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*Behind the parents stands the school, and behind the teacher the home. – Abdul Kalam*



South Newton Elementary PTO  
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May 18, 2016

Dear South Newton Elementary School Parents, Guardians & Friends,

This year our PTO will be restructuring in hopes that more families will become more involved in our wonderful organization. In the next few weeks the new officers will meet to discuss ways to build parental/guardian interest and encourage better attendance at our meetings and events.

As you are well-aware, South Newton Elementary PTO is a non-profit organization which promotes the best interest of the children at home and school through shared cooperation of its parents, teachers and staff. It is our intent to provide the best possible learning environment for our children, as well as encourage school and family social interaction.

We extend our efforts past the basic needs of our school while hosting activities, meals and providing learning tools and experiences for the students, teachers and families.

Ways in which our funds have been directed in the past:

- Provide SNES spirit t-shirts for students & staff
- Host the annual Kick-off meal
- Organize Family Fun Night and Field Day events & activities
- Host 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Dinner & Awards Night
- Host a teacher luncheon during Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences
- Supply new shoes for the Gym Shoe Renew Program (for students in need of gym shoes)
- Provide various educational materials & experiences for the students

If you haven't been actively involved in PTO in the past, we hope you will consider being a Committee Chairperson/member, or a Classroom Representative for PTO. Look for more information on how YOU can be a part of SNES PTO in the upcoming months.

Thank you for your consideration. We hope to see you at school sign-up & Kick-off Night!

Sincerely,

South Newton Elementary PTO Officers

Anji Strasburger, President  
Colette Kollman, Vice President  
Carla Bohlinger, Secretary  
Lezley Pontius, Treasurer

**A great way to keep current with our activities and school events is to follow us on Facebook SOUTH NEWTON ELEMENTARY PTO. Also, be sure to visit the photo gallery on the school website to see what awesome things our incredible students and staff are doing!**