Dear CPU Families,

Welcome to the 2025-26 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. Last year, we focused on supporting our teachers and all supporting staff. We committed to provide resources, recognition, and support that they needed to continue making a positive impact on our students.

This year, our focus is improving the Intermediate Outdoor Play Space. We are looking forward to working with the staff at the school to create accessible improvements that the students can enjoy.

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

| **Category** | **Allocation** | **Types of Activities** |
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| 2025-2026  Strategic  Initiatives | 65% | Intermediate Outdoor Play Space |
| 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 |
| 2026-2027 School Year | 10% | Funds to be moved forward to next school year |

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.

**Other upcoming events for September:**

1. **Walkathon:** Our biggest fundraiser of the year ends Friday, September 12th! You can donate via Venmo, debit card, or credit card through PayPal this year - you do NOT need a PayPal account to utilize this option! Follow the steps below to donate:
   1. Scan our QR Code, or visit: <https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/9FLHLKRXXNPUC>



* 1. Choose your donation amount
  2. Make sure to list your student’s first and last name, grade, and teacher’s name in order for them to get credit
     1. If you are donating for more than one student, please submit SEPARATE transactions for each student.
  3. Select your payment option through PayPal, link your Venmo account, or pay with debit or credit card.

1. **Upcoming PTO Meetings:** 
   1. Regular Monthly Meeting: Thursday, September 18th at Jam’s. Social starts at 6:00 PM, and the meeting begins at 6:30 PM.
2. **McTeacher Night:** Monday, September 15th
3. **Walk-a-Thon Carnival: Friday, September 26th**. Celebrate the end of the Walk-a-Thon with an outdoor carnival (weather permitting). **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th date is correct. There was a misprint on our event calendars passed out during Meet & Greet.**

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](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfC39ajZ0qR_O1WoYbOWqb8E_uV6IkCI4ckmhRwSpAJvbr9yQ/viewform?usp=sf_link), email us at [pto@cpuschools.org](mailto: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](https://www.facebook.com/cpupto/)). Below, you’ll find a schedule of our events for the first few months.

\*\* Please note that the date for the Trick or Treat event in the PTO flyers that were handed out at the Meet & Greet is incorrect. **The correct date is Friday, October 24th.**

| **Walk-a-thon** | 8/29-9/12 | Biggest fundraiser of the year! Our strategic initiative for 2025-2026 is to improve the Intermediate Outdoor Play Space |
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| **PTO Meeting** | 9/18 | Join us to learn about the latest happenings and how you can help us. Every third week of the month, rotating Thursday or Monday. Location rotates between Center Point and Urbana. Find the event on Facebook for details! |
| **McTeacher Night** | 9/15 | Join our teachers and staff for dinner at McDonald's! |
| **Walk-a-thon Carnival** | 9/26 | 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** | 10/2 | 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** | 10/14 & 10/16 | Lighten the load for our teachers by providing snacks during conference times. |
| **PTO Meeting** | 10/20 | Join us to learn about the latest happenings and how you can help us. Every third week of the month, rotating Thursday or Monday. Location rotates between Center Point and Urbana. Find the event on Facebook for details! |
| **Trick-or-Treat** | 10/24 | The Trick-or-Treat event at the Primary building is an opportunity for our youngest Stormin' Points to interact with teachers. |
| **PTO Meeting** | 11/20 | Join us to learn about the latest happenings and how you can help us. Every third week of the month, rotating Thursday or Monday. Location rotates between Center Point and Urbana. Find the event on Facebook for details! |
| **Thanksgiving Feast** | 11/18 (Primary)  11/20 (Intermediate) | Enjoy a Thanksgiving Feast and understand the deeper meaning of Thanksgiving. |
| **PTO Meeting** | 12/15 | Join us to learn about the latest happenings and how you can help us. Every third week of the month, rotating Thursday or Monday. Location rotates between Center Point and Urbana. Find the event on Facebook for details! |

Please don’t hesitate to reach out to [pto@cpuschools.org](mailto:pto@cpuschools.org) 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,

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Maria Pitz, Secretary

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