

Belle Valley
Parent-Teacher
Organization
2011-2012
Handbook

General Information

Purpose

The Belle Valley Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) is a self-supporting organization that is non-profit, non-sectarian and non-partisan. **Its purpose is to supply the schools with materials and resources not supplied with regular school funds such as supplemental books, character education materials and funding for field trips.** The PTO also provides additional funds to support educational, yet entertaining, activities for students that enhance the school district curriculum and state standards. To raise money, fundraisers are held throughout the year that not only raise necessary funds but promote partnerships with families and community members. The PTO also promotes cooperation with the teachers without interference with regular school programs, laws or policies.

Membership Fees

Free to join. Your volunteerism is needed to make PTO a success.

Meetings

PTO meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month at Belle Valley North in the gym. The meetings begin at 7 p.m. and last approximately one hour. There will be a raffle at each meeting for prizes (must be present to win). Please see entry form on back.

Special School Services, Events and Fundraisers

(Listed is a sampling of how the PTO supports the schools.)

Purchasing

The PTO's officers are in charge of overseeing the purchase of approved items requested by the faculty and the PTO. Purchase requests will be brought to the meetings for approval.

School Yearbook

The yearbook committee formulates and distributes the yearbook. Pictures taken of students and staff at various school functions are accepted by the committee throughout the year.

School Carnival

Our annual school carnival will be held in May at Belle Valley School from approximately 1:35 to 7 p.m. Students are dismissed early on this day. Chairpersons are needed for each activity, such as food, games, rides, publicity, etc. If you don't have a lot of time to give, we always need volunteers who can work for one hour. We always look forward to this fun and exciting day of rides, games, prizes and food.

Skating Parties

The PTO Club and Fun Spot will host six skating parties this year: Aug. 26, Sept. 23, Oct. 21, Feb. 17, March 9 and April 27. All the skating parties this year will have **free** admission with a \$2/\$4 skate rental. The parties are from 5 to 7 p.m. and are for all students at both schools.

Papa John's Pizza Night

Every second Thursday of the month throughout the school year, Papa John's Pizza will be hosting a fundraiser for the PTO. The PTO gets a percentage of the cost of all pizzas ordered by Belle Valley families. The classroom in each school that has the greatest participation will receive a class pizza party.

Shopping Cards

The PTO also receives funding from Schnuck's through its eScrip program. While shopping, present the store's card at check-out and a percentage of the purchase will be donated to the schools through the PTO.

Laser Tag

Belle Valley PTO and The Edge will host laser tag events on Sept 13th and Feb 6th. There is an entrance fee where you get unlimited play from 6pm-9pm.

Family Movie Night

Throughout the year we are looking to host family movie night at the school. Flyers will be sent home with your child with date and movie title.

Speakers and Guests

Throughout the year, the PTO works with several school committees to bring a wide array of special events and presentations that promote student learning and character education. Many of these events are cost-prohibitive and would not be possible without PTO support.

Staff Appreciation

The staff/teacher appreciation event takes place in May, honoring our school staff with a delicious brunch and gifts.

Holiday Events

In the past, the PTO has sponsored a variety of holiday events including the fall festival, visits from Santa and a gift shop for students. We look forward to planning similar events this year.

Now that you have read about the many special events, activities and fundraisers the PTO has planned for the year, I hope we communicated how important your help is to make these events successful. Please share your time, talents and your ideas with us.

If you have any questions about PTO or any event, please contact the PTO though E-mail at pto@bv119.net, our mailbox located at each school or by attending a PTO meeting. If you have any suggestions or new ideas, please share them with us.

Thank you,

Thomas Bruce
PTO President

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PTO Raffle Entry Form

At the monthly PTO meetings we will be holding a raffle for prizes (Entertainment Books, Fruit/Vegetable baskets , and other prizes). You must be present to win. One entry form is good for the entire school year. Just fill out the form below and return it to school with your child or you may bring it to any PTO meeting.

Name _____

Phone number _____

E-Mail Address _____