### **River Bend Elementary School PTO**

# Welcome to River Bend!

Welcome to an exciting new year at River Bend Elementary School! We especially welcome our kindergarten families and everyone new to River Bend. The River Bend PTO is here to help your family have a successful, rewarding, and fun year. To recognize the valuable role each of us plays in our school's educational environment and culture, every parent and guardian, teacher, administrator, and staff person are automatically members of the PTO and are encouraged to actively participate in its activities.

#### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

#### How to Get Involved

Did you know substantial research shows that when families are involved in their children's education, a child is more likely to succeed academically and to engage in more positive behaviors? The PTO is a perfect way to be personally involved to make a difference in the lives of every student at River Bend.

#### Some Ways to Help

- Classroom captains
- Spirit-wear sales
- Yearbook design team
- Event volunteers
- And much more....

Scan below to sign up today and explore other opportunities!



#### How to Know What's Happening

Watch for announcements about the PTO in communications from your teachers and principals. Also regularly check out the PTO website for updates and information:



#### New Goals that Need Your Support

- Expand and update the book collections in every classroom and the library to promote student reading, comprehension, and higher-order thinking
- Acquire much needed bike racks to improve access to the school
- Award new teacher-grant requests to support student learning and curricular enhancements.

#### **Upcoming Activities**

Plan ahead and look for more information about some upcoming events:

- Spirit-wear design contest
- Restaurant give-back outings
- Kick-off "PTO Presents" session
- Spirit-wear store
- Fall social events\*

\*Due to recent Parkway guidelines in response to changing COVID conditions, the PTO is actively replanning events that comply with the guidelines, such as activities that are virtual, self-guided, or in-person when allowed.

#### **Answers to Your Questions**

Have questions about the PTO or want to learn more about River Bend? Email us at <u>rbtigerspto@gmail.com</u>.

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# More News



#### What We Accomplished Together

Thank you for making these activities, and so much more, happen last year:

- Fifth-grade celebration activities
- RB face masks for every student
- Two Heimlich doll kits for student learning programs
- Ukuleles for the music department
- Library books through the Scholastic
  Book Fair
- Staff appreciation gift baskets
- Teacher appreciation gifts, meals, and more
- River Bend signs for every family
- School grounds decorated for special occasions
- Kona Ice for end-of-year celebrations

Check out the PTO website to discover even more of our accomplishments!



#### Your PTO Leadership Team

Grant Black, president

Lynette Black, vice president

Jennifer Quinn, treasurer

Jamie White, recording secretary

Sydney Smith, corresponding secretary

Kate Walls, volunteer coordinator

#### What the PTO is All About

The River Bend PTO supports and provides opportunities that enrich the educational and social experiences at River Bend Elementary. The PTO operates as an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with no state or national affiliations or political connections. The PTO is led by an annually elected group of volunteers. All funds raised by the PTO are used to support the school and its community. In a typical year, the PTO organizes, sponsors, or supports a wide variety of educational and social activities, such as:

- Arts-related field trips
- STEM Fair
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Cultural Fair
- Abilities Awareness Day
- Yearbook
- Trunk or Treat
- Family Fun Night
- Classroom Parties
- Field Day

PTO Website: https://www.parkwayschools.net/domain/326