



Parent to Parent Tips- SCE PTO

What is “PTO” and why is it important?

PTO=Parent Teacher Organization. At SCE our family involvement makes our school someplace special. The PTO plays a critical role in our school’s culture and overall success!

Here are some thoughts from a former PTO President:

- We have tons of fun. No, really. We laugh. A LOT! We meet and make lifelong friends. Best NETWORKING out there! People from all walks of life and every possible career, make up our amazing team.
- We fundraise for our school...which means we raise funds for *OUR KIDS! Best part: 100% goes RIGHT BACK* into our kids’ school and educational experience!
- We throw amazing parties and events for the kids! Don’t believe me? Check out our website for our Trunk-or-Treat, Talent Show, and Carnival photos! <http://ptosilvercreek.weebly.com> *BAM!* Told you!
- We Give Back: Through our amazing Giving Committee. We pay it forward to parts of our community in need, and our kiddos can roll up their sleeves and help if they like. It feels goooooood!
- We honor our hard working teachers and staff: Teacher & Staff Appreciation Weeks and Teacher Conference Day Meals are done with serious style, thanks to our creative parents! It’s pretty much a creative free-for-all for the committee in charge, and the staff goes crazy for it! Yes, we’re just a little bit legendary.

What does the PTO do?

- The PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) helps contribute to the overall excellence of our school. They provide a wide array of support to make our school a better organization for everyone! (PS- they’re really warm, kind and welcoming too!)
- They coordinate fundraising for our school each year (up to \$50,000 a year!) This includes coordinating our Silver Creak Sneak Fun Run, King Soopers cards, Chick-Fil-A spirit nights, milk caps, Box Tops, etc.



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- The PTO coordinates fun activities for our families- Trunk or Treat, Talent Show and the Silver Creek Sneak/carnival.
- They organize and facilitate teacher and staff appreciation activities (including Teacher Appreciation Week), meals for teachers during conferences, and a back to school breakfast for our staff.
- They maintain a Giving Committee, providing opportunities for our students and families to give to those in need in our community (backpack/school supplies, Quarters for Turkeys, Operation Book Donation and a field day bake sale fundraiser)
- The PTO maintains the crossing guard schedule and recruits volunteers to help get kids safely across the street after school.
- The PTO also enlists volunteers for Fall and Spring picture days, and coordinates the annual school Yearbook committee (the yearbooks are really great- you can order one in the spring)
- They help with test day snacks, 5th grade continuation, newsletters, and Kindergarten orientation/connection.
- The PTO does so much- it's a great way to get connected with other families at Silver Creek. Attend a PTO meeting and check it out! There is always a place for parents to come get involved.

Fundraisers

Funding is an issue for every school in our district so our PTO works hard to facilitate fundraising opportunities to help meet needs at our school. We usually have one BIG event fundraiser and multiple ongoing smaller fundraisers (free money for our school).

-The Silver Creek Sneak is our BIG fundraiser and it's a fun event to attend as well. You won't want to miss it. In the past we had multiple fundraisers throughout the year (i.e. sending home magazines with items to sell)- but the past few years we have hit our fundraising goal through the Sneak. The carnival that follows is also worth staying for and enjoying as part of our



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school community. So fun! The brochure that came home speaks for itself and helps present our needs to family and community members.

- Boxtops for Education- be sure to clip and save Boxtops from your cereal boxes, ziplock bag boxes, cans, etc! The kids love to help collect them from the pantry and each one gives our school 10 cents. It adds up when everyone is collecting them!

- King Soopers Cards - you can purchase a reloadable King Soopers Gift Card from the office (for \$5 which is yours to spend at King Soopers)- and then ask the cashier to load your gift card before they start ringing your groceries. Our school gets 5% of whatever amount you load on your gift card, every time you load it, at no additional cost to you! For example, ask the cashier to load \$100 on your card every time you buy groceries, the school gets \$5 and you spend your \$100 on groceries.

- Chick-fil-A Spirit Days - Head to Larkridge for a meal and be sure to write your child's name and teacher name on the back of your receipt and give it to the cashier. Our school gets 20% of all receipts submitted!

Check out more information about our PTO here:

<http://ptosilvercreek.weebly.com> And follow us on Facebook as well.