

Monthly Newsletter

ELM LAWN PTO

December 2025



Here's the latest from your Elm Lawn PTO!

Happy Holidays from the PTO! We would love to share some highlights from our last PTO meeting on December 10th in the Elm Lawn LMC. As we wrap up the year, we want to thank all families for their continued support and involvement.

PE Spotlight

Mike Cavill joined our group to share about the PE program at Elm Lawn. Our PE program focuses on fundamental movement, sportsmanship, and SEL. Benefits include improved focus, memory, and energy. Families can support their children's physical activity by showing interest, encouraging play, modeling healthy habits, and supporting extracurricular programs. There are also several special events that support physical activity in the district, including the Hot Dog Hustle, Tri-4-Schools, Floor Hockey Tournament, Camp Phy Ed, 4th Grade Track & Field Meet, Girls on the Run, and a new Fall Fun Run.

Principal Update

Principal Rust provided a few updates. She recognized the PTO for supporting staff with the 'December to Remember' event, which provided staff treats and activities to keep them energized in this month before the break. She also noted that literacy efforts are expanding with fun classroom activities. Highlights: 1st graders enjoyed Zoozort, 4th graders are learning leadership skills, and 2nd graders are diving into hands-on science investigations. The focus remains on community connections between school and families.

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Education Foundation

Laura Hansen shared information about the MCPASD Education Foundation. She noted the foundation supports three key areas: teacher grants, essential needs, and student scholarships. There are two current ways people can give:

- Annual Appeal: the goal is \$30,000 by year-end (currently at 60%).
- Sip, Savor & Support: Wednesdays in Dec & Jan at Cooper's Hawk (5-7 PM); 50% of wine bottle proceeds benefit the foundation!

Learn more at

<https://www.mcpasd.k12.wi.us/o/ed-found/>

Fundraising

Square1 Art wrapped up successfully, though Café Zupas was less successful this year. We are exploring some fun new restaurant options for fundraising opportunities. We will keep you posted!

Upcoming Events

We have two new events to share:

- International Day: the PTO will host this event in the end of February. Students travel around the school to visit different ambassadors who share information about a different country. We will need volunteers needed to help take kids on the tour so keep a look-out for a Sign-up Genius coming soon. We are also looking for a parent (ideally of a 2nd grader) to shadow Amy for future coordination.
- Next PTO meeting is on February 11, 2026.

Other News

The PTO will help fund repairs for the tire swings on the playground this year. Additionally, we are exploring the possibility of developing a school directory so families can share contact information more readily. We will keep you updated!