

# PARENT INVOLVEMENT MATTERS



Country Meadows  
PTO



**FACT**

**Parent involvement is more important to a child's academic performance than the qualities of the school itself.**

Source: PTO TODAY: 2019: Studies of 10,000 families published from North Carolina State University, Brigham Young University, and the University of California, Irvine.

## **THE COUNTRY MEADOWS PTO IS DIVERSE:**

*“Some members work full-time, some work part time, and some are at home...”*

*“Today many families are actively involved...”*

*“It allows me to have a voice in what is happening in our schools”*

## **THE PTO BUILDS CONNECTIONS:**

*“I’ve had the opportunity to meet some talented and dedicated parents.”*

*“It’s allowed me to form a larger and more meaningful connection with our community.”*

*“Building relationships and getting face time with the principals never hurts.”*

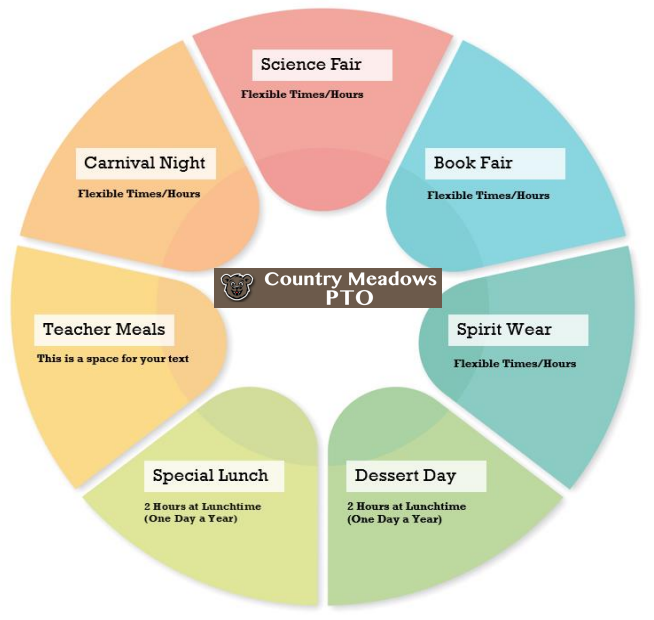
*“When you work full-time, it’s hard to feel involved with, and connected, to your kid’s school, especially since many things happen during the day.... I am so appreciative of the flexibility our committee with its conference calls and virtual meetings I can still take part in activities.....”*

*“I’m proud I can use my time, along with my professional skills, to help improve my son’s educational experience.”*

*“...Banning the MYTH: Typically members are elsewhere other than Starbucks at 10am on a Tuesday 😊”*



# PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION



Did you know: PTO funds programs like cultural arts, author visits, science fair. The PTO has also funded gym units like yoga and hot ground gym. The PTO continues to look for new programs to enrich the kids.

## Here is a snap shot:

- Fundraising
- Educational Events
- Cultural Experience
- Building a Community
- Author Visits
- Collaborate with your Child's Educators



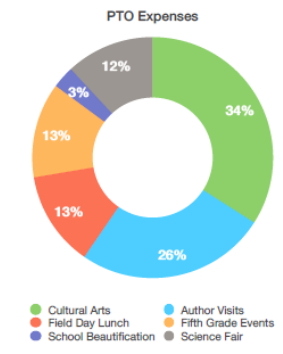
## Country Meadows PTO Budget Numbers 2018/2019

PTO INCOME (ESTIMATED FOR 2018/2019)	
Fundraisers/Fees/Donations	\$21,990
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$21,990</b>

PTO EXPENSES	
Cultural Arts	\$4,000
Author Visits	\$3,000
Field Day Lunch	\$1,500
Fifth Grade Events	\$1,500
School Beautification	\$350
Science Fair	\$1,400
Staff Appreciation	\$2,000
Volunteer Appreciation	\$1,000
PTO Class Parties	\$800
Movie Nights	\$400
End of the year picnic	\$1,500
Facebook Signups	\$50
Membership Tool Kit	\$450
Misc Expenses (Bank Charges/checks, PayPal Fees, Quickbooks, Teacher meet and greet, etc)	\$3,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$20,950</b>

PTO \$ LEFT OVER	
Income minus expenses	\$1,040

Note: Some of these numbers are rounded off. If you are interested in looking at the detailed breakdown, please ask any of the PTO board Members.



Today the PTO expands beyond the Bake Sales and Box Tops...In an effort to support MANY Country Meadows activities:

The Country Meadows PTO has opportunity for over 400 volunteers annually

Between needs for judges for the Science Fair-Carnival Night MCs to helping a child find a book at the Book Fair

...AN HOUR OF YOUR TIME GOES A LONG WAY!

# 2019-20 PTO Involvement Opportunities:

5th Grade Party
5th Grade Boys night out and Girls night out
Book Fairs (Fall and Spring)
Box Tops for Education-
Carnival Night-
Conference Meals and Staff Appreciation Week-
Cookie Dough Fundraiser-
Cultural arts-
Dessert Day-
End of the year party-
Field Day lunch-
Movie Nights-
Parent Review Committee-
School Beautification-
School Supply Kits-
Science Fair-
Special Lunch-
Spirit wear-
Yearbook-

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## PTO Executive Board: 2019/20

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Minimal time commitments

Seasonal Programs: No need to commit all year

Many committee meetings are now virtual...Contact a Board Member!



# SO NOW WHAT?



## WELCOME TO THE COUNTRY MEADOWS PTO TOOLKIT

### What you need to know or do...

**Parent and Student Information** - Just take a peek to make sure all of the information is accurate. Validate your students grade, teacher information and parent email addresses. **Your child may not get Special Lunch or Dessert Day if this data is inaccurate.** We rely on this information for just about everything we do!

**Volunteer Opportunities** - We need a lot of volunteers...that's what makes the PTO events a success. Sign up on the **Volunteer Interest Form** and let us know what events you would like to help out with. Committee chairs will contact you when those opportunities are available throughout the school year!

**New Forms** - Anything we are selling will be listed here. **New Items appear in Red. Items you have reviewed appear in Blue.** For convenience, purchases can be made using PayPal. The Toolkit will forward receipts to the email address you have on file in the Parent Information section.

### Volunteer Opportunities

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#### Spring 2019 'DINO-MITE' Book Fair

Our Library was able to purchase over \$4,500 worth of new books this year! That was only possible because our Bookfairs are so successful! We want to keep it going! We're looking for volunteers to come help for a 90 minute shift to help our kids find books they love. You can even pick a shift during the time your child's classroom visits!

#### 2019-2020 Executive Board

We are always looking for new energy through parent involvement. If you are interested in participating in the PTO take a look at all of our amazing opportunities for the upcoming School Year! These roles are typically two-year commitments. By volunteering for an Executive Board your name will be placed on a nominating list for vote at the General Meeting in May. If elected, the transition will begin in the summer.

#### 2019-2020 Planning Committees

The CM PTO is looking for people who want to join any one of our various Planning Committees. Planning Committees work to plan and execute a particular event. Review our list of scheduled committees for the upcoming year and join us on any committee that interests you! Volunteers for the actual day of the event will be requested closer to the start of the year once the PTO Calendar has been finalized.

#### 2018-2019 Volunteer Interest Form

The PTO Volunteer Program is one of the best ways that parents can support the students and staff at our school. Please review the volunteer opportunities below and indicate where you are interested in helping out. Your contact information will then be forwarded to the PTO board member or committee chair that is organizing that activity and they will be in touch with you and let you know more about what help is needed, as we approach each event.

#### 2018 - 2019 Dessert Day Volunteers

Who doesn't want to hand out ice-cream?! We need parents to come in and help us hand out Ice Cream to the kids that have purchased Dessert Day. Sign up for the date that works best. PLEASE NOTE: - IN ORDER TO GIVE EVERYONE A CHANCE TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE LIMIT SIGNUPS TO A MAXIMUM OF 3 DAYS. (Committee will go in and randomly eliminate any days over the 3 day limit, as needed.) - VOLUNTEER SHIFT IS 11:00AM - 1:00PM. - VOLUNTEERS MUST WEAR HAT WITH HAIR PULLED BACK.

#### 2018-2019 Special Lunch Volunteers

One of our most popular volunteer opportunities! We are looking for parents to volunteer their time during lunchtime to help us hand out or scheduled Special Lunches. Pick an available day and help hand out lunches. PLEASE DO NOT SIGN UP FOR MORE THAN 3 DAYS IN ORDER TO ALLOW ALL OUR PARENTS A CHANCE! IF YOU DO SIGN UP FOR MORE THAN 3 THE COMMITTEE WILL RANDOMLY REMOVE THE EXTRA DAYS. THANK YOU FOR UNDERSTANDING. NOTE: VOLUNTEER SHIFTS ARE 11:00 - 1:00. VOLUNTEERS MUST WEAR HAIR PULLED BACK WITH A HAT OR HAIRNET.

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