

SPARKY'S SCOOP

Sexton Mountain PTC Newsletter

May 2, 2025



Highlights for this week

- Staff Appreciation Week is NEXT WEEK!
- Bike to School Week is next week too!
- May is Kindness Month – there are lots of great activities planned throughout the month!
- Many volunteer opportunities available on [ParentSquare](#)

SEXTON MOUNTAIN
ELEMENTARY

CELEBRATES KINDNESS

**MAY 2ND
KICKOFF
ASSEMBLY**

**COMPLETE
THE ACTS
OF
KINDNESS
LIST**

**MAY 28TH
ALL
SCHOOL
PHOTO**

**SAVE THE DATES
MAY 2 - MAY 31**

TOGETHER WE GROW

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Mondays - Kindness Quote Announcements
Wednesdays - Kindness Station Activities at Lunch Recess
Fridays - Kindness Themed Dress Up Days ★ ★ ★

THE HAPPIEST MONTH OF THE YEAR

Upcoming Events

May 2 – 30	Kindness Month at SME
May 5-9	Staff Appreciation Week
May 15	Kindergarten Orientation
May 26	Memorial Day – No School
May 27-30	Volunteer Appreciation Week
May 27 6:30pm	PTC Quarterly Meeting
May 30 5:30-7:30pm	Carnival & Silent Auction
June 5	Field Day
June 10	Last Day of School

Let's Celebrate Kindness!

Check out ParentSquare for all the details on Kindness Month activities at SME!

<https://www.parentsquare.com/feeds/51069047>

PTC & SME Events Calendar

Please add upcoming PTC events to your calendar.

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

Staff Appreciation Week May 5-9

Let's celebrate the awesome staff at
Sexton Mountain!



Gift Cards

THANK YOU to those who have donated gift cards! We would love to give each staff member \$20-25 in gift cards at the end of the week. If you are able to help with this, we would greatly appreciate it!

We accept any cards in any amount. Some popular ideas are: Dutch Bros, Target, Amazon, Starbucks, or any of your favorite local spots. Please turn gift cards in to the front office any time before May 8.

Activities planned for the week

Throughout the week, we'll have certain days dedicated to a specific activity to show our love to the staff.

- Monday, May 5 – Flowers
- Tuesday, May 6 – Candy
- Thursday, May 8 – School Supplies (check out the wish list [here](#))
- Friday, May 9 – Individual thank you notes and specialized gifts

Additionally, the PTC will provide the staff with food each day, and teachers' doors and staff room will be decorated with kind notes the students have written at school.

Finally, families are encouraged to donate the following items:

	Monday 5th grade	Tuesday 4th grade	Wednesday 3rd grade	Thursday 2nd grade	Friday 1st grade
Snacks	Brock	Bartlett	Martin	Baldwin	Cole
Drinks	Kester	Dorr	Nilsen	Lowe	Hayhurst
Desserts	Garcia	Dronkers	Pike	Weigel	Yarats
Coffee Pods	All Kindergarten families, any day				

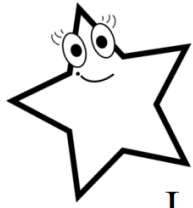
Volunteer

Looking for ways to help? Volunteer opportunities have been [posted in ParentSquare!](#)

Questions?

Please contact president@sextonmountainptc.org.

Thank you for all your generosity and support!!



Staff Appreciation Week

May 5th - 9th



Let's celebrate the awesome staff at Sexton Mountain!

How are we going to celebrate our wonderful staff this year?

- Students can help celebrate our staff by participating in some of the staff appreciation days throughout the week (See attached calendar).
- Staff will be supplied with food each day of the week from the PTC.
- The entire staff will be included in the celebration. Please pay attention to which activities are for the full staff versus just classroom teachers.
- Gifts cards donated by families will be raffled at the end of the week. We would like each of the 77 staff members to get a gift card. If you have gift cards you would like to donate please drop them off at the front office.
- Grade level teachers will have their door decorated with kind notes students have made at school. Students will also be making kind notes for support staff that will be hung in the staff room.
- Desserts, snacks and drinks will be brought by families on your assigned days (See attached calendar).

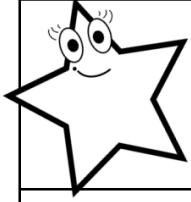
Snacks - Individually packaged popcorn or chips or similar items would be appreciated. Please no granola bars at this time. Please bring on your assigned day, or if needed you can drop these off at the office before your assigned day.

Desserts - Store bought treats do not need to be individually packaged. Please bring these on your assigned day so they are fresh. (ex: cookies, cupcakes, brownies, etc.) Homemade treats are not allowed, per district rules.

Drinks - A variety of drinks including soda, sparkling water or other bottled beverages would be appreciated. Please bring on your assigned day, or if needed you can drop these off at the office before your assigned day.

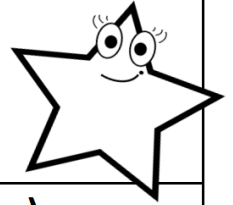
What do we need from families?

- Use the attached calendar to participate in any or all of the staff appreciation days. **If you only choose one day, choose the thank you card day - Friday**
- **Please talk to your kids and help them understand that on the flower and candy day they are bringing something that will be shared with the whole staff. If you would like to bring something specifically for their classroom teacher please have them bring it on Friday with their thank you note! Looking for ideas? Check [here](#).**
- Donations - please donate gift cards so we can treat our staff. In you have other donations you would like to provide please contact president@sextonmountainptc.org.
- Bring dessert, snacks, drinks or coffee pods (See attached calendar)



Staff Appreciation Week

May 5th - 9th



Monday May 5th	Flowers for the Staff (All Staff Members)	
	Activity Directions	5th Grade Families
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring flowers to school! These flowers will be evenly distributed between all staff members so no one is left out. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snacks - Brock • Drinks - Kester • Desserts - Garcia
Tuesday May 6th	Candy for the Staff (All Staff Members)	
	Activity Directions	4th Grade Families
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring in candy that we will evenly distribute to all staff. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snacks - Bartlett • Drinks - Dorr • Desserts - Dronkers
Wednesday May 7th	Activity Directions	
	Activity Directions	3rd Grade Families
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No activity today 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snacks - Martin • Drinks - Nilsen • Desserts - Pike
Thursday May 8th	Donate a School Supply (All Staff Members)	
	Activity Directions	2nd Grade Families
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donate a school supply to your classroom and/or another staff member. Check what your teacher needs here: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1XTpYVdpnyvp5iE_504ELzOWvw3nE8HMqrLmpu2C_-x4/edit?usp=sharing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snacks - Baldwin • Drinks - Lowe • Desserts - Weigel
Friday May 9th	Thank You Note/Card (Classroom Teacher)	
	Activity Directions	1st Grade Families
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell your teacher how much they mean to you by bringing them a note or card! (Any other gifts specifically for classroom teachers should be brought today as well please!) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snacks - Cole • Drinks - Hayhurst • Desserts - Yarats
<p>Kindergarten Families - Donate coffee pods anytime before or throughout the week. Our teachers use this supply to get them through until the next staff appreciation week.</p>		

Passport Club

Passport Club quizzes are all wrapped up for this school year!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help!



May is Bike Month!

Teach Your Child To Ride A Bike

May is Bike Month and the sun is beginning to show its face. It is a great time to teach your child to ride a bike. To make the process less daunting, [check out this video](#) with great advice about how to get new bike riders ready to roll!



Time To Tune Up That Bike!

Bike to School Week is just around the corner! It is a good weekend to get your family's bikes tuned up and ready to roll. Not sure how to tune up your bike? Check out this video to learn about three essential bike maintenance tips: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VKBNDzCLzK8>



Helmet check!

Wearing a helmet every time your child travels by bike, scooter, skateboard or roller skates is not only smart, it is required by law. According to Oregon State law, children under the age of 16 are required to wear a helmet. However, just wearing a helmet isn't enough to protect their developing brain from injury. Helmets must be sized correctly and fit properly.



[Learn the easy steps by watching this video!](#) Have fun and stay safe!

Bike To School Week: May 5-9

Bike to School Week is NEXT WEEK! Be sure to fill up your child's tires this weekend so that they can participate. More details can be found in this ParentSquare post: <https://www.parentsquare.com/feeds/51400272>



VOLUNTEER



Volunteer Opportunities

There are LOTS of opportunities to volunteer for upcoming events at the school!

Check out the [sign-ups feed](#) on ParentSquare and our weekly Volunteer Updates with links to current open volunteer needs, and watch for other communications from the school on getting involved. Current open volunteer opportunities include:

[Kindness Days Activities](#)

[Sparky's Running Club](#)

[Workroom Help](#)

[Staff Appreciation Week](#)

[Field Day Volunteers](#)

[Biz Town](#)

Book Fair was a success!

We hope everyone had a great time visiting the Spring Book Fair this year. Thank you to all the families for supporting this event, and for all the volunteers who helped keep the love for books (and reading accessories) alive!



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!

