



Hello Phoebe families!

Thank you so much for coming together today to learn more about the Phoebe A Hearst Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization.

I am Lorry Marvin. I have served as Vice President this year and previously served as secretary. I've helped support Skate Night, Science Night and The Event, and you probably see me most mornings doing crosswalk duty in the parking lot.

Today, we'll walk through what the PTO is all about, how we work hand-in-hand with school staff to make the magic happen, and how you can get involved. We will wrap up with audience Q&A. We hope you walk away with a better understanding of what we do and how we do it, the impact it has on your students and our school community, and how you can join us to help make a difference.

The event is being recorded and will be posted for sharing out. We will have plenty of time for Q&A at the end. Throughout the event, our PTO leaders will be monitoring the chat box, so feel free to add questions there too.



## WHO ARE WE?

- A volunteer group of parents, guardians, teachers, and staff
- Committed to enriching your child's educational journey
- Open to all parents and caregivers—you're already part of the community!

The Phoebe A Hearst Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is a volunteer group of parents, guardians, teachers and staff of Phoebe Hearst Elementary School.

We are dedicated to enriching your child's educational journey in many ways, including financial support for the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math program, the visual arts program, and music program, field trips, classroom support, campus beautification and so much more.

Support provided by the PTO enables our teachers to focus on the business of educating.

PTO involvement is open to all parents and guardians of PH students.

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## IN CLOSE PARTNERSHIP WITH SCHOOL STAFF

- The PTO works hand-in-hand with teachers, administrators, and staff
- We align our efforts with school priorities to make the biggest impact
- School staff help guide how we can best support classrooms, students, and overall school goals
- This collaboration ensures that every dollar and every volunteer hour truly matters



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# WHO'S ON THE PTO?

Leaders help & helpers lead.

**Elected Leadership (parents/guardians)  
Principal & Teacher Representatives**

**Event & Activity Chairs**

**Event & Activity Committee Members**

**Event/Activity Volunteer Helpers**

Let's walk through how the PTO is structured.

The PTO Board is led by elected members, who are parents & guardians of Phoebe Hearst students. We are joined by the school principal and two teacher representatives. Board elections are held once per year.

The PTO Board also includes numerous committee chairs and committee members that plan and carry out fundraising events, enrichment events, campus beautification and safety efforts and other program program support.

Many of the elected Board Members also serve on event & activity committees and volunteer on campus.



## WHAT WE DO

- Fundraise for programs, supplies, and special projects
- Support teachers and staff with resources and appreciation efforts
- Help enhance the student experience beyond the classroom



The PTO activities can be divided into 3 categories:

1. We fundraise for programs, supplies, and special projects.
2. We support teachers and staff with resources and appreciation efforts.
3. We help enhance the student experience beyond the classroom.

It is all made possible by parents like you.



With the support of Phoebe families, the PTO organizes robust fundraising efforts that contribute to the many cherished educational and enrichment programs at our school.

Our marquee fundraising events are the Jog-A-Thon in the fall and The Event auction gala in the spring. These large events are supplemented by many small fundraisers like monthly dine & donates, Kona Ice sales, dollar free dress days, pie and candy sales, grant writing efforts and more.

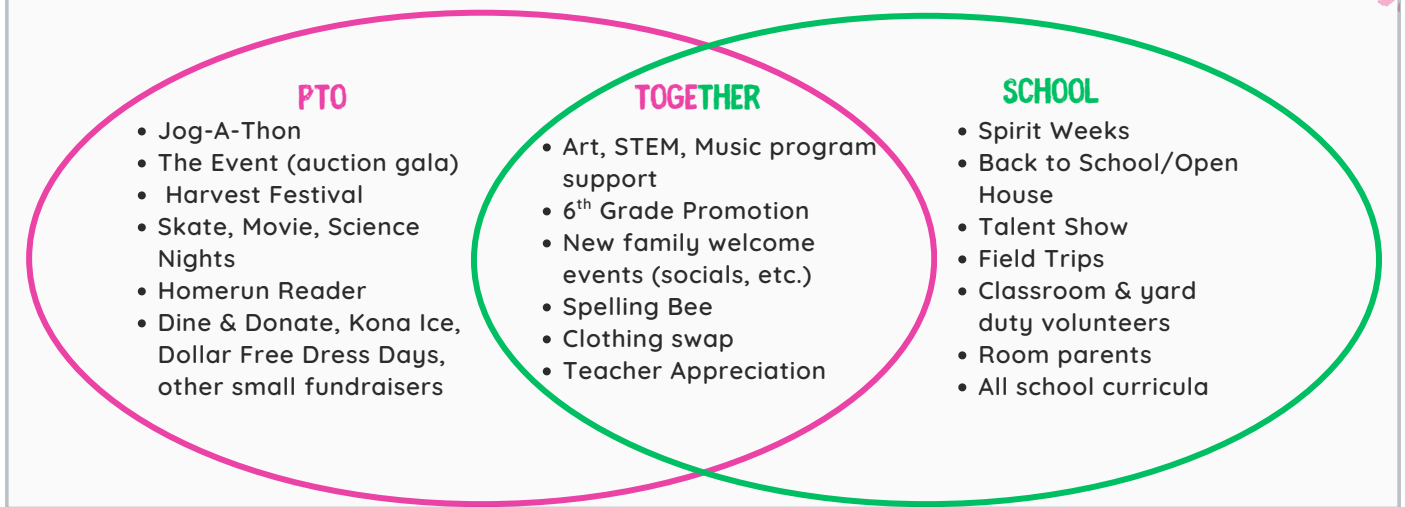
These fundraising efforts fully fund Phoebe’s art program, and contribute to the music, STEM and garden programs, the many fieldtrips our students attend, campus beautification efforts, outdoor learning space support, enrichment dollars for the classrooms, an impressive send-off for our 6th graders each year, and so much more.

PTO members also plan and carry out many beloved enrichment activities for our wider school community, such as the Homerun Reader Program, the Harvest Festival, Skate Night, Ice Cream Social for Kinder families, Movie Night, Science Night and more!

We also support efforts to recognize our amazing teachers and staff and support them to make their magic happen!

## CLOSE COLLAB WITH SCHOOL

The PTO and school admin, teachers and staff work hand-in-hand. The graphic below illustrates which group primarily drives various efforts, to help inform where to turn with related questions or needs.



We work in close collaboration with school administration, staff and teachers.

For clarity about who to go to with questions on any given topic, this is a quick illustration of who primarily leads various school-related programs and activities.

For example, if I have a question or comment about Science Night, Homerun Reader or Kona Ice fundraising, I'd contact the PTO.

If I have a question about spirit week or Back to School night, I'll ask school staff.

We won't walk through this slide in detail for time sake, but it will be available after the info session.

**JOIN US AND**

# **MAKE AN IMPACT**

## **LEVELS OF INVOLVEMENT**

### **ELECTED PTO MEMBERS & PTO LEADERSHIP**

Commit to more engagement as a member of our voting board.

### **EVENT/ACTIVITY CHAIRS**

Head an event or activity planned and excuted by PTO volunteers!

### **EVENT/ACTIVITY HELPERS**

Event & activity committee members participate in the planning and carrying out of one of our events or activities

### **LEND A HAND**

This is great way to get involved - we need dedicated volunteers LIKE YOU! On campus - classroom, garden, traffic, yard duty...



The PTO is entirely a volunteer-run organization.

Phoebe Hearst parents and guardians are welcome and encouraged to get involved.

There are different levels of involvement.

Many of you have probably already started by lending a hand - helping as a yard duty, garden, crosswalk, or classroom volunteer.

We also need event and activity helpers. These are the committee members that help plan and carry out things like Skate Night, Science Night and Jog-A-Thon.

The event & activity chairs lead the committees in planning and carrying out these efforts.

The elected PTO members work to ensure our efforts are in alignment with state & local policies, and with school priorities, financial needs, and future plans. We work to communicate PTO goings-on with our school community, and we work to ensure we are strategic and responsible stewards of funds raised by the PTO and Phoebe families.

# MAKE AN IMPACT

## NEXT STEPS

Our school THRIVES on the the volunteerism of our community, and we would LOVE for you to get involved!

We look forward to working with you.

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**Join a committee** - become a member of a team that supports one of the many PTO events or enrichments. Submit [volunteer interest form](#).

Also found at [bit.ly/42GTtQj](https://bit.ly/42GTtQj) (case sensitive)

02.

**Head an Event as a Chair** - lead on one of the PTO-sponsored events & activities for our community from start to finish! Submit [volunteer interest form](#).

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**Run for our PTO Voting Board** - nominate yourself by April 28<sup>th</sup> and take on a leadership role on our board!

Submit a [nomination form](#). Also found at [bit.ly/3GdDxxp](https://bit.ly/3GdDxxp) (case sensitive)

Join us and make an impact. Help us continue this vital support for our teachers and students.

Are you a person who likes to get things done? Join as an event committee member to help plan and run one of our many events.

This is a great place to start, especially if you are interested in becoming a committee chair or an elected member later on. You can shadow the current chair to learn the ropes and build institutional knowledge about how the PTO functions.

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Are you a strategist, a strong communicator, a party planner, a web developer or graphic designer, or a person with strong financial management experience? Connect with us to learn about becoming an elected board member. Nominations are open now. Submit a nomination form and/or contact us to learn more about these roles.



# MEET US IN PERSON

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Catch me in the mornings, contact us online or find us in person.

We look forward to hearing from you.



**The Event, Rumble in the Jungle! May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Open House**

**Open PTO Meeting, Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm**

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## FAQs

Where can I find this presentation later?

<https://phoebehearst.org/pto/>

Where can I find details about PTO roles, who is currently serving in them and other basic info about the PTO bylaws & budget?

<https://phoebehearst.org/pto/>

## Q&A



The work we do as PTO members is largely about creating opportunities for our students. By supporting and partnering with staff, teachers, and admin, we ensure that our kids have an exciting, engaging, and expansive educational journey.

This work is only possible with volunteerism from members of our community, like you! Thank you for your time and interest.

With that, we'll move to questions.



**THANK YOU  
VERY MUCH**