



Smith Magnet Elementary | PTA NEWSLETTER – November 2023

Volunteers Needed!

We love being able to do events for the teachers and kids, but we can always use extra help to ensure that they run well and are sustainable. You do need to renew your volunteer clearance every year at the school. Information on how to do this can be found [here](#). Also, for every volunteer shift served during December, your name will go into a drawing for the January car pool pass!

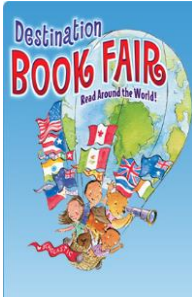
Our most immediate need is the book fair. Sign-up is [here](#) for those who are already cleared for volunteering at the school. Hope to see you there!



Topic of the Month:

Book Fair

Did you know that the annual book fair is the largest fundraiser that the PTA operates? This year's fair is set for December 11-15, so be on the lookout for more information coming home with your kiddos and emails coming from the PTA.



Fall Festival 2023



"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." – William Butler Yeats

PTA News



Upcoming Events

- ▶ December 5 – Make-up Picture Day
- ▶ December 9 – City BBQ (White Oak) Fundraiser
- ▶ December 11-15 – Book Fair
- ▶ January 18 – Quarterly PTA Meeting – SAVE THE DATE!

Committee Reports

Fundraising committee – We net about \$500 from the fall carnival and over \$700 from the Jersey Mike's fundraiser! We set a small profit goal of \$500 for the first catalog fundraiser and have doubled it already with just the online sales! Delivery is set for December 8. Book fair is set. City BBQ at White Oak is next food fundraiser and is set for December 9.

Dojo committee – Dojo party went well with 125 students attending. Takis were a big hit, so we need to stock up on more of those. Dojo cart inventory is doing well, but we have a [wishlist](#) created for keeping it well-stocked for the students.

Teachers appreciation committee – Teachers loved the fall treats and appreciate any- and everything we do for them.

Yearbook committee – Still working on candid photos to add and will ensure that December picture retakes are included.

Events committee – No report this meeting.

Merchandise – New spirit wear is a big hit...sold nearly 50 shirts and hoodies at fall festival! Check out the long sleeve t-shirts and zipper hoodies in stock for holiday gifting! Shop [here](#).

Volunteer Opportunities

▶ We can't do what we do without you! We have plenty of opportunities for members to volunteer and help us to provide events for the students and teachers. Our current need is for the book fair, so watch for more information coming soon about that! Be sure that your volunteer registration is updated annually! Information available [here](#).

PTA Meetings

▶ The PTA board meets monthly and these newsletters will provide updates from those meetings. We will have open meetings quarterly – some will be held virtually (on Zoom) and some in person at the school. Watch for those via email and the upcoming events!

In the meantime, feel free to reach out to the board with any questions!

Let's have a great school year!

"Education is a partnership between parents, teachers, and students, lighting the path to a brighter future."



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