



STUART R. PADDOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

It's that time of summer break where we are all thinking about back to school! While it seems the school year just ended, I am excited for us to begin our 2023-2024 school year with such an involved group of Paddock families and staff. Our dedicated Paddock PTA has been planning throughout the summer to be ready to provide activities and events this school year for our Paddock staff and families. A preview of those events include:

- Back to School Picnic (September 13)
- Fall and Spring Book Fairs
- Family Reading Night
- STEAM Fair
- Donuts with Grownups
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Classroom Parties
- Holiday Shop
- ...And More!!

Along with new items by request this year:

- More school assemblies
- New Dine and Shares – including McDonald's night!
- Additional after-school programs

Last school year, fundraising efforts went to bringing back in school assemblies like the Sky Dome Planetarium, an author visit, and the Mousetrap Machine STEAM show! We also introduced a book vending machine into the school where students can pick a book out for their birthday! Without the help of our PTA volunteers, these types of activities don't exist; a huge thank you for everything that our Paddock PTA team does to contribute to the students and staff.

Being a part of the PTA comes in many capacities and is different for all families. Becoming a member for the entire school year is \$11.00 per family; besides the state and national PTA dues our local PTA pays, the remainder of your money for the membership goes towards helping with all the above-mentioned activities. By joining, you are included on a weekly communication sent by the PTA to keep in the loop of school events. All PTA members are also welcome to join for the in-person monthly PTA meetings where Mr. Christ and other teacher representatives join to discuss current topics related to school happenings. Whether it's to receive the communications to stay in the know, come to in-person meetings, or volunteer for an event, all Paddock families should be encouraged to join knowing we welcome you in however you choose to participate.

To purchase a Paddock PTA family membership, click [here](#).

On behalf of the PTA Executive Board, we cannot wait to get the school year started and hope to see you all at the school picnic on September 13th!

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