



## **CHPTO 101 : Intro to All Things PTO**

---

### **ALL THE DETAILS FOR 2016-2017**

Everybody loves our tiger cubs! Here are all the details for this year so parents can know how and when to help make this year the best ever!

### **BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR CHECKLIST**

- Submit the school district volunteer application at CSISD.org found under the “Parent Info” tab. Scroll down to “Volunteering.” This is required each year to volunteer during school hours.
- Help our College Hills coordinator know how you prefer to volunteer by returning the VIPS Registration form or fill it out through the Google Form found on the “Volunteer” page at chpto.org.
- Text “@c4274g” to 81010 to receive helpful reminders by text from College Hills PTO with “remind.”
- Join any remind groups for your student’s teachers.
- Turn on “Get Notifications” at the top of the Facebook pages for “College Hills” and “College Hills Parent Teacher Organization—CHPTO” Otherwise, many posts will not appear in your newsfeed unless boosted with an ad buy. We’re too cheap for that:)
- Send in a donation to our “Show Your Stripes” Donation Drive to your child’s teacher or the office.
- Choose a time for a Parent Teacher Conference when your teacher is ready or on Oct. 10th.

### **PLEASE ALSO HELP US PREPARE FOR PTO EXPENSES THIS YEAR**

- Shop at HEB as many times as you can between 9/7 & 9/20 to earn \$10 worth of box tops when you checkout with 15 box top products! Then send your stash of box tops to your teacher by Friday 9/23 (keep sending them in all year too:)
- Register your Kroger card to donate a percentage of all purchases to College Hills at Kroger.com.
- Start your next amazon shopping session at smile.amazon.com instead & choose College Hills.
- Watch out for the PTO Facebook post about VIP discount cards and share it with other locals.

## 2016-2017 PTO COMMITMENTS

Below are many of our PTO's priorities year after year. These commitments are how we make a real difference at College Hills. We sincerely appreciate the amazing support we receive from staff, parents and the community that makes this all possible. If you'd like to learn more about what we do, please join us as we learn how we can help College Hills each month during our monthly PTO meetings. With so many experienced and invaluable parents moving on each spring to other campuses, new faces just aren't welcome, they are needed!

<b>FIELD TRIPS</b>	This year PTO has committed over \$14,000 for field trips. Please help us keep it up!
<b>LIBRARY</b>	Besides new books, book fairs also fund online literacy resources for home & classroom.
<b>TEACHER APPRECIATION</b>	The PTO loves to give teachers a boost all year whether it be with food or fun. It really makes a difference and our staff is so appreciative! Thank you to all involved!
<b>ROAD RUNNER PROGRAM</b>	Rewards for students who meet high physical education goals is not a large PTO expense, but it is an example of one of the details which PTO makes sure is covered.
<b>4TH GRADE CELEBRATION</b>	Another expense that we feel is important is a celebration at the end of 4th grade, but it just doesn't fit into school budgets. Help us keep this tradition going for future 4th graders.
<b>CLASSROOM IMPROVEMENT GRANTS</b>	<p>Currently, the PTO will NOT be able to offer grants this fall. Please offer your generous support in order to make purchases like these past examples possible for our staff again this spring or sooner if we can exceed our fundraising minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tech subscriptions &amp; apps</li><li>• Writing tools, supplies &amp; programs</li><li>• Nurse's blood pressure machine</li><li>• Pottery materials</li><li>• Art classroom enhancements</li><li>• Spanish chapter books</li><li>• Hands-on Science Materials</li><li>• Magnetic activity boards</li><li>• Kindergarten Garden</li><li>• Headphones</li><li>• Postcard program</li><li>• Sensory Library &amp; Motor Skill tools</li><li>• Literacy &amp; Language Programs</li><li>• Active sitting solutions</li><li>• Supports for dyslexia</li><li>• Flags for the gym</li></ul> <p><i>*As a change, if we can fundraise enough, we hope to give EACH teacher a wish list amount.</i></p>
<b>SPECIAL ASSEMBLY VISITORS</b>	Each year, including this year, our PTO is committed to arranging for an author or illustrator visit and a special performer to help bring learning to life. With your support, we can continue to bring in assemblies such as some recent ones that taught important concepts with engaging activities involving exotic animals, optical illusions, magic, an inflatable astronomy dome and more.
<b>CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS</b>	<p>Whenever our fundraising exceeds our annual commitments, PTO is able to make some great campus improvements possible. Here are some of the recent accomplishments that will continue to benefit College Hills for years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exterior tables &amp; shade umbrellas</li><li>• Shade trees</li><li>• Hallway murals</li><li>• TV monitor, camera</li><li>• Recess equipment</li><li>• Gym Projector screen</li><li>• Numerous technology purchases</li><li>• Basketball goals</li><li>• Water bottle refill stations</li><li>• Kiwanis Trail Improvements Partnership</li><li>• Community Pollinator Garden</li><li>• US Map &amp; Four Square pavement painting</li><li>• Walkie Talkie replacements</li><li>• Announcements equipment</li></ul>

## **WE ALL SPEND A LOT ON THESE KIDS:) HERE'S HOW WE CAN MAKE IT WORK:**

At College Hills PTO, we are not huge fans of sending out kids to knock on doors with catalogues. Even though those adorable faces are bound to be hard for the neighbors to resist, we love taking advantage of opportunities to earn money for our school while checking items off the family shopping list! We love raising money while spending time together as families and as a school family. If we can support our local businesses too, it's even better!

*Have more time than money? We will happily treasure your help instead:) Email [collegehillspto@gmail.com](mailto:collegehillspto@gmail.com) to help.*

### **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

Each May, our PTO presales school supplies to be packaged and delivered to the school as a convenience for parents. The markup on the wholesale cost serves to simplify accounting and allow for sales tax. This is offered as a service rather than a fundraiser.

### **T-SHIRTS & HOODIES**

Each year, staff and students receive a single College Hills t-shirt to encourage school spirit and serve as a field trip uniform. Community sponsorships as well as the sale of additional t-shirts and hoodies provide for the expense of the free t-shirts. This is offered as a service rather than a fundraiser.

### **FALL FUNDRAISER**

General PTO necessities and annual commitments require a minimum of \$5,000 to be raised during this year's Fall Fundraiser. This year, PTO will debut a donation drive.

### **SPIRIT NIGHTS & MCTEACHER NIGHT**

Due to the significant amounts needed to fund our annual budget, our PTO has opted to include occasional spirit nights and a McTeacher Night to continue to raise funds. This helps to relieve the pressure from the Fall Fundraising and Paw Print Festival Committees with easier to coordinate and family friendly fundraising. We also prefer to bond together frequently as a College Hills family and support the local restaurants who often go above and beyond in their donations rather than participate in catalog sales based fundraising.

### **BOOK FAIR DINNERS**

Book fairs are too fun to miss and book fair dinners help busy families be able to participate by taking care of dinner! Whether the dinner is offered at a minimal cost or with a recommended donation, the true purpose is to spend time together at the school and share with our children the love of reading. Parents teach a powerful message when they purchase books for their children, because that children see that books are valued in the home. Proceeds from tickets or donations are generally just enough to cover the costs of the event. However, increased book sales have been noted when a dinner is included. This increase in sales greatly benefits and is funneled directly into the library's budget.

### **BUSINESS PROMOTIONS**

Even just a 10¢ donation from a "box top" adds up. Each year, College Hills families have used their typical purchasing habits to raise approximately \$1,500!

This year we would like to increase this amount in order to meet the goal of funding classroom grants/wish list budgets that do not currently fit into our budget.

Many promotions offer ways to save money for families while raising funds for the school, so please do make an effort to participate as your budget and time allows. For details see the accompanying flier or [chpto.org](http://chpto.org) to learn more from HEB, Kroger, Macy's, Amazon & VIP cards.

### **OTHER INCOME**

Our PTO receives a minimal amount of income from interest, key fob sales, commemorative brick sales and other occasional donations. Every little bit counts!

### **PAW PRINT FESTIVAL**

Mark you calendars for March 25th, 2017 for our signature fundraising event of the year. Not only is the budget for the next year's field trips and other annual commitment met during the festival, but often funds are raised sufficient to make capital improvements that will benefit students and staff for years to come. Besides being a vital fundraiser, our Paw Print Festival has no rivals for raising school spirit, making memories with friends and spending time together as families. We owe community and volunteer supporters a huge debt of gratitude each year. We can't wait!

# 2016-2017 PTO CALENDAR

## AUGUST

8/15 – Kinder Orientation (6pm)  
8/16 – CSISD Board Meeting (7pm)  
8/18 – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Orientation (6pm)  
8/19 – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Orientation (6pm)  
8/22 – FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL & Boo Hoo Breakfast

## SEPTEMBER

9/5 – School Holiday  
9/8 – PTO Meeting (Noon, CHE Library)  
9/9 – Grandparents Day Lunch  
9/15 – SPIRIT NIGHT (Aggieland Chick-Fil-A)  
9/20 – CSISD Board Meeting  
9/29 – Salsa Night (6pm; CHE)

## OCTOBER

10/3 – 10/7 – Fall Book Fair  
10/6 – Spirit Night (CHE Cafeteria)  
10/10-10/11 – School Holiday  
10/13 – PTO Meeting (Noon, CHE Library)  
10/18 – CSISD Board Meeting  
10/19 – FALL PICTURE DAY  
10/24 – 10/28 – Red Ribbon Week  
10/28 – Book Character Parade

## NOVEMBER

11/5 – Paws to the Pavement  
11/9 – Veteran's Day Celebration  
11/10 – PTO Meeting (Noon, CHE Library)  
11/15 – CSISD Board Meeting  
11/17 – SPIRIT NIGHT (Willie's Grill & Icehouse)

## DECEMBER

12/8 – PTO Meeting (Noon, CHE Library)  
12/14 – Spelling Bee (8:30am)  
12/19 – Holiday Parties  
12/20 - Sing Along and EARLY RELEASE  
12/20 - CSISD Board Meeting  
12/21 – 1/4 – WINTER BREAK

## JANUARY

1/2 – 1/4 - School Holiday  
1/12 - PTO Meeting (Noon, CHE Library)  
1/16 – School Holiday  
1/17 – CSISD Board Meeting  
1/19 - SPIRIT NIGHT (Aggieland Chick-Fil-A)

## FEBRUARY

2/3 – 50 Men Who Can Cook  
2/9 – PTO Meeting (Noon, CHE Library)  
2/9 - Reading Night  
2/14 – Valentine's Day Parties  
2/20 – School Holiday  
2/21 – African Storyteller – Library Author Visit  
2/21 – CSISD Board Meeting  
2/27 – 3/3 – Spring Book Fair

## MARCH

2/27 – 3/3 – Spring Book Fair  
3/2 – Spring Book Fair Pizza Dinner  
3/8 – SPRING PICTURE DAY  
3/9 – PTO Meeting (Noon, CHE Library)  
3/9 – SPIRIT NIGHT (TBA)  
3/13-3/18 – SPRING BREAK  
3/21 – CSISD Board Meeting  
3/25 – PAW PRINT FESTIVAL (11-3pm)  
3/28 – STAAR 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Writing

## APRIL

4/4 – School Librarian Day  
4/11 – SPIRIT NIGHT (Blue Baker Dominik)  
4/13 – PTO Meeting (Noon, CHE Library)  
4/14 – School Holiday  
4/17 – Staff Comp. Day / Student Holiday  
4/18 – CSISD Board Meeting

## MAY

5/1-5/5 – Teacher Appreciation Week  
5/8 – STAAR Math  
5/9 – STAAR Reading  
5/9 – SPIRIT NIGHT (Spoons, Culpepper Plaza)  
5/10 – School Nurses' Day  
5/11 – PTO Meeting (Noon, CHE Library)  
5/12 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Family Celebration  
5/15 – Field Day  
5/16 – CSISD Board Meeting  
5/18 – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Variety Show  
5/19 – Kinder Circus  
5/22 – Kinder Awards (8:45am)  
5/23 – 1st Grade Awards (8:45am)  
5/23 – 3rd Grade Awards (1:30pm)  
5/24 – 2nd Grade Awards (8:45am)  
5/24 – 4th Grade Awards (1:30pm)  
5/25 – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL