



WAYS TO ENGAGE WITH YOUR SCIOTO DARBY PTO

WHAT IS THE PTO AND WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

The PTO is a 501(c)3 charitable organization established to support our school community. It is led by several officers: President; Stephanie Litzinger, Vice President; TBD, Secretary; Jenny Banks, and Treasurer; Matt Christian. Participating in the PTO and meetings are open to all parents and staff in our school community. Your engagement is critical to the success of a strong and sustainable PTO for all of our students.

WHEN AND WHERE ARE PTO MEETINGS?

Monthly PTO meetings are held on the **2nd Wednesday of every month from 6:30 - 7:30 pm.** in the **SDE Teacher's Lounge**. Here we will review the PTO budget, discuss upcoming events and hear updates from SDE staff on what's been happening at school. You can keep up to date by checking the website (<https://www.hilliardschools.org/sde/pto/>) and following us on social media (Facebook/Instagram: @sdepantersppto). You can reach us via email at SDEpanthersPTO@gmail.com. PTO dates for 2025-2026 include: **Aug 27**, Sept 10, Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 10, Jan 14, Feb 11, March 11, April 8 and May 13.

WHAT IS PLANNED THIS YEAR?

The PTO supports both one-time and annual events, enrichment programs and permanent improvements at the school such as our playground shade structure. Below are a few highlights for this year but be sure to read the PTO section of your weekly E-News to stay up to date on all the ways you can engage!

Meet the Teacher: Stop by the PTO table on Meet the Teacher night to meet representatives from the PTO and learn how you can engage with the PTO throughout the year. (August 18, 2025)

Walk-a-Thon: Each year we host a Walk-a-Thon to engage students in raising funds from family and friends before spending a fun-filled day walking (or running!) around the school track and enjoying music, snacks and other lighthearted celebrations. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. (Early fall // Friday, October 3, 2025)

Book Fair: Twice a year SDE hosts a book fair where parents and children can browse and purchase books. Proceeds from the sales are received as credits for the Scholastic Store that our SDE teachers and staff use to purchase classroom supplies. (Fall & Spring // TBD)

School Store: Each year our fifth graders can apply to volunteer at the school store. This student-run storefront is open for 15 minutes at the start of the school day for other students to shop. Volunteers gain first-hand experience with managing inventory, managing cash and operating a business. (Full year)

Movie Night: A fun night to bring the family and enjoy our community, while watching a movie in the SDE gym that everyone can enjoy. Snacks are available for purchase. (Date varies // TBD)

Spring Fling: Join SDE families in celebrating our students' many artistic talents. Enjoy student art, watch the second-grade musical and buy raffle tickets during this great family event. (Spring // TBD).

Flower Sale: Each spring we partner with Foertmeyer & Sons Greenhouse to sell beautiful spring flowers. Parents volunteer on delivery day to help ensure all of our orders find their way to their new homes. This is our second-largest fundraiser of the year. (March 2026 sale / Early May 2026 delivery).

Spirit Night: Parent volunteers work with various local businesses to set up Spirit Nights where our school can earn a portion of the proceeds from the designated evening or activity. Each month features a new partner! (Dates/location offerings varies)

Field Day: Held in mid-May, Field Day is a school and student highlight of the year. The PTO provides financial support for the PTO but volunteer opportunities will come directly from SDE staff. (May 2026)

Teacher Hospitality: From bringing in dinners to stocking bathrooms with the best supplies, we work to ensure our teachers, staff and administrators are appreciated throughout the year through our hospitality work.

Field Trips & Other Student Events: The PTO supports bussing costs for nearly all student field trips throughout the year. In addition, PTO funds materials for classroom activities, enrichment programs, a fifth-grade celebration, the Momentum program and other great special events each year.

WAYS TO ENGAGE

There are so many ways to get involved. Here are just a few of the ways you can engage:

- Attend monthly PTO meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of the month in the Teacher's Lounge;
- Donate to PTO-sponsored fundraisers throughout the year (Walk-a-Thon, Flower Sale, etc);
- Spread the word about Spirit Nights & PTO events with your network; and
- Volunteer for PTO-supported events throughout the year.

EASY WAYS TO START!

Kroger Community Rewards: Enroll your Kroger Plus Card in Community Rewards and Kroger will give back to Scioto Darby Elementary every time you shop! Sign up today or simply choose Scioto Darby Elementary as your chosen charity when you go to "My Account". Our organization ID is: XI661.

"Clip" Box Tops: from your favorite brands from General Mills®, Betty Crocker®, Pillsbury®, Ziploc®, Kleenex® and more. Each coupon is worth 10¢ to our school, up to \$20,000! Scan to download the Box Tops app and take a picture of your receipt within 14 days of purchase. It's that simple!



Employer Match and Gift Opportunities: Did you realize that your Scioto Darby Elementary PTO is an IRS-designated nonprofit organization? This means gifts to the PTO are often eligible for employer match programs and contributions to the PTO are tax-deductible contributions. Our EIN is: 31-1418016. You can also donate to PTO through PayPal Giving Fund using this link:

<https://www.paypal.com/US/fundraiser/charity/1232458>

And this is just the beginning! We look forward to another fantastic year at Scioto Darby Elementary, where we take care of this place, ourselves and each other.