



# PTO News

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Harmony Science Academy—SA

## Welcome Back to School!

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Your school PTO would like to welcome you back to school.

We look forward to new and existing parents volunteering to make this a successful school year for our students, faculty and parents.

Let's work together to keep up the morale of our students, faculty and parents.

Please plan to attend our PTO Meetings which are normally held every 2nd Thursday of the month from 6-7pm in the school cafeteria. At our PTO

Meeting we have chips & salsa (donated by our local Chili's) and water. A raffle for a prize will also be done for both teachers and parents.

The success of our school and children depends on parent volunteers.

Let's take a look at what is happening in the month of September.

- New Board Elections – 09/23/10
- PTO Events and Fundraisers



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- Multi/Cultural International School Festival
- PTO School Volunteer Functions / Opportunities.

Please come out and join us at our next PTO Board Meeting.

### Special points of interest:

- \* PTO Board Elections
- \* PTO Events and Fundraisers
- \* PTO Multi-Cultural/ International School Festival
- \* PTO School Functions

## New Board Elections

On **September 23, 2010** in the **school cafeteria** between **6:00pm-7:00pm** we will be holding our 1st PTO Board Meeting (this month only was the PTO Board Meeting changed) where New Board Member Elections will take place.

Please come out and support your school by either nominating a potential candidate or by signing up yourself.

On page 4, we have provided you with What is PTO?, Our Mission, What we do?

Please review and see if this is something for you. We have a little bit of everything for everyone.

We will have nomination forms that evening for you to complete, if you wish to.

## PTO September Events & Fundraisers

PTO has the following school fundraisers lined for the month of September:

- Grandparents Day
- Otis Spunkmeyer
- Chili's Give Back Nights (2nd Tuesday of every month)
- Back To School Teacher Luncheon
- Discount Cards (work in progress—more information to come)

### Grandparents Day

Thank you to all the Grandparents and volunteers that came out to Celebrate to Grandparents Day on **September 13, 2010** at HSA.

Thank you Mrs. Cruz for making Grandparents Day such a wonderful day.

### Otis Spunkmeyer



Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough

We will be having our 1st Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough pre-order on **September 27, 2010** in the school lobby between 7:30-8:00 am and 2:45-3:30 pm.

Please look for the table with the PTO banner. We will have the order forms available.

The fundraiser will run for two weeks beginning 09/27/10 thru 10/10/10.

### Chili's Give Back Nights

We have once again this year partnered with Chili's for HSA Chili's Give Back Nights.

This is an easy fundraiser. all you have to do is have dinner on the **2nd Tuesday of the month** and 10% of your ticket will come right back to HSA.



Please come out and support your school.

### Back To School Teacher Luncheon

On **September 24, 2010** between 11:00 –1:00 pm , PTO will be hosting a Back To School Luncheon for our wonderful teachers.



If you would like to volunteer, please send an email to: [harmonypto@hotmail.com](mailto:harmonypto@hotmail.com) with your contact name and phone number. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

### Hispanic Heritage Celebration

Hispanic Heritage Celebration will take place on **September 27, 2010** .

Please come out and help us celebrate by bringing your favorite Spanish dish.

If you would like to volunteer, please send an email to: [harmonypto@hotmail.com](mailto:harmonypto@hotmail.com) with your contact name and phone number.



## Preview of the October Events and Fundraisers

Below is a list of upcoming

- Chuck E. Cheese HSA Night (Date : TBD)
- 2nd PTO Board Meeting 10/14/10
  - 3rd Grade Performance
- Individual Picture Day 10/26/10
  - Volunteers will be needed.

## 2010-2011 Multi-Cultural/International School Festival

In May, PTO held it's 1st Multi-Cultural/International School Festival on school grounds. We had a great time. We had lots of games for kids all ages.

We are planning for our 2nd Annual Festival to be held in May of 2011 and would like to seek your help.

We are looking for:

- Volunteer's to sign up and help.
- Donations needed:
  - Food
  - Drinks
  - Game Prizes
  - Vendor Names
  - Auction Items
  - Monetary



These are a few items we will need to make it another successful event.

We will put together a Festival Committee as we get closer to the event.

We are able to collect items and put in a storage space PTO has reserved.

If you have any donations of any kind please send an email to: [harmonypto@hotmail.com](mailto:harmonypto@hotmail.com) and let us know. A PTO member can meet to collect the items.

Thank you in advance for your support, time and donations.

## What did PTO do last year?

Your PTO Board Members were hard at work last year. We managed to help out as much as we could and host events. Some of your hard earned dollars went towards the following:

- Purchased items for the Teacher Christmas Gifts
- Purchased items for the Science Fair
- Set up Teacher Work Stations in the Teacher's Lounge
- Sold Valentines Candy Grams
- Held Student/Parent and Teacher raffles at PTO Board Meetings
- Purchased items for Parent/Teacher Breakfast
- Helped sell Chocolate Candy
- Purchased items for Teacher Appreciate Week
- Helped out at Cinco de Mayo Celebration
- Donated food towards Black History Month Celebration

These are just a few events and items your PTO has helped out with.

So, next time you are approached by a PTO Board Member, please do not shy away.

Remember, we are here to help improve our school, help the faculty and administration.

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### What is PTO?

PTO stands for Parent-Teacher Organization. The PTO consists of parents and teachers working together to support and enrich all students at Harmony Science Academy –San Antonio.

### Our Mission:

To support school staff, help promote student self-esteem, and assist efforts to solve school needs through volunteers and funding.

### What we do?

Helping out in the classroom, volunteering in the library, treats for staff appreciation, chairing a PTO committee, or assisting at a PTO event are all examples of PTO activities and involvement. PTO has several scheduled family and fundraising events that are planned and facilitated by committee assignments and through our monthly meetings. Signing up to help does not commit you to come to a PTO monthly meeting!

The heart of the PTO is the everyday working relationships between parents and staff. The effort parents, teachers, staff, and volunteers put forth on a daily basis at Harmony Science Academy is extraordinary.

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## PTO Questions and Answers:

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1. Can anyone join PTO? Yes—anyone can.
2. Is there a fee to join PTO? Yes— there is a \$10.00 fee yearly fee.
3. Who can be part of the PTO Board? Anyone can be part of the PTO Board. Elections are held every year.
4. How can we contact PTO? PTO has a link on the school website. Simply click on the PTO link and enter your feedback in the lower right hand side corner.
5. Does PTO has an email address? Yes— it is: [harmonyppto@hotmail.com](mailto:harmonyppto@hotmail.com)
6. Does PTO have a voicemail? No— currently PTO does not have a voicemail set up.
7. If I have mail to for PTO, where can I leave it? PTO has a mailbox located in the front office. Hand your mail to the office receptionist and let them know it is for PTO.

**Important Note:** Make sure the school has your correct home phone number and email address as we will use them to communicate any and all upcoming events and changes.

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