



Killearn Lakes Elementary

PTO



Ressa's Remarks

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Welcome back to a new school year! Each new school year typically brings excitement and anticipation, along with promise of learning and growth, and the PTO is eager to get started.

The PTO is committed to cultivating a strong sense of community by working together to support our teachers, staff and KLES families. Several school events and programs are planned for the 2023-2024 school year, like reoccurring Parent Socials, the Fall Festival, Grandparents Day, and Field Day. Campus enhancement projects are always a top priority, as well as additional measures to support our teachers.

Like our school's 2023 -2024 theme – Lucky to be at KLES – we're so very lucky to have your support and involvement. The Patron Program Fundraiser is currently underway, and we very much appreciate your donations that help fund the programs and activities for the year. 100% of your contributions go directly to Killearn Lakes Elementary.

To learn more about the PTO and what is happening at Killearn Lakes Elementary, follow us on Facebook and check out our website at killearnlakespto.org. We invite everyone to attend the PTO meetings, held the third Tuesday of every month in the Media Center at 6 pm.

We look forward to meeting all of you this school year!

Ressa Tomkiewicz
PTO President



Welcome to another LUCKY year at KLES!

We are so excited to kick off the 2023-2024 School Year at Killearn Lakes Elementary! We have a lot of important and exciting events coming up we would love to share with you, as well as volunteer opportunities and open committee chairs positions!

Be sure to follow our social media pages to keep up to date easily with events and happenings around our school, and check out our PTO website for our meeting information, newsletter archives, spirit wear, business partner opportunities, and MORE!



Memorial Garden

One of our newest Campus Enhancement projects has been creating a Memorial Garden in front of the school for KLES family that has passed. We are so thankful for all the help we recieved and all the hard work that went into making this vision a reality. We hope that you enjoy the garden as you pass by everyday, and get to fondly reflect on the good times we have had with those who are memorialized in our garden.



Boo-Hoo Breakfast

The annual BooHoo/Yahoo Breakfast is for KLES Kindergarten Parents to have a little treat along with a BooHoo or a Yahoo with other parents! It's a way for our Kindergarten Parents to connect and get a little introduction into the Shamrock Spirit at KLES!

Special THANK YOU to Publix for providing & setting up our BooHoo Breakfast!



September Events



The Scholastic Book Fair will be returning to Killlearn Lakes Elementary September 26th- October 2nd.

Be sure to look for order forms going out in your child's folder!

Parent Social at HURRICANE GRILL & WINGS

Come out to Hurricane Grill & Wings on September 14th at 6pm for a night of fun with other KLES families! Bring the kids and connect with other parents who are also attending Killlearn Lakes Elementary. It's a wonderful time to get to know one another and enjoy some appetizers provided by our generous PTO!

PTO Meeting

Come join us for our NEXT PTO Meeting on September 19th at 6pm in the Media Center!

ALL PRO DAD

All Pro Dad is a monthly gathering at school where dads and kids engage in meaningful conversations and activities that strengthens their relationship.

Next Meeting: 7:30am September 12



Volunteer Orientation

Learn more about Volunteer Opportunities at KLES & Meet with our Volunteer Coordinator September 7th - 9am



Join us in the cafeteria for **Grandparents Day!**

September 29th & October 2nd!






WHAT IS THE KLES PATRON PROGRAM?

OUR ONLY FUNDRAISER

The KLES PTO Patron Program is a contribution-based fundraiser that happens during the fall semester.

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

100% of your contributions go directly to Killlearn Lakes Elementary School programs.

TEACHER SUPPORT

The PTO gives each teacher \$200 to use for their classrooms. We also like to spoil them with a nice lunch a few times a year.



MUSIC, PE, & ART PROGRAMS

This includes the annual PE Field Days.

CAMPUS ENHANCEMENTS

In past years, this fund helped purchase playground equipment, playground shades, and choral risers.



To show your support, visit our website at www.killlearnlakespto.org to complete your donation.



Patron Prizes

Platinum \$300	6 Reserved Seats at Fifth Grade Graduation OR a Drawstring Backpack with Tumbler, Yearbook, Earbuds, Water Bottle, 2 KLES Wristbands, 2 Car Magnets, Newsletter Recognition
Gold \$250	4 Reserved Seats at Fifth Grade Graduation OR Yearbook, Earbuds, Water Bottle, 2 KLES Wristbands, 2 Car Magnets, Newsletter Recognition
Silver \$150	Earbuds, Water Bottle, 2 KLES Wristbands, 2 Car Magnets, Newsletter Recognition
White \$75	Water Bottle, 2 KLES Wristbands, 2 Car Magnets, Newsletter Recognition
Green \$50	2 KLES Wristbands, 2 Car Magnets, Newsletter Recognition
Shamrock \$25	2 Car Magnets, Newsletter Recognition
Other Amount	Newsletter Recognition



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Open Committee Chairs

DADDY/DAUGHTER DANCE

Plan the annual Valentine's dance for KLES families; timing February

FIELD DAY

Assist the PE Teachers in organizing a fun day of outdoor games & activities; timing March

MOTHER/SON EVENT

Organize a Mother/Son event for KLES families in the Spring; timing April

5th GRADE GRADUATION

Lead the planning efforts for 5th Grade Graduation; timing May

CAMPUS ENHANCEMENT

Administer PTO'S annual school improvement project; timing year long

If you are interested in a Committee Chair position with the PTO, please contact our PTO President:

Ressa Tomkiewicz
ressa.tomkiewicz@gmail.com

Volunteers

If you are interested in any volunteer opportunity at the school please make sure to fill out the Leon

County Volunteer application here:
<https://volunteers.leonschools.net/>

Volunteer Of The Month

Special KLES Thank You to:

 **Sandra Harris** 

Lunch Bunch

We have a new volunteer opportunity this year to assist our youngest Leprechauns in the lunchroom.

We need daily volunteers to help us at lunch with our Kindergarten & First Grade Students.

Please reach out to our PTO President, Ressa Tomkiewicz:
Ressa.tomkiewicz@gmail.com to sign up for a shift!





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Meet the 2023-24 PTO Board Members!



Ressa Tomkiewicz
PTO President

Ressa is serving in her second year as President and loves the KLES school community. Mom of four children, Ressa has a daughter in 9th grade at Chiles followed by a son in 6th grade at Deerlake and then two sons at KLES in 2nd grade and Kindergarten. When she's not running after four kids, Ressa enjoys running for sport and is a member of Gulf Winds Track Club and MRTT (Moms Run This Town).



Allison Hartsfield
Director of Finance

Allison is returning for her 8th, and sadly last, year on the PTO. She has been the Director of Finance for the past few years but has also been the President and Volunteer Coordinator in the past. She also currently runs the Birthday Book Club. When she's not helping out at school, you can find her at the baseball field or horse farm.



Jaime Sheehan
Director of Fundraising

Jamie is in her 5th year with the KLES PTO. She is a past president, our current Director of Fundraising, and has been the Holiday Giving Chair for the past few years. She has a son in sixth grade and a son in Mrs. Reddick's kindergarten class.



Melissa Smith
Volunteer Coordinator

Melissa is now our school's PTO volunteer coordinator. This school year will be her third here at KLES, and will be her daughter's last year, so she wanted to take the opportunity to be involved as much as possible. Melissa looks forward to working with all of you this time around as the Volunteer Coordinator!



Taylor Wright
Business Partner
Coordinator

Taylor is in her 8th year with the KLES PTO. She is currently our Business Partner Coordinator and has been for the past few years. She has a son in eighth grade and a son in Mrs. Sellers' first grade class.



Kate Fothergill
Director of Communications

Kate is joining the PTO Board for her first year as the Director of Communications, but she was the Yearbook Advisor last year and volunteer of the month. Kate has twin second graders at KLES, and spends her free time either having family fun and adventures, or volunteering her time helping animals in the Tallahassee community.



KLES **FALL/WINTER** **PTO CALENDAR**



PATRON PROGRAM

PTO's only fundraiser with
100% of your contributions
going directly to KLES!



Sept. 1 - 30

SAVE THE DATE

Sept. 7

Volunteer Orientation, 9am

Sept. 26 - Oct. 2

Book Fair

Sept. 29 and Oct. 2

Grandparents Day

Nov. 3

Fall Festival, 12 - 3pm

Nov. 27 - Dec. 8

Holiday Giving Program

PTO MEETINGS

6-7 PM

MEDIA CENTER

August 22

September 19

October 24

November 14

PARENT SOCIALS

Casual, drop-in event to
meet other KLES families.

Hurricane Grill & Wings

September 14

November 16

6 - 8 PM

ALL PRO DAD

Monthly gatherings at
school for dads and kids

Sept. 12

Oct. 10

Nov. 7

Dec. 5

7:30 AM breakfast with
guest speakers