



# PTO Be in the Know

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November/December

## November Calendar:

No School & Chuck E Cheese Fundraiser 3-9PM	8
Popcorn Day	10
We CAN & Candy Bar	11
Market Day 6-7PM	14
Thanksgiving Break	23-25
PTO Meeting 6PM	29

## December Calendar:

Holiday Shop & Winter Fest 6-8PM	2
Popcorn Day	8
We CAN	9
Market Day 6-7PM	12
Barnes & Noble Night Joliet 5-8PM	13
McDonald's Family Dinner Night	20
Winter Class Parties 2:15PM (10:15 K-AM)	22
Winter Break Begins	23
GymQuest of Plainfield Fundraiser 1-2PM	28

## Our Annual Winter Fest Fun Is Almost Here

Our annual Winter Fest will be held on December 2nd from 6-8PM. Children and adults alike will find activities of interest. The fun will include a raffle, a holiday complete their shopping, vendor shop at, a bake sale and a visit from Santa!



committee levels and for take many volunteers to make our fest a success! If you are interested please contact Alison Kresno at ckresno7150@comcast.net or Lisa Slusher at Slusher1966@gmail.com

The fun will shop for the children to vendors for parents to visit and cupcake walk, food, crafts. Volunteers are needed at the the day of the event. It will

## Help Us Earn A Projector

Your Ridge PTO has sent home a special bonus points collection sheet for Labels for Education. By collecting the specific product labels listed on the form, attaching them to the form and sending them to school by November 30th you can help us earn a free projector! A digital visual presenter connected to a projector is a valuable teaching tool. However, not all classrooms that need one have one. We have already earned enough points for one projector and are close to a second. That is half our cost! The PTO has the funds for the two visual presenters. A visual presenter and a projector combined can be used to project a book, 3d math objects, student work and more! Help us reach our goal! You can find additional sheets online at [www.psd202.org/ridge](http://www.psd202.org/ridge) under "PTO fundraisers".

## Yearbook Committee Needs Your Photographs



Anyone that has pictures from school events can email them to [kbruno@psd202.org](mailto:kbruno@psd202.org) or burn them on to a disk and send it in to the office. Please include a note as to what the event is and the names and grades of the students in the pictures. We can't guarantee that every picture submitted will be used, but we would like as many different students in the book as possible so the more we get the better.

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## Introducing the Ridge Wellness Blog

The Wellness Committee has been hard at work creating a wellness blog. Each month will have a new theme and daily tips to help keep your family well. Visit them frequently at [ridgewellness-202.blogspot.com](http://ridgewellness-202.blogspot.com)



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## Sweet & Savory Fundraiser is Near

Be on the look out for our Sweet & Savory fundraising flyers. They will be sent home early December and will be due prior to the holiday break. This fundraiser will offer pizza and cookies. These delicious frozen pizzas only come around once a year, so be sure to stock up so you don't run out! It is the perfect solution for your Super Bowl Sunday festivities. Pick-up will be just in time on February 2nd from 6-7PM. Your Ridge PTO has had a successful year so far raising funds for needed technology, fun events for our kids and assemblies. With your continued support we can reach our goals and equip all classrooms with the items they need! We will have pizza samples at our November 29th PTO meeting and at Winter Fest. We hope to see you sampling soon!



### PTO Myth Busters

*Myth: The PTO is just for stay-at-home moms.*

**FACT:** The PTO is for everyone! Our volunteers are mothers, fathers and those who fill those roles. We have a wide range of volunteers who: stay-at-home; work part-time to full-time; have little ones at home, preschoolers, high schoolers and/or college students; are continuing their own education; and more.

*Myth: The PTO has all the help they need.*

**FACT:** The PTO welcomes everyone and continues to need volunteers for various events, fundraisers, and committees year-round. We need you!

*Myth: Volunteering for the PTO takes too much time.*

**FACT:** Only YOU can decide how much time you can give. Even if you can help at just one event or handle one task per year, it would be greatly appreciated.

*Myth: PTO volunteers need to be at the school during the day.*

**FACT:** Much of the PTO work can be done from home on your own schedule, or at events at night or weekends. Yes, there is volunteering during the school day if you are able to do so. But no one does it all, so choose what works best for you.



*Myth: The PTO has the same volunteers year after year and everyone knows each other.*

**FACT:** While we are fortunate to have dedicated volunteers who return, we also welcome new ones every year. We do strike up friendships and enjoy get-

ting to know one another. This year, we already have several new Committee Chairs and volunteers, and we have not all met each other yet. Our volunteers range from Kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents, so it's a great chance to get to know parents from other grades you may not have met otherwise.

*Myth: The PTO is all set with their activities and events for the year.*

**FACT:** Each year, the PTO brings back favorites and tries new activities, fundraisers and events. Those new ideas come from volunteers. For example, new moms started a copy center this year for our teachers. The copy center has a full set of daily volunteers and this helps free up the teacher's time and their classroom volunteers to help with other things. While we try to plan ahead, there's still plenty of time to do even more for the students and school this year. **And we want you to be a part of it all!**

## Market Day: Promotions and Announcements

Market Day is offering a lot of promotions and discounts in November and December so make sure you don't miss out! November is Pie Bonus Days. The more pies we sell the larger of a profit we receive. Also for November is your online purchase is \$90 or more you will receive a free 4-pack of ChicNSteakes. The promo code is NOVBONUS.

Beginning in **November** we will offer **curb side pick up** for those who have **pre-paid** online! Simply pull up to door E and we will bring your order to your car! Stay warm and stay in your car! As always, if you wish to pay COD you can still pick up your order inside the gym.

December also brings exciting offers. Market Day will be offering Cookie Bonus Days where once again the more we sell the more we earn. Stock up on these awesome tasting cookies for the holidays and to get you through the summer. They go straight from freezer to oven and their taste and convenience can't be beat! December's promotions include a free single serve Kraft Macaroni and Cheese with every order and free meatballs with an online purchase of \$90 or more.



**Market Day Pick Up Dates:**  
**November 14th, 6-7PM**  
**December 12th, 6-7PM**

The meatball promo code is DECBONUS.

Is anyone in your family in charge of corporate gifts for the holidays? Do you own a business and are looking for something to thank your clients? Looking for a unique holiday gift for a family member who lives far away or is hard to find gifts for? Market Day has the answer! Beginning November 7th you can purchase gifts from Market Day Direct and they will be sent to your clients, family or friends. Use your normal Market Day login or sign up under Ridge Elementary and you will earn our school additional money! Simply log onto [marketdaydirect.com](http://marketdaydirect.com).

Don't forget the "buy 3 times and earn a free insulated bag" promotion. Make two purchases of \$40 or more between October and December. Then place a third order of \$40 in January and receive a FREE insulated bag at your January sale pick-up.

## Winter Class Parties are Near



Thank you for everyone who helped make our Halloween party a success. Whether you cheered on our costume party, donated items or volunteered in a classroom it all made for a successful and fun party day for our children! In order to make our Winter Party another success a few changes have been made. Each classroom will be allowed only 5 parent volunteers. This will help ease congestion and parking issues for the safety of our students. Volunteers may go back to the classrooms at 2:00PM and the party is from 2:15 to 3:15PM. Clean up must be completed and all volunteers should have exited the building by 3:15PM. Donation letters will be sent

home requesting needed items for each party.  
 Thank you for your efforts and continued support.

**"If you are volunteering at the Winter party, please DO NOT park in the bus lane. This will ensure a timely dismissal and that our children get the full length of their party!"**

## Ridge PTO

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## GOALS

No one can predict to what heights  
you can soar. Even you will not  
know until you spread your wings.

--Celebrating Excellence Inc.

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### Thank You! Your Support Makes A Difference

We wish to give all of our parents who volunteered, donated or cooked for the teacher conference dinner and huge thank you! The PTO had budgeted \$350.00 for this dinner and thanks to your support we spent \$0. That savings went towards teaching aids for our special education students! Also a huge thanks to everyone who came, had fun or volunteered at Fall Fest! What a huge success!! Keep looking at your calendar, watching for notes home and checking our website for news and announcements for upcoming events!



Last month's fundraising profits include:

Fall Fest	\$2,144.00
Culver's Night:	\$310
Franco's Night:	\$150
Market Day through Oct.:	\$616.85
Conference Dinner Savings	\$350.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT! WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND TOGETHER WE HELP CREATE THE FUTURE!**

### You Are Invited To Our Next PTO Meeting

Come out to our next PTO meeting at Ridge on November 29th at 6PM in the Media Center. If you have any new business you would like to discuss please submit it to Robin Johnston one week ahead of the meeting date! Robin can be reached at [RJohnsto@psd202.org](mailto:RJohnsto@psd202.org).