



KILLEARN LAKES PTO NEWSLETTER

September 2022

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Killearn Lakes PTO is excited to welcome you back to a new school year! The beginning of the school year is such an exciting time, full of opportunities to provide positive change. The PTO is committed to making this "The Best Year Ever," and looks forward to supporting our teachers, staff and KLES families in the best way possible.

This year, the PTO will focus on rebuilding our programs and re-establishing our commitment to enrich and strengthen our school community. This includes bringing back programs like All Pro Dads and special school events like the Fall Festival and Grandparent's Day. Finding additional opportunities to show our appreciation for our teachers and staff is also high on our priority list, and special plans for Friendsgiving, Winter Holiday and Valentine's Day are underway. The PTO also wants to provide opportunities for parents to socialize with other KLES families, and a September and November Parent Meet-n-Greet in Bannerman Crossing will be announced shortly.

We understand every dollar counts right now, and that's why when you donate to the PTO's Patron Program, it really means the world to us. This program is designed as a one-time annual fundraiser to help fund the programs and activities for the year. 100% of your contributions go directly to Killearn Lakes Elementary. Did you know the PTO gives each teacher \$200 to spend on classroom supplies, or that the school's annual Field Day is funded by the PTO? Campus enhancement projects are vitally important to the well-being of our school, and the Patron Program has helped fund playground equipment, playground shades, and choral risers. If you haven't already, please consider donating today!

To learn more about the PTO and what is happening at Killearn Lakes Elementary, follow us on our Facebook and check out our website at killearnlakespto.org. We invite everyone to attend our first PTO meeting! We look forward to meeting all of you this school year!

Ressa Tomkiewicz
PTO President



9/20	PTO Meeting
9/12 – 9/16	Scholastic Book Fair
9/13	All Pro Dad
9/14	Picture Day
9/26	Fall Holiday – No School
10/14	Last Day of the Nine Weeks

VOLUNTEER CORNER

If you are interested in any volunteer opportunity at the school please make sure to fill out the Leon County Volunteer application here: <https://volunteers.leonschools.net/>

Fall Book Fair: Our amazing librarian Ms. Roddenberry needs support from September 12 - September 16. We need to fill 12 volunteer slots to ensure a seamless and successful event. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c44afa928a4fa7-kles>

Picture Day: Volunteers are needed to check that students look presentable before getting their picture taken, control the flow of students, make sure the students know where/when to go, and inform the front office as each class finishes. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c44afa928a4fa7-picture>



Our first meeting for the 2022-2023 year is on Tuesday September 20, 2022 at 6pm in the KLES Media Center. Everyone is invited to attend! We hope to see you there!

PATRON PROGRAM

The PTO is running our annual Patron Program fundraising campaign during the month of September!

Your contribution funds our activities and programs throughout the year and EVERY dollar directly supports our KLES students!

In addition to the thank you gifts we give to our Patrons, we have some extra incentives for the classrooms who have the highest participation—

Every class that reaches 30% participation in the Patron Program gets a PAJAMA DAY!



At the end of each week in September, the class with the highest participation in the Patron Program gets EXTRA RECESS!

At the end of our fundraiser, the class with the highest participation in **each grade level** gets a COOKIE party!



At the end of our fundraiser, the class with the highest participation across the **whole school** gets a PIZZA party!

Help us reach our goal by making a donation today! You can turn in your Patron form to your child's homeroom teacher or donate online at killlearnlakespto.org/patron-program.

Thank you for your support!
Karen Benavidez and Jamie Sheehan
Fundraising Co-Directors

SPIRIT WEAR



Order Your NEW 2022-2023 KLES Spirit Wear!

Choose from our new t-shirts, dri-fit shirts, long sleeve tees, and hoodies!

<https://klespto.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

BOO-HOO BREAKFAST

The annual Boo-Hoo breakfast is for parents who are sending their children off to kindergarten on the very first day of school. Thank you to Publix and Deer Lake United Methodist Church for your assistance in helping making these parents first day of school a little bit brighter!



ALL PRO DAD CHAPTERS

All Pro Dad Chapters provide an opportunity for dads to spend quality time with their children that will strengthen their relationship. For one hour each month you'll get to join other dads and kids at school for a fun, memory-making event.

Join Us

for our next meeting!

Location: Killlearn Lakes Elementary School

Date: September 13, 2022

Time: 7:30am

Come join us for our 1st meeting of the 2022-2023 school year and enjoy a free light breakfast with your KLES child.

This month's topic is **POSITIVITY**.



Let us know if you will be attending.
RSVP using our QR code!

FOLLOW US: @AllProDad @AllProDad @allprodad

MEET YOUR 2022-2023 PTO BOARD



Ressa Tomkiewicz
PTO President

Ressa is fairly new to the KLES family but has already embraced the shamrock spirit and is excited to make this the best year ever! Her oldest is an 8th grader at Deerlake and she has a 5th grader and 1st grader at KLES. Her youngest attends Wildwood Preschool.

Ressa enjoys running for sport and is a member of Gulf Winds Track Club and Moms Run This Town.



Allison Hartsfield
Director of Finance

Allison has been on the board since 2017. She has served as our Volunteer Coordinator and President. She is currently our Director of Finance and runs the Birthday Book Club. She has a son in seventh grade at Deerlake and a daughter in

Mrs. Garcia's 4th grade class.



Karen Benavidez
Co-director of Fundraising

Karen is also the PTO Webmaster. This is her fifth year on the board of the PTO and she is also a past president. Karen has a son in fifth grade with Mrs. Vanderhoof and a daughter in kindergarten with Mrs. Colson.



Jamie Sheehan
Co-director of Fundraising

Jamie has served on the board since 2019 in multiple roles, including the PTO President last year. She has also been Holiday Giving Chair for the past 4 years. She has a son who is currently a 5th grader in Mrs. Willis' class and will have another son as an incoming Kindergartner next year.



Brittany Auclair
Director of Communication

Brittany has served on the PTO board since 2019, but before that she was attending the meetings as a parent. She is a substitute at KLES. Her oldest son has graduated, but attended KLES and her younger son is currently a 5th grader in

Mrs. Wilson's class.



Taylor Wright
Business Partner Coordinator

Taylor has been a part of the KLES PTO since her oldest son started kindergarten in 2015. She has played many roles, most recently as our Business Partner Coordinator and as co-chair of the Teacher Appreciation Committee. She has a son in seventh grade at Deerlake and a kindergartner

in Mrs. E's class.



Jennifer Griswold
Volunteer Coordinator

Jen is a former KLES teacher. Her son is in the 5th grade and she has two step-children that go to Chiles. Jen also serves as the chair for field days. She is a Realtor and enjoys helping out in the

community and traveling with her husband, Scott.

