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**2014-2015 Squantum School PTO Welcome Newsletter**

HELPING SQUANTUM STUDENTS - TODAY AND TOMORROW

We created this newsletter to provide you with the basics of why the PTO exists and to provide information about past events and upcoming events. If you have any questions about the PTO, please do not hesitate to contact us.



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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Squantum Open House/**

**PTO Dues Drive/ Book Fair**

Sept 17th

**PTO Meeting 7pm (in Media Center)**

September 30th

**No School Columbus Day**

October 13th

**School Picture Day**

October 15th

**Monster Mash Halloween Dance**

October 17th

**PTO Meeting 7pm (in Media Center)**

October 28th

**WHAT FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES ARE PLANNED?**

We have several fundraisers that will take place this fall: September (membership dues drive/ Book Fair & Catalog); October (Photo day, Monster Mash Halloween Dance & Restaurant Night); November (Smart Art, Bake Sale & One Week Book Fair).

Many families choose to make a donation to the school in lieu of participating in fundraisers throughout the year. This is a personal choice, but an option for those that desire.

**WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?**

The Squantum PTO is a registered non-profit organization that is focused on raising money for the school to be spent on important items which cannot be fulfilled by the school or city budget.

This includes educational field trips (buses and admissions), curriculum support, teacher stipends, PTO scholarships, teacher appreciation events, subscriptions for learning tools such as Brain Pop & Reading Counts, various supplies and technology enhancements in the classrooms and library.



**2013/2014 MONEY RAISED**

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| Membership Dues $3,165 | | | | |  |
| Multicultural $927 | | | | |  |
| Kid Stuff Books $1,608  Book Fair $2,560 | | | | |  |
| Photo Day $1,992  Mixed Bags Fundraiser $2,041  Meadow Farms Fundraiser $2,031  Bobs Furniture Donation $5,000 | | | | |  |
| Halloween Dance $1,542 | | | | |  |
| Bake Sale $887 | | | | |  |
| Stop and Shop A+ $802 | | | | |  |
| Restaurant Fundraisers $295 | | | | |  |
| Box Tops $802  Baystate Textiles $473  Target $115  Cookbooks $90  Donations $290  Hannaford’s $15  **Total Amount Raised $24,635** | | | | |  |
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| **2013/2014 MONEY SPENT**   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Field Trips $4,327 | |  | | | Teachers Stipend $2,509 | |  | | | Recess Equipment $186 | |  | | | Squantum PTO Scholarships $350 | |  | | | Teacher Appreciation Luncheon $647  Teacher Dinner (Conf. night) $218 | |  | | | Staff Room Refrigerator $477  In Focus Projectors $1300  Supplies $1918  Kindergarten 100 days $130  Food Play Productions $1223  Math & Science Night $191  NQHS Senior Stay Out $200 | |  | | | Coffee for Teachers $1125  Folders for all students $623 | |  | | | Reading Prizes $111  Penny Bingo prizes $85  Library Resources $98 | |  | | | Keyboarding Class $525  Rewards/Gifts Given $457  Teacher Websites $117  5th Gr. Graduation Brunch $300 | |  | | | **Total Spending $17,117** | |  | | | | |  | |
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**Squantum School Needs Your Support**

We’re proud to live in this city - filled with great neighborhoods, fascinating history and people that come from so many different backgrounds. However, due to Quincy’s size, the city budget for education and technology is split among all of Quincy’s schools. In order to keep the Squantum School great, we need to raise additional funds for educational field trips (buses, admissions & in school events), classroom& media centertechnology, lockers for an expanding enrollment, as well as curriculum support for teachers and students.

**The Squantum School PTO** is a volunteer group that holds fundraisers and events throughout the year to help Squantum students of today and tomorrow. The PTO supplements and/or fully funds projects, programs and initiatives that support our students, classrooms and school community.

**What the Squantum School PTO paid (in collaboration with the school committee & city) in the past years.**

* Outdoor classroom
* Field Trips
* Infocus projectors
* Basketball Hoop Repair
* Stage renovation
* Mobi Tablets/I Pads
* Brain Pop & Reading Counts Subscriptions
* Books for Classrooms & Library
* Computer Lab Enhancements
* Sound System for Gym
* Science Night
* Reading Prizes
* Whiteboards
* And SO MUCH MORE

**How You Can Help**

**Donations:** We ask that all families contribute an annual donation to the Squantum School PTO. We are suggesting $25 (per family), which will go a long way! If $25 is too much, please give what you can.

**Volunteer:** We are always looking for volunteers to support activities around the school. Please let us know if you might be interested in volunteering for Docent Art, Reading Counts, Book Borrowing, Book Fair or the Bake Sale.

Please visit our website [squantumpto.com](http://www.squantumpto.com) and sign up for email alerts. Please like the Squantum PTO Facebook page for additional real-time updates at [facebook.com/squantumpto](http://www.facebook.com/squantumpto)

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**Please indicate what you’d like to support:**

* **Donation (circle one) $25 $30 $40 $50 $100 $200**

**(amount is per family regardless of how many children are in the school)**

* **I’d like to sign up for Squantum PTO email alerts**

**Total Amount enclosed**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to “Squantum School PTO” and return this form to the school or bring to the Open House.

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Students Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email Address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for your support!**

**Brian Henderson**

**President, Squantum PTO**