

DURANT ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

PTA offers the opportunity to attend many exciting activities during the school year at Durant Road Elementary School (DRES) and families should be aware of what they are and how to participate. This isn't meant to overwhelm families, but instead used as a quick look information sheet so when your student comes home excited about a school event you're informed. There will be additional communications regarding all of these events as they draw closer. If you have questions, please contact the school or DRES President, Donna Kuni – dresptapresident@gmail.com

	What is it?	What Can You Do?
Square One	During the year the children design a piece of artwork. That artwork can then be mass produced into a variety of items that family members can purchase.	The child's artwork and an order form will come home; you can then purchase items such as key chains, notecards, mugs, mousepads, t-shirts, necklaces, etc that have your child's original artwork as the design.
Art Fair	On this night you will see a beautiful display of original artwork created by your child. All artwork will be displayed. It will be just like a real Art Gallery! Your child's art will make a beautiful addition to your home or wonderful one-of-a-kind gift for a grandparent or family member.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return your pre-payment for each child's original art work. You can pick up your child's art on Art Show night. • Volunteer – We need help setting up and cleaning up!
Book Fair	Bedford books or another book distributor sets up once per year in the school library for 2 weeks and students have the opportunity to come and browse the selections with their class. A "wish list" is created with the help of a volunteer or the teacher. Your child can then come back and purchase books. The library earns approximately 25% of total sales when we host a Book Fair. All proceeds from the Book Fair go directly to fund purchases for the library (not used for PTA programs).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Browse the fair with your student during school or after school. Book fair is also open a couple of evenings during the event. • Review the wish list that your student brings home and decide if you want to purchase any of the items she/he has chosen. • Volunteer at the Book Fair. • There are 1.5 hours slot you can sign up for to help students make their lists and ring up sales. It's easy and fun!

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Boosterthon - Fundraiser

Our biggest fundraiser of the year, 70% of our raised PTA funds come from this event. Students collect pledges and run laps to earn them. The program runs for 2 weeks for most tracks, but some will only have 1 week to get their pledges. Students participate in a pep-rally and daily character education at school culminating in the big run on Friday! Every homeroom teacher gets a percentage of Boosterthon money to use for teacher-directed programs in their classroom. The Specials teachers also receive a direct allocation of Boosterthon funds.

- Connect your student with friends and family to get pledges
- Come watch the pep rally and/or character education sessions
- COME TO THE RUN and CHEER!
- Volunteer to hand out water at the run or be on the decorating committee!
- Collect those pledges!

Box Tops Contest



Box Tops:
Twice a year we hold contests to encourage families to send in their Box Tops. Turns out a few Box Tops can go a long way!

- Send in Box Tops when you see the flyer come home. They will be counted toward your student's 'team'.
- Volunteer to count and package Box Tops or collect them from classrooms!

Family Reading Night

Family Reading Night is generally held in March and is planned for Kindergarten - 2nd grade students. The committee organizes Therapy Dogs and their handlers to come in to school and students can spend 15 minutes reading to a dog. There are other stations as well where students can sign up for a library card, work on word work, or listen to a story told by a police officer or fire fighter. It is an evening of events meant to promote the fun of reading!

- Join the committee
- Volunteer to work a station
- Come and enjoy the evening with your K-2nd grader

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<p>Field Day</p>	<p>At the end of the school year, students rotate through stations of fun 'field' activities like scooter hockey and spray bottle tag. Kids have earned this well deserved break from classroom activities . Additionally, students can get a sweet treat of Kona Ice. Students will get wet!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be sure your child wears a swimsuit, brings dry clothes/shoes to change into and a towel. • Send in \$2.00 for Kona Ice • Volunteer to help out a station (Event stations, Break stations, help classroom teachers)
<p>Other Fundraisers -Spirit Wear</p>	<p>Show your DRES school spirit by purchasing and wearing your Spiritwear EVERY Friday!</p>	<p>Parents and students should purchase and wear your Spirit Wear.</p>
<p>-Spirit Nights (dining)</p>	<p>Local businesses are an integral part of supporting DRES. Look for various Spirit Nights at local establishments. Percentages of the proceeds from the designated nights/times are donated to DRES!</p>	<p>On Spirit nights dine in or purchase food from the participating restaurant or establishment. Be sure to take your flyer if required.</p>
<p>-Store Cards (Lowe's foods, Harris Teeter, Food Lion)</p>	<p>When you link your grocery store cards to Durant Road Elementary we earn thousands of dollars that support teacher grants, special projects and technology.</p>	<p>Re-link your store card each year</p>
<p>Amazon Smile!</p>	<p>Through the free Amazon Smile program a percentage of the purchase price of millions of products offered by Amazon is donated to DRES!</p>	<p>Sign up for Amazon Smile at smile.amazon.com/ch/56-1780479 or look us up at smile.amazon.com</p>
<p>Parent Teacher Association (PTA)</p>	<p>The DRES PTA works on projects that support our teachers and our students as well as benefiting the DRES community.</p>	<p>Join the PTA. You can join anytime during the year. Annual memberships are \$10.</p> <p>Share your time. Whether you have just a few hours or can give more, every hour helps. Our Volunteer Coordinator can give you more information about upcoming programs or contact any board member.</p>

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Meet with us. The [PTA meets](#) the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 pm in various locations. General PTA meetings are held three times a year. These meetings provide more information about issues important to our school and our students.

PTA Reflections Art Contest	This event is a chance for budding artists to submit artwork that reflects an annual theme. Art work is individualized and is submitted based on the guidelines provided.	Encourage your budding artist to participate in various mediums and be creative
Rising Kindergarten Picnic	All rising Kindergarten students and families are welcome to join others in a picnic social prior to the DRES Kindergarten Orientation.	Volunteer as an “existing” Kindergarten parent to be on hand to answer incoming family questions.
Spring Carnival	This is a fun-filled, family event with games, bounce houses, food, prizes, and more for all. We welcome all of our DRES community and extend the invitation to the community. The kids have a great time! Typically this event is held in April/May.	Volunteers are needed before and at the Carnival to organize ticket sales, gather prize donations, manage games, recruit volunteers, sort ticket orders, etc.
Yearbook	Keep the memories. Books are delivered in the last weeks of the school year.	Yearbooks are \$15 per book and can be ordered online on the PTA website.