/3	Each student can bring one guest to a fun breakfast event. The fall breakfast will be held at the Primary School, and the Intermediate School will host their breakfast in the spring. (replacing Muffins with Mom and Donuts with Dad)
Conference Snacks for Teachers	10/15 + 10/17	Lighten the load for our teachers by providing snacks during conference times.
PTO Meeting	October 21	Join us to learn about the latest happenings and how you can help us. Every third Monday of the month from 6:30p-8p at Apple Creek Coffee Co.
Trick-or-Treat	October 26	The Trick-or-Treat event at the Primary building is an opportunity for our youngest Stormin' Points to interact with teachers.
PTO Meeting	November 18	Join us to learn about the latest happenings and how you can help us. Every third Monday of the month from 6:30p-8p at Apple Creek Coffee Co.
Thanksgiving Feast	Week of 11/18	Enjoy a Thanksgiving Feast and understand the deeper meaning of Thanksgiving.
PTO Meeting	December 16	Join us to learn about the latest happenings and how you can help us. Every third Monday of the month from 6: 30p-8p at Apple Creek Coffee Co.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions. We're looking forward to a fantastic year ahead, and we're so glad to have you on this journey with us!

All the best,

Bri Lane, President
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Jennifer Dunn, At-Large
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