



Atkinson Elementary PTA Newsletter

September 30, 2020

We're almost to October!

Our first month of school is nearly under our belts. We know it has been a whirlwind and full of transition. We are thankful to everyone for your engagement and investment in our community. PTA is working on several projects including running club, dine-outs, spirit wear, and much more. If you are interested in helping out, let us know!

Below you will find additional information about PTA, upcoming events, and as promised, anti-racism actions we can all do.

PTA Updates

Renew your PTA Membership today! PTA membership funds our family resiliency fund, school supplies, books and equipment, our outdoor learning garden, fun social and cultural events, and so much more. Thanks to the **62 members!** who have already joined for this year!

- [Online Membership Form](#)

Sign up for your Atkinson T-Shirt! The school and PTA are co-sponsoring an effort to get every student an Atkinson t-shirt. Thanks to Van Cooley for the design! Every student is eligible to get a free t-shirt. Additional spirit wear items will be for sale. Please consider donating \$5 per shirt to help support this effort. You can reserve your student's free t-shirt and make a donation all in [SchoolPay](#).

Be a Classroom Representative. A Classroom Rep. fulfills the role of connecting the parents in your child's class. The teacher may also ask you to relay information occasionally. Some things the Class Rep may do is coordinate with the teacher about relaying information to other parents in the class about volunteer options plus other classroom needs, assist with Teacher Appreciation week needs by coordinating a class gift, cards, etc. for your teacher, coordinate social and informational class zoom calls. If you are interested in being a Classroom Helper, [sign up here](#).

Running Club started last week. Don't forget to submit your student's weekly runs here: <https://sites.google.com/atkinsonpta.org/atkinsonvirtualrunningclub/>

Changes to the **Family Resiliency Fund**. Due to some changes to Oregon PTA's rules, we will be unable to continue administering the family resiliency fund in the same way we have been. We are working with Ms. Fontana to help the school facilitate accepting donations. Please be patient as we work through these changes.

Upcoming Events

Latinx Heritage Month, September 15-October 15

Check out these awesome [resources](#) for kids, parents, teachers, and community members put together by our new co-president, Martha Almendarez Langland.

Family Listening Sessions, Wednesday, September 30

Join Ms. Fontana and the PTA to ask questions and share concerns. Links to the questions and answers from previous sessions: [English Q&A](#)/[Spanish Q&A](#)

- English 5:00pm - 6:00pm ZOOM <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83795140214>, Dial 253 215 8782, Meeting ID: 837 9514 0214
- Spanish 6:00pm - 7:00pm ZOOM <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83343733458>, Dial 253 215 8782, Meeting ID: 833 4373 3458

Atkinson Dines Out at Fernando's, Wednesday, October 7th.

Head to [Fernando's Alegria](#) at the Mercado and pick up burritos for dinner and support a local business and the PTA. 7238 SE Foster Rd #16

October PTA Meeting, October 13, 6:30-8:00pm ZOOM <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88686122293>, Dial 253 215 8782, Meeting ID: 886 8612 2293

A representative from the PPS School Bond campaign will be joining us and asking for an endorsement. We will continue the conversation around antiracism. For our roundtable discussion, a mental health specialist will be joining us to share ideas and strategies for children and families. Please share your questions in advance via this [survey](#).

Anti-Racism Resources

Social Justice Uprising Actions WE CAN ALL DO: Donate. Educate. Read. Follow. Listen. Support.

Indigenous People's Day is Monday, October 12th. This newsletter's actions are focused on learning about, supporting, and advocating for Indigenous peoples.

Donate to support Native American communities fighting Covid-19. Native Americans are disproportionately affected by coronavirus. [Teen Vogue](#) has assembled a list of organizations that you can support.

Educate yourself about the land upon which you reside and have access to. Review the [Land Reparations & Indigenous Solidarity Toolkit](#).

Read [Native American Activism: 1960s to Present](#) from the Zinn Education Project.

Community Resources

- The first draft of the enrollment balancing proposal for Kellogg Middle School and the SE Portland schools is available [here](#).
- There are several measures on November's ballot that affect children and families. Learn about them below:
 - [PPS School Bond](#)
 - [Universal Preschool](#)
 - [Portland Parks and Recreation](#)
 - [Multnomah County Libraries](#)

As always, please feel free to reach out to us at president@atkinsonpta.org if you have questions, concerns, or have something you would like included in our next newsletter

Thank you,
Harmony Quiroz & Martha Almendarez Langland
Co-Presidents, Atkinson PTA

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Ways to Support PTA

- Renew your membership today for the 2020-2021 year. [Online Membership Form](#)
- Businesses you may be using by simply linking us to your AmazonSmile and Fred Meyer accounts.
How-to details here: <https://www.atkinsonelementarypta.org/fundraising/>
 - Buy a mattress from Tuft & Needle and 25% goes to Atkinson!
<https://www.tuftandneedle.com/?p=57af6dfc>
- Donate directly to the Atkinson Elementary PTA general fund set up to sustain projects, programs and events for our Atkinson kids you can find us here: <http://www.atkinsonelementarypta.org/donate/>

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