

WELCOME TO PROSPECT SCHOOL & THE PROSPECT PTO

We welcome you to Prospect Elementary School and would like to introduce (or re-introduce) you to the Prospect PTO! Our school community is blessed to have dedicated families who are committed to enriching the education of our Prospect students. We would like to share what the Prospect PTO offers and how you can get involved.

To start, we'd like to make sure you are familiar with our website and receive our weekly Sunday Newsletters. The website and newsletters are the main resources for parents to keep updated on the weekly school calendar and to learn about extra-curricular activities, special events, assemblies, and activity registrations. So, please bookmark our website: www.prospectschoolpto.org and add contact@prospectschoolpto.org to your contact list so PTO communications don't go to your spam! If your family is new to Prospect, expect to hear from our friendly Newcomers Committee over the summer. They will help you navigate the ins and outs of Prospect School and answer any questions you may have.

When and how do I register for the PTO?

PTO registration for the 2018-19 school year opens on **Monday, April 16**. Registration is online so just visit our website and click on the "PTO Registration" button. From the registration webpage, you will be able to pay your PTO activity fees (required annually), order school supply kits, volunteer on PTO committees or to be a Room Mom, and more. So, mark your calendars for April 16, visit www.prospectschoolpto.org and register!

Why should I volunteer?

The Prospect PTO encourages parent and community involvement to support our children in both their academic and social education. Our volunteers ensure the ongoing success of all of Prospect's programs. There is a PTO committee for everyone – volunteer positions big and small, including several tasks that can be done at home. From one-time events to on-going clubs to programs in the classrooms, there are many ways to be involved and share your time and talents with Prospect School and its amazing students. To help navigate the committees, look for these notes below:

* - good for working parents

** - limited time commitment

*** - in class volunteering

What does the Prospect PTO do and how does it enhance the education of our students?

- ❖ The PTO provides **Enrichment Programs** that supplement the curriculum and help develop well-rounded students, such as:

Art Awareness ***	Junior Great Books (grades 2 and 3) ***
Assemblies	Robert Crown Center for Education

Chess Club **	Science Week and Science Fair *
Eco Panthers **	Spelling Bee
Enrichment	Student Leadership Team (grades 3-5)

- ❖ The PTO supports the **Social and Emotional Learning and Development** of the students at Prospect and provides **Social Interaction and Service Projects** opportunities for them to cultivate a sense of community and to be in an environment of cooperation which is safe and accepting of all individuals through:

Assemblies	Robert Crown Center for Education
Bike Rodeo **	Rolling Panther School Store (grade 5)
Breakfast with Dads **	Room Parties ***
Dash N Bash	SELAS (Social Emotional Learning for Academic Success)
Eco Panthers **	Senior Readers *
Enrichment	Sister School – William Penn Elementary in Chicago
Fifth Grade Activities	Spirit Wear
Holiday Bazaar	Student Leadership Team (grades 3-5)
Hot Lunch	Walk to School Day **
Newcomers	Yearbook
Parents Night Out *	

- ❖ The PTO supports the **Prospect Staff** by providing additional tools for education within the classroom, and by recognizing and demonstrating our appreciation for their dedication and excellence through:

Book Fairs (Fall and Spring) ***	Room Parents ***
Future Projects	School Supply Kits *
Media Resource Center (MRC) ***	Teacher and Staff Appreciation

- ❖ The PTO supports **Communication** between school and home as well as school and community through:

Email Blasts & Remind Text Service – reminders for school events	Publicity – local community publications
Events of the Week – in weekly newsletter & on website	Prospect News – weekly newsletter publication
Directory – electronic app	PTO Website – www.prospectschoolpto.org

- ❖ The above noted programs and objectives could not achieve success without the ample funds raised throughout the year from the following events and activities, which our Prospect families support 100% by giving their time,

talents and generous contributions. These have helped pay for Art, Music and Physical Education programs, as well as classroom and playground support.

Book Fairs (Fall and Spring) ***	Shop N Share *
Box Tops *	Spirit Wear
Brick Sales	Dash n Bash
Gift Wrap Fundraiser	

How can I get involved?

Our Prospect PTO registration for the 2018-19 school year opens on Monday, April 16. Visit our PTO website at www.prospectschoolpto.org and click on the "Join a Committee" button to join one or more of our wonderful PTO committees. To volunteer to become a Room Parent, click the PTO Registration button and then select *2018-19 Room Parent Volunteer*.

It is our pleasure to represent the PTO and we welcome any questions – please feel free to contact us!

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