



Welcome Back!

Dear Families,

The Yarmouth PreK-8 Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) warmly welcomes you to the start of an exciting new school year! The PTO is a group of parent volunteers who work together with teachers and administrators to support the Rowe, Yarmouth Elementary & Harrison Middle Schools. We do not charge dues but consider all school families to be members. In a typical year, we organize many events for our students and find ways to show our appreciation for our wonderful teachers. Examples include: cultural arts programs with visiting artists, marine science programs, nature programs and field trips. We also build community through FUN- RAISING and fundraising events such as our ice cream social, bike swap, and other community activities.

We realize people have been trying to make direct donations and our website is down. Thank you for your patience while we navigate the technical issues. Below we have listed direct ways you may access information and donate directly with a click of a button.

As we navigate this technical growing pain, please go to our Linktr.e link for easy access to the volunteer survey, easy direct donations, fundraisers / fun- raising information. Thank you again for your patience and keep checking in as we update for 2023!

Download, purchase and click or do a direct donation!

Here are some easy ways to contribute to our efforts:

- **Mabel's Labels-** It doesn't matter if you're an adult, teenager or kindergartener. Mabel's Labels allows you to label absolutely anything! Bags, sport gear, lunch boxes, water bottles etc. Their labels are for clothes and any surface as well as being waterproof. Any time you order, 20% goes to the Yarmouth PTO.
 - Step 1: Access campaigns.mabelslabels.com
 - Step 2: Search for Yarmouth PTO
 - Step 3: Shop and Support!
- **Hannaford Gift Card Program (Free-to-You Fundraiser) - super easy and always a great gift for birthdays, holidays or to welcome a new neighbor!**

The PTO receives a donation from Hannaford of 5% of your gift card purchases in the program; for example, if you purchase a \$100 gift card, Hannaford sends the PTO \$5 (the gift card is still worth \$100!). Many families participate every month. Please see the attached form for how to get started.
- **Direct Donation-**The PTO spends approximately \$45+ per student to fund our programs. The most direct way to support our efforts is by giving a **tax-deductible donation**. You can do this electronically by visiting <https://givebutter.com/YarmouthMEPTO> or scanning our **PTO QR code with your cell phone**.



We also accept checks mailed to the Yarmouth PTO. PO Box 262 Yarmouth, ME 04096 with the attached envelope.

BIG Money Fundraisers are held throughout the year, such as the Halloween 5k Run for Enrichment (Oct), Glow Run (January), Silver Graphics (March), and a Bike Swap (May). We will keep you posted on all the details through PTO social media channels and newsletters, as well as the principal's newsletters.

We welcome all volunteers. To join us, please go to <https://linktr.ee/YarmouthPTO>. When filling out your volunteer survey let us know your talents and where your interests lie. PTO meetings are public and usually held on the third Thursday of every month. Please look for reminders in our Newsletter and social media. Meeting dates sometimes change because of vacations, etc. We alternate meetings between 7pm and 4pm to allow for those different schedules to attend. Our first meeting is on **September 21 at 7:00 pm at the YES Library.**

Quick Reference for 2023/24 School Year Meeting:

September 21 at 7pm, September 26 at 4pm, October 12 at 4pm, November 16 at 7pm, December 14 at 4pm, January 18 at 7pm, February 15 at 4pm, March 21 at 7pm, April 11 at 4pm, May 2 at 7pm, June 6 at 4pm.

If you have questions or comments, please contact us at yarmouthpto04096@gmail.com.
We love hearing from the community!

Sincerely,
Lenora Felker (president) Katie Eichleay (vice president) & the PTO Team