



# SPARKY'S SCOOP

AUGUST 20, 2024

## Back to School Preparations

- Back to School supply shopping – Look up your grade-specific supplies [here](#).
- Supply Drop Off is Thursday, August 22nd from 3-4pm  
Come drop your supplies, see your new classroom, and get a treat from the PTC!
- BSD Volunteer Application – All those wishing to volunteer must apply! Get started [here](#).
- PTC Volunteer Survey – Help us know what you are interested in helping by completing the [survey](#).
- Online Verification – Complete in [ParentVue](#); directions were sent out by the District on August 7.
- Check who your student's teacher is! This is now available in [ParentVue](#).
- Add upcoming PTC Events to your calendar – Visit the [PTC Website](#) to find out more!



## Upcoming Events

Aug 22 3-4pm	School Supply Drop-off
Aug 26 8:15am	First Day of School 1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>
Aug 26-27	Kinder Connect Meetings
Aug 28	First Days for Kinder A-L
Aug 29	First Days for Kinder M-Z
Sep 2	Labor Day - No School
Sep 5 5:30-6:30pm	Back to School Night
Sep 10 6-6:30pm	Volunteer Orientation
Sep 24 6:30pm	PTC Quarterly Meeting
Sep 27	Jog-A-Thon
Oct 4-10	Book Fair
Oct 10 5:30-7:30pm	Bingo Night
Oct 11	Staff Dev Day – No School

## Supply Drop-Off & Activities Fair

*Thursday, August 22nd 3-4pm*

We're looking forward to seeing you at the school supply drop-off event!

The PTC will be handing out treats and hosting a small activities fair. Representatives from community organizations will be available to answer questions and tell you about their programs.

Who: Students in grades 1-5

Last Names A-L: 3:00-3:30

Last Names M-Z: 3:30-4:00

Kindergarteners will drop off supplies at the Kinder

Connect individual meetings

but are welcome to come to

the activity fair and get a treat!



## A Message From the PTC

Hello Families!

We welcome you and your family to school this year! We are looking forward to another great year with our Eagles, and wanted to give you an idea of who we are and what we do.

Our board is currently made up of ten fantastic volunteers who go above and beyond to make all our community events happen and work tirelessly to support our school. As a board, our job is to connect and support students, teachers, and the broader school community. We can't accomplish these goals without our community coming together to help!

- We host events throughout the school year that are open to all Sexton Mountain families, as well as the community. These events include things like Bingo Night, Family Activity Night, Talent Show, Carnival, and many others. We hope to see you there!
- We also supply the school with needed items to help support learning. We support literacy programs like One School, One Book and Oregon Battle of the Books. We help buy items for classrooms and throughout the school.

To accomplish all of this, we hold fundraisers throughout the year where the money raised goes directly to benefit all the students at the school. Last year for our We Love Our School fundraiser in February, we raised money to support physical education and purchased items to add to the school's obstacle course!

You will see many communications from us including our newsletter, Sparky's Scoop, where you can find important information and dates for upcoming events. You will also see many requests for volunteers. As you may know, the School District is moving to a new volunteer management system, so everyone interested in volunteering must apply, even if you have been a volunteer in the past. If you're interested in helping out at the school this year, please complete your [volunteer application](#).

Have questions about the PTC, volunteering, or our school? Our contact information is available on the [PTC website](#). Want to chat in person? Come to one of our many events and you will surely find a board member around.

We look forward to having a fantastic year!

Katelin Ellis

*President*

Sexton Mountain PTC

## Volunteering – Complete your Volunteer Application Now

Beaverton School District is implementing a new volunteer management system!

If you plan to volunteer at Sexton Mountain, whether in the classroom or for specific activities, you **MUST** have an approved volunteer application. Volunteer application processing by the School District tends to slow down at the beginning of the year because so many new volunteers apply then – so follow the link below to get your application started!

Start on the [Volunteer webpage](#) on the School District website. The entire process — including the review of the Child Abuse Prevention & Reporting and Adult Sexual Misconduct training materials — should take less than 10 minutes to complete.

Volunteer Orientation will be on September 10 from 6:00 – 6:30pm, held in the school office. You do not need to be an approved volunteer to attend, and we welcome anyone interested in volunteering to come!

Our first major event will be Jog-a-thon near the end of September, but we will also be looking for volunteers to help with Art Lit, office work-room tasks, Sparky's Running Club, and Passport Club soon.

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## Fundraising Highlight

### Community Partner Programs to use during Back-to-School Shopping

Community partners are businesses in the community that will contribute to the SME PTC. Stores will contribute a portion of sales from linked accounts. If you haven't already, make sure all your accounts are linked to SME PTC so you can help us earn more to make a difference in your child's school community!

#### Fred Meyer Rewards Partner Program

Link your Rewards Card to your favorite nonprofit at [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards)



Just log in or create an online account and search for your nonprofit (type in SEXTON MOUNTAIN and our PTC name will show up). You can also link it from the Fred Meyer app by going to “Rewards” in the menu. Click on “Community Rewards” and then search for and add Sexton Mountain Parent Teacher Club.

This is an ongoing program, and you may enroll at any time. Whenever you use your Rewards card when shopping at Freddy's, you'll be helping Sexton Mountain PTC earn a donation from Fred Meyer. At the end of each quarter, Fred Meyer will make a donation to participating nonprofits based on the accumulated spending of the Rewards customers linked to each nonprofit.



#### BoxTops for Education

Make sure you have the [BoxTops App](#) and it's linked to the Sexton Mountain PTC.

Look for specially marked products across all your favorite stores. After purchasing, scan all your receipts! Each box top is worth \$0.10 for our school!



## PLAN YOUR TRIP

Back to school planning includes deciding how your student will travel to school this fall. As you consider your options, Beaverton Safe Routes to School invites you to familiarize yourself with the various tools on our website including:

- Suggested walk and bike routes for each school
- Safety tips for all modes of travel (walk, bike, bus, car)
- Arrival/Departure maps for each school (how students who travel by foot, bus and car should arrive and leave school)

## KNOW YOUR ROUTE

There's still time to plan your walking or rolling route to school before the first day! Planning a route with your student gives you a chance to practice the route to school, identify any hazards, and give your student extra confidence!

The safety of our students depends on you! Find your suggested school route map and other safe travel tips on the District's Back-to-School [Safe Routes To School page](#).

## Volunteer Interest Survey – We want to hear from you!

The PTC is hoping to hold as many events as possible this year. Some events will remain the same, and some may be new... but we can't do this without YOU!

Please take 2 minutes to fill out our [Volunteer Interest Survey](#) to indicate which events and volunteer opportunities you might be willing to help with.

Note: this does not commit you to helping at that event. Official sign-ups will be made through the volunteer system.



## Full Calendar of 2023-2024 Events on PTC Website

We have put together a list of all scheduled events so you can mark your calendars months in advance. Check out the [PTC Calendar](#) for event dates. Additional events that have not yet been scheduled will be added as more information is available.

Looking forward to the Carnival? Love Bingo night? Get them added now so you can squeeze in playdates and sports confidently.