

HENRY P. MOHR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Parent Teacher Association
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Informational Handbook



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Hello Mohr Families,

Welcome to a new school year! I hope that you and your family have had a relaxing summer filled with memorable activities. We are looking forward to an exciting year at Mohr Elementary.

The Mohr PTA is a non-profit, volunteer organization established to positively impact students and families at our school. **PTA is the largest and oldest volunteer child advocacy organization in the United States and it has been the voice for children in America for 117 years.** The Mohr PTA works hard to support our students. We are fortunate to be part of a community that is highly dedicated to the success and enrichment of our children. The Mohr PTA with the help of our outstanding community of parents, educators and volunteers is able to provide enrichment opportunities, community activities, equipment and classroom supplies that directly benefit our kids. **Last year we funded more than \$100,000 in programs and services for our students and we are hopeful that we can do it again this year.**

PTA connects families and schools. By joining PTA, you will show your children that school matters, and that you are invested in their success. Whether you have a Board position, attend meetings, volunteer in the classroom or you are there in spirit, your child knows the importance that you put on education. Your opinions and votes matter on all important decisions. Consider joining the PTA to be an advocate for all Mohr students.

To ensure the continuation of education-enhancing programs and services for our Mohr students, we need every family at Mohr Elementary to support the **“More for Mohr”** program at registration. This is one of our biggest fundraisers and we do it at the beginning of the year so that we know how much money we can budget for programs and supplies for the upcoming school year. Please help us continue to provide quality educational and enrichment programs and services for our students. **Making a suggested tax-deductible donation of \$100 at registration is a very important way your family can support Mohr PTA.** If you’ve been wondering just how important that donation is, please take a look at the list of “PTA Funded Programs and Services” on the next page to see how the PTA allocated the funds raised last year. Any donation is much appreciated and will be put to good use at our school.

Our students love to see family volunteers in the classroom, on campus and at school events. This is a great way to support our children and promote school success. There are several exciting volunteer opportunities throughout the school year. The level of commitment can be chosen by you. Please consider volunteering for the great benefit of all students.

Your membership, your More for Mohr donation and your volunteerism all make a huge impact on our students, school and community!

Thank you,

Julie Hamilton, Mohr PTA President

Some Examples of PTA Funded Programs and Services

- **Classroom Support: \$16,000** *Money for every teacher and specialist at Mohr to be used for supplies, books, educational materials or whatever the teachers need for their classrooms.
- **Technology: \$40,000** *The money raised at the PTA Fun Run was used to purchase new laptops for Teachers in every classroom. In addition, the PTA provides money to the tech specialist to maintain our current equipment.
- **Science Lab: \$700** *PTA helps pay for lab equipment and supplies to outfit our Science Lab.
- **Communications: \$550** *PTA pays for the publishing of our school newsletter, Wednesday packet materials and the PTA website so families know what's going on at our school.
- **Pizza with the Principal: \$2,000** *PTA pays for this reward where students are chosen by their teacher for showing positive behaviors.
- **Field Day: \$500** *PTA pays for & organizes this student-loved end of the year celebration.
- **Red Ribbon Week: \$300** *PTA pays for & organizes this week of drug awareness.
- **Reflections: \$300** *PTA supports art appreciation in our schools with this national program.
- **Walk & Roll to School: \$100** *PTA funds programs that promote physical fitness.
- **Art Enrichment: \$9,500** *PTA pays for this program that provides art enrichment for every student.
- **Library Funds \$2,5000** *PTA raises funds through the Book Fair to buy books for the library. We also provided funds to replace educational VHS tapes with DVDs.
- **Mohr Garden: \$400** *Clean up days and planting trees on campus.
- **Science Fair \$100** *Support with volunteers to run the science fair.
- **Teacher Appreciation Lunch \$600** *PTA provides a luncheon for our teachers and staff during Teacher Appreciation Week.
- **PE and Playground Equipment \$2500** *Purchasing new or replacement equipment.

WAYS YOUR FAMILY CAN SUPPORT MOHR PTA

“More for Mohr” Program

This fundraising program was designed to take the pressure off of traditional yearly fundraising efforts that are often labor-intensive and require many hours in parent volunteerism like selling gift wrap or candy. By making a donation to the **“More for Mohr”** program, you enable the PTA to continue to provide the education enhancing programs and services that our Mohr students have come to depend on. **The great thing about this program is that 100% of the money goes directly to the school and your donation is 100% tax deductible.** Some families may choose to participate in this program in lieu of participating in smaller fundraisers throughout the year. This is perfectly acceptable and part of the reason we are providing this option for our families.

Please support ***“More for Mohr”*** and **help us fund PTA sponsored programs and services for our students by making a suggested donation of \$100 during Registration.** Together we can continue to support our students & teachers and ensure that every child will “Soar at Mohr”!

Fall and Spring Book Fairs

Students, parents and teachers look forward to this fun event every year that promotes reading at Mohr! Our school receives a percentage of the total book sales from every fair, which is used to support our Mohr Library. This is the **ONLY** fundraiser that supports our school library. This year our Scholastic book fairs are scheduled for October 12 to 16, 2015, and March 7 - 10, 2016.

School Supply Kit

This fundraising provides service for parents by buying school supplies in bulk and delivering them to your child’s classroom prior to the first day of school so that everything is there for the students when they start school. We are able to save money by buying in bulk and profits go to the PTA general fund to pay for other classroom supplies. Please consider making a donation to purchase a supply kit for your child if you haven’t already. Cost varies depending on grade level.

“No-Cost” Shopping Programs That Support Mohr

As Mohr families, we can also support our school through our everyday shopping – and it doesn’t cost you a thing! See information in this packet about how Mohr PTA can help register your Safeway, Gene’s, Lucky’s, and/or Raley’s cards so that a percentage of your purchases are donated to Mohr School. Sign up once, and you’ll be supporting your children’s education all year – it’s quick and easy, but generates thousands of dollars annually for our school IF we can keep participation high!

Volunteer Opportunities

Throughout the year there are many opportunities for you to donate your time and talents. Every aspect of your PTA requires parents like you to make the programs run. You will be able to sign up for volunteer opportunities at registration and throughout the year as events such as the Fun Run, book fair, and field day come up. Please complete a volunteer clearance form when school starts so that you can help all year!

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www.mohrpta.org

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