



# A LITTLE KNIGHTLY NEWS



**SOUTH BUTLER  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
PTO NEWSLETTER  
September 2017**



- 18<sup>th</sup> KidStuff Fundraiser Begins
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Primary School Picture Day
- 25<sup>th</sup> PTO Meeting 7pm (Primary Library)
- 26<sup>th</sup> Skate Party 6:30-8:30pm @ Skate Castle
- 29<sup>th</sup> Fall Festival 6-8pm @ Primary School



- 2<sup>nd</sup> KidStuff Fundraiser Ends
- 9<sup>th</sup> No School (Teacher In-Service)
- 10<sup>th</sup> Bowling Party 5:30-8pm @ Family Bowlaway
- 16<sup>th</sup> Read A-thon Fundraiser Begins
- 23<sup>rd</sup> PTO Meeting 7pm (Primary Library)
- 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Red Ribbon Week
- 24<sup>th</sup> Skate Party 6:30-8:30 pm @ Skate Castle
- 25<sup>th</sup> Open House
- 26<sup>th</sup> Open House
- 31<sup>st</sup> Fall Parties



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The South Butler Primary School PTO would like to welcome all of the parents, students and staff back to school! The PTO is bringing some exciting changes to the way we can communicate with you.



First, we encourage everyone to sign up for the Remind App and join the SBPS PTO to get reminders sent to you as events approach. Go to [rmd.at/sbpspto](http://rmd.at/sbpspto) and follow instructions or text @sbpspto to 81010 to sign up.

Finally, the PTO now has its own website. Check out <http://sbpspto.weebly.com>. It can also be accessed via edline, under the South Butler Primary School tab. You will have access to forms, newsletters, activities and as well as many more options! The PTO Board is looking forward to an exciting year!



Join the PTO for a night of family fun at our first Fall Festival on Friday September 29<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm! Donations are accepted! It is a chance to celebrate the great beginning of a new school year and a night we can just have fun together. There will be a DJ, Bounce House, Carnival games, crafts, family Photo Spot and food.

Menu will include Hot Dogs (\$2), Ham BBQ (\$2), Nachos (\$2), Buffalo Chicken Dip (\$2), Pierogis (\$2), Chips (\$1), Drinks (\$1), or get the \$3 Meal Deal of Entrée, Chips and Drink. There will also be Cotton Candy (\$1) and Popcorn (\$1).

We encourage everyone to RSVP to help with planning but you are still welcome to come if you have not. Please remember to stay with your children!

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## Introducing the 2017-2018 SBPS PTO Executive Board

### Athena Pacek, President

This is my first year as President of the SBPS PTO. I have been actively involved with the PTO since we moved back to South Butler 2 years ago. I have helped with many committees and have previously been Chairperson of Open House and Staff Appreciation committees. My husband, Corey, and I have 4 children: Jackson is in 7th grade, Zane is in 4th Grade, and Deianira is in 2nd grade. Our youngest, Leda, is in Kindergarten at Penn Christian Academy. I am a busy stay-at-home mom. I love watching my kids play football, basketball, baseball, softball, cheer and dance. You can find me everywhere at all of the schools. :) I am very excited to get this year started - we have a lot of fun and exciting things happening at South Butler Primary!

### Sarah Greene, Vice President

I am currently serving my third year as a Vice President of the SBPS PTO board. Before serving on the board, I chaired Open House, Holiday Shop, and I helped with various other committees as needed. My husband, Charles, and I have two children. Sophia is in 5th grade, and Owen is in 2nd. Both are active in various sports and scouting activities. Prior to taking time off to spend with my children, I worked as a Children's and Family Therapist. I enjoy interacting with the teachers, parents, and students in our school, and I look forward to another year of fun and enriching activities!

### Ryan Pugh, Vice President

This is my first year being on the board to the PTO, but I have chaired our students' Fun day for the past 4 years. I have two sons, Sebastian who just moved to 4th grade, and Killian who is in 2nd grade. I work full time in Wexford as an Executive Recruiter for Helbling & Associates, and in my spare time I am a 4th degree Master and tournament fighter in Taekwondo. I also teach Taekwondo out of two schools, one in Sarver and one in Wexford. I have been involved with PTO since my oldest son started school 4 years ago and have had the opportunity to meet and work alongside of a number of the school's parents. I look forward to having another successful year with all of you.

### Jen Helsel, Secretary

I have been a member of the SBPS PTO Executive Board for 4 years as the Secretary. I have 2 boys, Brady is in 4th grade and Isaac is in 1st grade. I also work at Butler Hospital as an OB Nurse and in my "spare time" I enjoy time with my husband and boys, mostly watching my boys play hockey! I got involved with the PTO when my oldest son started school and have had the privilege to get to know some amazing parents! I have helped on many committees and I am currently the Co-Chair of the Read A-thon. I look forward to working with the parents at SBPS this year.

### Jodie Boltz, Treasurer

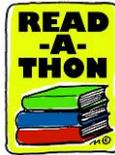
This is my second year serving as treasurer. I have two kids in the primary school, Emily is 7 and in second grade, Aiden is 5 and in kindergarten. I decided to become involved with the PTO because I enjoy being part of a team that makes a positive difference in our community. Volunteering at the school gives me an opportunity to be involved in activities that my kids are doing outside our home and provides me with an opportunity to get to know the other students, faculty and parents. Along with my normal treasurer duties this year, I will be chairing the Kidstuff Fundraiser, the book fairs, and yearbook orders/shout-outs. I'm looking forward to a fun filled year!



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Join Mr. Mandalas on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am at the Primary School. Parents and community members are welcome to attend this casual meeting that provides a forum for dialogue about current events at the Primary School.



The Read A-thon is the main PTO fundraiser at the SBPS! It is an amazing reading challenge while raising money to provide great opportunities for our children. The money raised by the PTO is used to provide our children with field trips, amazing assemblies, and technology updates within the school, to name a few. This year the Read A-thon will be from October 16<sup>th</sup>-November 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be some small changes made to the Read A-thon so please read all papers carefully when they come home with your child. We need everyone's support to make this a great success!

### Clearances!

Let's keep our kids safe! It is time to make sure your clearances have been submitted to the school. Under the current law, clearances are valid for 60 months from completion. If you have completed them in the past, please complete the form sent home with your child with the appropriate information. If you are completing your clearances for the first time, please send all info in at one time along with the PTO Clearance form. If you need another copy of the clearance form visit the PTO website <http://sbpspto.weebly.com/> to print another copy. Parents interested in being a room parent must have clearances complete by Friday, September 15 or if you are interested in being considered for a field trip please have clearances completed by Friday, December 15, 2017. If you have any questions, contact Jen Helsel at [jenlg03@zoominternet.net](mailto:jenlg03@zoominternet.net).

If you are interested in more information about the current laws regarding clearances, visit [Keepkidssafe.pa.gov](http://Keepkidssafe.pa.gov)

\*\*\*Please note, Room Parents Do Not Choose Field Trip Chaperones. This is done by each individual teacher.\*\*\*



KidSuff Books Fundraiser will begin on September 18<sup>th</sup> and run through October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Get a great book that will save you money while giving back to the PTO!



Come out for a fun family night of bowling on October 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:00 pm at Family Bowlaway. Make sure you tell them you are with South Butler Primary school when purchasing food. A portion of all food purchased will be donated to the PTO.

# OPEN HOUSE



Mark your calendars; Open House has changed this year! This year Open House will be held On October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Once again the PTO will hold a bake sale and Food Trucks will be available to purchase food! More information will be coming home with your child very soon.



Enjoy a fun filled night of skating at Skate Castle on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Make some great memories with your child!



**Earn Cash for Our School!**

It is easy to help the SBPS PTO earn money! Simply clip your box tops from participating products, glue or tape them on to a box tops sheet and send them in to your child's teacher. No staples please. The 2 classes who have collected the most box tops by the end of the school year will earn a pizza and bowling party!