



# SPARKY'S SCOOP

SEPTEMBER 20, 2024

- Jog-a-Thon is next Friday! Set your personal fundraising goals and get started now by signing up on the Sexton Mountain [Pledgestar](#) website.
- PTC Quarterly Meeting is next Tuesday, September 24 @ 6:30pm
- Volunteer Sign-ups are now available in ParentSquare! Follow instructions [here](#) to sign-up.
- PTC Volunteer Survey – Help us know what you are interested in helping with by completing the [survey](#).
- Add upcoming PTC Events to your calendar – Visit the [PTC Calendar](#) to find out more!

## Upcoming Events

Sep 24 6:30pm	PTC Quarterly Meeting
Sep 27	Jog-A-Thon
Oct 4-10	Book Fair
Oct 9	Int'l Walk & Roll to School Day
Oct 10 5:30-7pm	Bingo Night
Oct 11	Staff Dev Day – No School
Oct 14	Picture Day
Oct 25	Grading Day – No School

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

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

All our scheduled events are noted on our website, 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.

## Upcoming Passport Club Quiz Dates

- Friday October 4, 2024
- Friday November 1, 2024
- Friday December 6, 2024



## Sexton Mountain PTC Meeting

The first PTC Quarterly Meeting for the 2024-2025 school year is on **September 24th at 6:30pm**. We'll be voting to approve this year's budget and discussing other agenda items. We hope to see you there!

As a reminder, to participate in voting, you must join the PTC each year by going to our website and [filling out the membership form](#) prior to the meeting. All parents and guardians of current SME students are encouraged to join, as are all SME teachers and staff. Members are invited to attend general membership meetings and vote on PTC business such as officer elections and annual budgets. Membership is free and open throughout the year.

## JOG-A-THON IS ON!

Jog-a-thon is just ONE week away on  
**Friday, September 27!!**

Thank you to the many people who have set up their Pledgestar accounts and started raising funds – we've raised \$5,956 so far! We're 19% of the way towards our **overall \$31,000 net goal**, so please keep the fundraising going.

Our volunteers are key to a successful event, so we encourage you to [sign up](#) to cheer our runners on and help out on Jog-a-thon day. *Note that you MUST be approved in the Raptor system before volunteering. If you sign up for a volunteer shift but are not approved in Raptor, there will be sadness. And no volunteering.*



**Pledgestar** is the online platform we use to collect and track donations for the Jog-a-thon. Please sign up at [Family Login Page | Pledgestar](#). Instructions for signing up are on our dedicated [Jog-A-Thon webpage](#).

All donations must be received by **October 15, 2024** to count toward prizes.

Don't forget to submit for matching donations from your employer too.

*These funds fall under the "Grants/Donations" line item in the PTC budget and do not count towards individual student prize categories.* [Nike](#) ★ [Intel](#) ★ [Columbia Sportswear](#)

### Let's Talk Prizes!

Every participant will get a special treat and a snack, and every participant who raises any amount will be entered into a raffle to receive a \$100 gift card. In addition, there are many great prizes ready to be won! Please visit the [Jog-A-Thon webpage](#) for details.



## Please help us choose our family event in November!

We invite you to take a minute and let us know which event you would be most excited to attend on Thursday, November 14th.

<https://forms.gle/LQnjQXGdX1PpEngw9>

Last year we asked families to give us feedback on events they enjoyed and new ones they would be interested in attending. From that survey the PTC Board narrowed down the suggestions and decided to let families decide the event. This survey is only for our family event that will be held in November and takes less than a minute to fill out.

Thank you for taking the time to make our events the best possible for you all!

## Bingo Night is October 10<sup>th</sup>

Mark your calendars for SME's Family Bingo Night on October 10<sup>th</sup>! This is a super fun event for the whole family to participate in.

Pre-order your supplies (and get in the quick line!) by [filling out this form](#).

Bingo night pre-orders must be completed by Tuesday, Oct 8th.

The very talented and entertaining Mr. Hayhurst will be MCing the event!

**Event Schedule:** 5:30 – 7pm

Volunteer shifts will be available soon in Parent Square.



**Payment Options:** Cash, Venmo, and PayPal (<https://sextonmountainptc.org/payment>).

- 1 sheet (3 boards): \$1
- 5 sheets (15 boards): \$4
- 10 sheets (30 boards) + 1 dauber: \$8
- Family pack: 30 sheets (90 boards) + 3 daubers: \$20
- Extra (1) Dauber: \$2

## Book Fair is Coming!

Public Shopping Hours:

- Friday (10/4) 2:50-4pm
- Monday – Thursday (10/7 – 10/10) 2:50-4pm
- Friday (10/11) 8:30a-12:30p

All students will also have an opportunity to visit the fair with their class!

Scholastic Dollars earned from book fair sales will be used for books for our library and classrooms.

Check out our [Book Fair Website](#) for all the details on hours, eWallets and Online store!

Interested in helping make our fair a success? We need your help!! Volunteer hours coming soon on ParentSquare.



# VOLUNTEER



## 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 scheduled events and volunteer opportunities you might be willing to help with.

## Complete your Volunteer Application

We love our volunteers at Sexton Mountain! Please visit the **Volunteer webpage** on the School District website to get started. 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 Sign-ups are in ParentSquare

For information on how to sign up for volunteer shifts go to **<https://sextonmountainptc.org/volunteering>**.

Here are some upcoming volunteer opportunities that need your help!

- **Jog-A-Thon** – Friday, September 27
- **Vision Screening** – Monday, September 30
- **Passport Club** – Friday, October 4
- **Workroom Help** – Tuesdays and Thursdays

## Walk + Roll Day is Coming!

**International Walk + Roll** to School Day is coming up on October 9th!

Parents, this is a great chance to get your child excited about active transportation. Getting exercise in the fresh air is the best way to get mentally and physically prepared for a day in the classroom.

If you are interested in volunteering for the Walking School Bus or want to help plan extra activities to help us celebrate this annual event, please contact Leah Biado at **[leahbiado@mac.com](mailto:leahbiado@mac.com)**.



## Come join Sparky's Walking School Bus and Bike Bus!

Get ready to jump on board for a lively journey to school every Wednesday and Thursday morning. Kids who get active on their way to school get a double dose of fun and benefits: more exercise, a happy brain, and arrive at school with laser focus and ready to conquer the day. Plus, it's an absolute blast!

**Bike Bus** – meets at 7:30am Wednesday at **Carolwood Park**

**Walking School Bus** – meets at 7:30am Thursday at **Walmart Parking Lot**