

SPARKY'S SCOOP

Sexton Mountain PTC Newsletter

FEBRUARY 28, 2025



Highlights for this week

- IG Contest - Follow [SextonMountainPTC](#) by TODAY for a chance to win a \$25 Safeway Giftcard!
- [We LOVE Our School Fundraiser](#) has been extended
- crumbl cookie Dining for Dollars – March 12
- Passport Club Quiz – March 21
- STEAM Fair update – presentation boards available!
- Reminders for staying healthy during cold weather months



Volunteer Opportunities

Check out the latest opportunities in the [sign-ups feed](#) on ParentSquare, and watch for our [Volunteer Updates](#) in ParentSquare with links to open volunteer needs at the school.

Make check-in easy on yourself and download the Raptor Safe app!

Check out the [District's ParentSquare announcement](#) for all the details about the adoption of this new technology to help keep our school, students, staff, and volunteers safe!

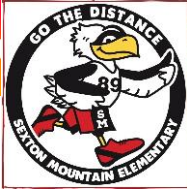
Upcoming Events

Feb 28 (TODAY)	IG Giveaway Sign-up Deadline
Mar 1-15	Extended We LOVE Our School campaign
March 12	Dining for Dollars – crumbl
Mar 24-28	Spring Break – No School
April 7	Grading Day – No School
April 14	Staff Dev Day – No School
April 17 5:30-7pm	STEAM Fair
April 17	Spring Book Fair Opens
April 24-25	Conferences – No School

PTC & SME Events Calendar

Add upcoming PTC events to your calendar.

Visit the [PTC Calendar](#) to find out more!



IG Giveaway Sign-up Ends TODAY!!

Today is the LAST opportunity to get entered in the drawing for the **\$25 Safeway gift card**.

To be eligible for the drawing, you:

- Must follow our SME PTC Instagram page by March 1, 2025
- Have a currently enrolled SME student

Each follower will get a single entry in the drawing, and we'll plan to announce the winner by March 5 on our Instagram page.

Follow us - [SextonMountainPTC](#) - for the latest news & info related to the PTC.

Please also follow the official SME page - [SextonMountainBSD](#) - for updates from the school!

'We LOVE Our School' fundraiser for Sexton Mountain Extended



We would LOVE to be able to provide the support planned for this campaign this year, and so we have decided to extend the fundraising campaign through March 15th.

Please consider helping to fund this special project, focused on providing literacy support, specifically high interest, engaging books - both fiction and non-fiction - for teachers and students to use in group learning.

100% of every dollar raised will go directly toward the purchase of amazing books, and all donations are tax-deductible. You can help your donation dollars go even further by inquiring with your employer about company donation matches too!

We have raised **\$855** so far.... can you help us get closer to our **\$4,000 goal**?

The class who raises the most will earn an extra recess!

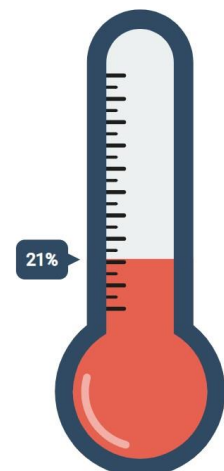
GOAL: \$4,000

Ways to Donate

- Venmo: @Sexton-MountainPTC
- PayPal or Credit Card:
[SextonMountainPTC.org/payment](https://www.sextonmountainptc.org/payment)
- Check or Cash: Delivered or mailed to the school

Current Class Rankings:

1. Dronkers
2. Rossetti
3. Kester
4. Pike
5. Weigel



Please be sure to include the following note on all donations.

"We Love Our School - [Child's Name/Teacher]"

Thank you for all you do to contribute to our healthy and vibrant community!!

Hooray for Popcorn Friday!

The Fifth Grade Committee hosted the first Popcorn Friday today!

Thank you to everyone who sponsored classrooms – EVERY classroom was able to receive popcorn!

Thank you as well to the Fifth-grade parents and guardians who helped volunteer with popcorn popping, bag stuffing, and classroom handouts!

The next Popcorn Friday will be announced soon!

Please reach out to anuradha.vikram@gmail.com with any questions.



Dining for Dollars @ crumbl on March 12

crumbl Progress Ridge is hosting a Dining for Dollars event for us on Wednesday, March 12th.

Eligible sales include In-Store, Curbside, Carry Out & Gift Cards. Catering or Delivery sales will not be eligible for fundraising benefits.

When: Wednesday March 12, 2025, 3pm – 8pm

Where: crumbl [14900 SW Barrows Rd. suite 104 Beaverton OR 97007](https://www.crumbl.com/locations/14900-SW-Barrows-Rd-suite-104-Beaverton-OR-97007)

Special Notes:

Customers do not need to show the flyer.

If ordering for curbside pick-up, the **order must be placed between 3pm and 8pm** to count for the fundraiser.

Orders placed earlier in the day and picked up during the fundraiser hours will not count.

Cookies make great gifts! Consider your present cravings and potential future cookie needs! Perhaps grab a gift card for Staff Appreciation Day (coming up in May!) or for an upcoming celebration!

[Link to their menu](#)

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School Fundraiser

Sexton Mountain Elementary PTC

Eligible sales In-Store, Curbside, Carry Out & Gift Cards. Not Eligible Catering or Delivery

Crumbl - Progress Ridge

14900 SW Barrows Rd. suite 104
Beaverton OR 97007

Wednesday, Mar. 12
3pm - 8pm



S.T.E.A.M. Fair – Thursday, April 17 5:30-7pm



Whether you want to do your own project to display at the Fair or just come and enjoy the event, you won't want to miss this celebration of science, art, and our great SME community!

This year the STEM Fair becomes the STEAM Fair and that means Art will be on full display alongside projects involving Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. This will be a great showcase for our students to show what they can do.

Scheduled Appearances

- **Science Circus** - Rhys Thomas makes science fun with his amazing act
- **Christina Cato** - Star Wars Droid Builder shares her incredible hand-made creations that really work
- **FAA Flight Simulators** - students can test their flight skills in real FAA simulators
- **Hawkbot1cs Robotics Team** - local teens build robots for competitions and STEM outreach
- **Student Projects** - our kids are the real stars as they display what they've learned and created

We believe in our students and it's time to encourage them with this fun opportunity. Projects are required curriculum in middle school, so why not help our kids learn the process of planning and completing a project with a fun subject that they can choose?

Students are welcome to work with family and friends to blow our minds with their creativity.

Free project boards are available for students, thanks to the SME PTC, so start planning your science project or work of art now! For a free project board, please contact Che Lowenstein at crlow93@gmail.com.

Help Us Clear the Air at School

Healthy Air, Healthy Kids, Healthy Planet!

It is easy to fall into the habit of idling in the car line, but are you aware of the costs? Not only is the exhaust harmful to our students, but idling vehicles also put out even more pollution than moving vehicles. In fact, most people waste between 1-2 tanks of gas every year on idling.

Please keep the air around our school clean by committing to turn your key and be idle free!
Thank you!



Passport Club



Upcoming Quiz Dates

- Friday, March 21, 2025
- Friday, April 4, 2025
- Friday, April 11, 2025 (Make-up Day)
- Friday, May 4, 2025 (Final Quiz!)

Passport Club needs volunteers to run smoothly. We need volunteers to help quiz kids one Friday a month before school. This is a fun and easy (and short) way to volunteer with students in the school. No prior geography knowledge needed! If you are approved in Raptor, please [sign up in ParentSquare](#) to help out!



Winter Weather Health and Safety Reminders

It's that time of year, for coats, gloves, galoshes, hats.... and germs! Along with making sure that your student knows to bundle up, now is also a great time to remind them about maintaining healthy habits. We thought we would mention a few to help you get the conversation started:

- Wear your cold weather gear, and only yours – besides the chance of forgetting who they loaned those special gloves or scarves to, your student could also be exposed to lice or other germs if they borrow others' hats, coats, and similar clothing.
- Use caution when walking outside – below freezing temperatures and precipitation are a recipe for falls and injuries.
- Practice good hygiene – wash your hands often, and use hand-sanitizer, especially before eating and when you've touched handrails, door handles, been outdoors, etc. Cough and sneeze into your elbow and stay home when you don't feel well.

Refer to the [District's website](#) for more guidance on health, wellness, and safety for students.

A big THANK YOU to our generous donors who support SME!

Please frequent their business and let them know how much we appreciate their commitment to giving back to the communities where they work and live!

