

McCormick Elementary Welcome Breakfast

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What is PTO?

McCormick PTO is a volunteer organization made of parents, teachers and staff working together to provide a positive and rewarding experience for our students. The PTO supports student educational and recreational needs through fundraising and volunteerism.

This year's theme is HAPPY, Have A Positive Productive Year.



How does PTO impact our school?

In The Classroom

- Makes an annual gift to the school, such as Chromebook Carts, Smart Boards and playground equipment
- Teachers receive classroom start-up money each fall
- Teachers can apply for mini-grants to supplement their classroom material
- Funds the annual visits from the Cincinnati Zoo and a large-scale all school assembly
- Organizes a book exchange to promote summer reading

In Unified Arts (Music, Art, P.E. and Library)

- Creates opportunities for drama experiences through musicals, talent show, and magic show
- Funds Field Day
- Promotes fitness with the 5K fundraiser
- Provides 50% of the Library's annual budget for new books
- Organizes the Book Fair whose proceeds are shared among the Unified Arts, replacing funds that have been cut from government spending

In the Community

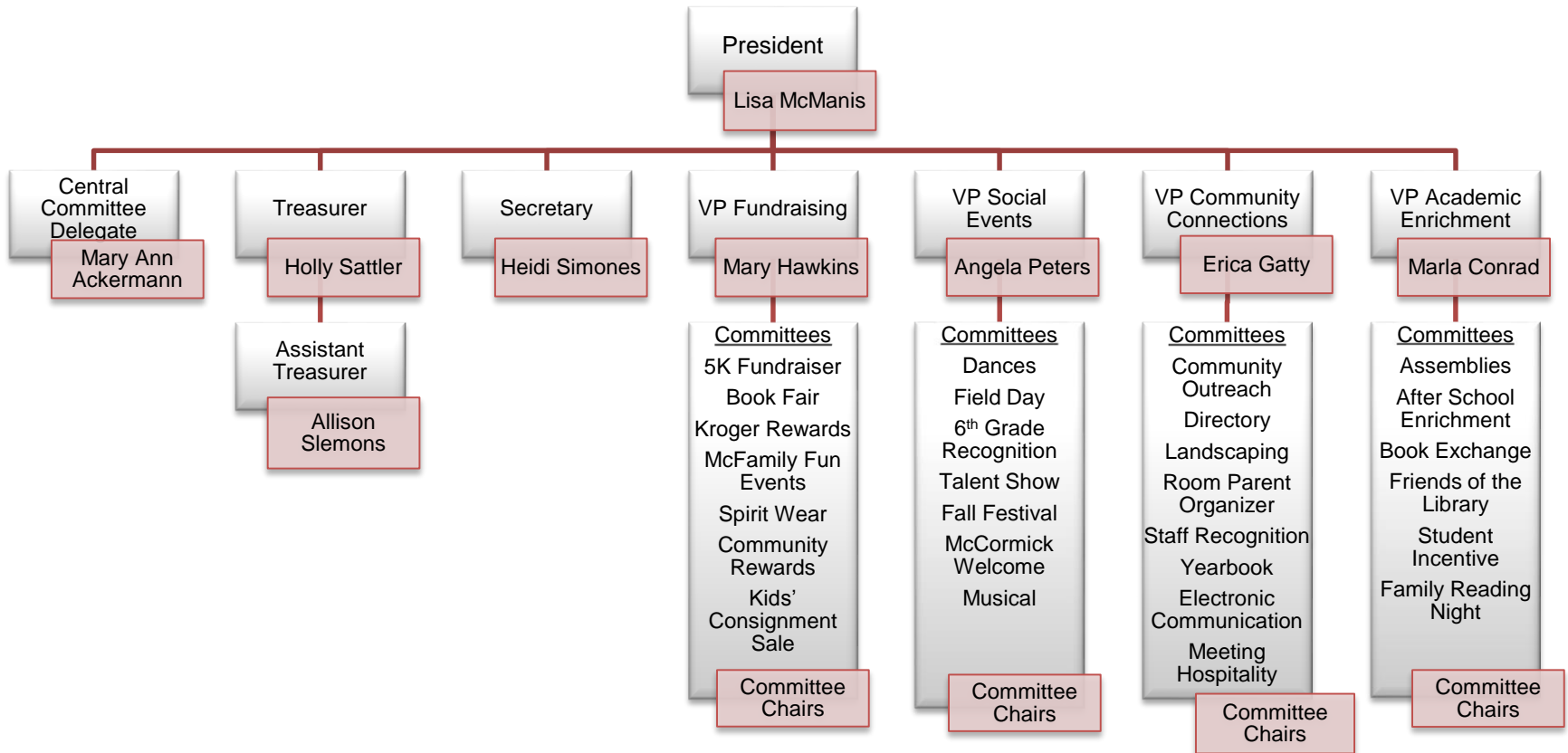
- Creates numerous opportunities for parents, teachers and students to make the connections that builds a community: Fall Festival, Dances, Musical Performances, After School Programs, and more
- Promotes a spirit of giving through donation drives
- Sponsors the Magic Show whose proceeds go to Faces Without Places, a Cincinnati organization for homeless children

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How is the PTO organized?

- The PTO organizes events and programs through committees. The committees break down into four categories of interest: Academic Enrichment, Social Events, Fundraising and Community Connections. These committees provide opportunities for students, parents and staff to socialize, exercise, learn, fundraise and volunteer.
- Each year an Executive Board of parent volunteers is elected. They attend a monthly meeting with the principal and teacher representatives, and are responsible for managing all PTO programs. Board members recruit parent and teacher volunteers to work on the programs through committees. A committee chair, or leader, is assigned to each committee and they execute the event with support from the Executive Board and other parent volunteers.

McCormick Elementary PTO Executive Board 2015-16



Volunteering

Volunteerism is the heart of all PTO programs. If you are interested, please consider some of these options.

- Complete the Committee Sign Up form in the PTO welcome packet distributed at Open House. Check all areas of interest so the committee chairs can contact you when volunteer opportunities arise.
- Commit to becoming a committee chair, or leader, of a program you are already passionate about. We greatly value fresh ideas and energy.
- Attend our monthly PTO Meetings to stay informed and discuss important issues with the Executive Board and Mr. Baker.
- Follow us on Facebook or the website to hear about upcoming events and see volunteer opportunities via SignUp Genius.
 - McCormick Elementary, Milford EVSD
 - <http://www.mccormickpto.com/>
- Become a PTO member by completing the registration form in the welcome packet along with the \$10.00 membership fee.

Traditions Continue

- 3rd Annual McCormickFest, October 3rd at Camp Friedlander
- Book Fair starting October 22nd
- HATS (Helping All To Succeed) all school assembly end of 1st quarter
- Friends of the Library starting November 1st
- Annie Musical, December 11th
- McCocoa Café, January 29th
- Faces Without Places Magic Show, February 26th
- Mother-Son & Father-Daughter Dances, February and April
- Talent Show, March 19th
- Field Day, May 19th
- Summer Reading Book Exchange, May 20th
- 6th Grade Recognition Night, May 25th

McCormickFest

McCormickFest combines two annual events, the 5K Fundraiser and the Fall Festival. Students are asked to fundraise either through direct donations or by registering participants in the 5K walk or run. The Fall Festival is a celebration of the fundraiser and is a fun family event with games, bouncy houses, food, and entertainment.

The 5K is the school's largest fundraiser and the money raised supports the majority of the PTO's initiatives. The Fall Festival is not intended to be a fundraiser and money collected at the festival pays for festival expenses.

October 3rd, 2015

Camp Friedlander

4:00 Run & Festival Begin

4:05 Walk Begins

6:30 Festival Ends

Follow us on Facebook at McCormickfest Annual 5K Trail Run/Walk & Festival

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New This Year

- Welcome Back Picnic
- Welcome Breakfast
- Parent Buddy Program for new families
- McMath Night on November 5th, similar to McCocoa Café program
- Feather the Nest, a Kids' Consignment Sale March 12th
- 2 PTO General Meetings at 3:30 in October & February
- Monthly PTO information table setup during afternoon parent pick-ups in the gymnasium

Parent Buddy Program

- Over 30 McCormick volunteers with students from 2nd-6th grade are committed to welcoming our newest families to McCormick. Parents with children in Kindergarten, 1st grade, or any family new to the district will be partnered with a mentor to answer questions, offer insights or direction.
- Sign up forms will be sent home in this week's Friday folder to be returned to school by Friday, September 4th. Parents will be paired up and notified by the end of September.

Upcoming Events

- McCormickFest 5K Fundraiser begins September 4th.
- McFamily Night Out and skating party at Castle Skateland September 15th.
- PTO General Meeting September 22nd at 7:00. Childcare is provided.
- McCormickFest Spirit Week begins September 28th.
- McCormickFest 5K and Fall Festival October 3rd at Camp Friedlander.