

# LOCUST GROVE PTO

# MONTHLY ROAR

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PTO

### LET'S TRY THIS ONE MORE TIME...

THE LOCUST GROVE ELEMENTARY PTO SPRING FLING SILENT AUCTION & FAMILY FUN EVENT IS BEING CHANGED... AGAIN.

MARCH IS TURNING OUT TO BE A BUSY MONTH! DUE TO THE MANY CHALLENGES WE HAVE BEEN MET WITH, WE HAVE DECIDED TO MOVE THE SPRING FLING TO FRIDAY, MARCH 13, FROM 6-9 P.M. WITH THE AUCTION ENDING AT 8:00 P.M.

To say this is a transition year would be an understatement! Although we try our best to set tentative dates for our events before the school year begins, we just can't predict what the school year will bring. With that in mind, this will more than likely be the last time our Spring Fling will be held in the format that it has been for the last eight plus years. So, if you have never experienced our carnival style Spring Fling, please mark your calendars and help us send this event off right!

Of all the events our PTO hosts during the school year, this is the only event that is also a fundraiser. Our events, including this one, are meant to bring families and school staff together for an enjoyable evening. All PTO sponsored events have been free to attend, although we try to have some type of food or concession available for purchase. All funds raised go back to holding these events for our families as well as providing additional funding for things our school needs, such as technology upgrades, playground equipment / upgrades, and educational assemblies, just to name a few.

All these events are planned and executed by parent volunteers and we can't thank them enough. Please be on the lookout for an updated sign-up genius for the new date and time. If you are available to help, please sign up for a 30-minute time slot. We have several games stations as well as two bounce houses that will need supervision during the course of the three-hour event.

We appreciate your support and understanding as we are finalizing the details of our second date change and hope you and your family will be able to join us at Spring Fling!

**BE COURAGEOUS**

**#RunToTheRoar**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### March 12

Papa Murphy's Night

### March 13

No School / Teacher Workday

SPRING FLING 6-9 PM

### March 17-18

Mornings with Mom

### March 30 – April 3

SPRING BREAK



**BE SURE TO FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM FOR CURRENT INFORMATION:**

**FACEBOOK: Locust Grove Elementary PTO "Official"**

**INSTAGRAM: lge\_pto**

## MORE ABOUT SPRING FLING

Please join us from 6:00-9:00 p.m. for games, concessions, and an opportunity to bid on several items and classroom baskets! Every classroom has a basket theme and we are asking families to donate items to your classroom for their basket, which will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. If you do not know your students classroom basket theme, please reach out to their teacher, or feel free to email the PTO at [locustgrovepto@gmail.com](mailto:locustgrovepto@gmail.com) to find out. To learn more about items that will be available at the auction, please go to our Locust Grove PTO Facebook and Instagram pages to check out the amazing donors! ALSO, if you have a business you would like to promote through our silent auction, please contact Jennifer McKinley at [locustgrovepto@gmail.com](mailto:locustgrovepto@gmail.com). We will gladly set up a table display promoting your business (photos, business cards, etc.) with your donation that will be auctioned off.

## PAPA MURPHY'S NIGHT

Our next monthly Papa Murphy's night is Thursday, March 12th. Don't forget to bring your loyalty card with you to Papa Murphy's to receive your March participation stamp. We will collect the loyalty cards after the May Papa Murphy's Night and the families that participated all nine months (September - May) will be entered in a drawing for a family prize. Families that participate and receive 6-8 stamps on their cards will be entered in a drawing for a second family prize. Be sure to keep your Loyalty Cards safe and put your family's name on it right away! (\*The prizes will provide for an evening or season of fun for four.)

## GRANTS COMMITTEE

Our Grants Committee is busy applying for a grant that would allow Locust Grove to install Pour-in-Place ground resurfacing on our lower playground. As you probably are aware, we were able to purchase a few new pieces for the lower playground, which were installed in the fall. The playground receives a lot of traffic (we have over 650 students) and the way the playground sits, it also receives a lot of puddling after it rains. The mulch just doesn't hold up well under these circumstances. If we are chosen for this grant, it is possible that we could have the PIP resurfacing done before the 2020-2021 school year. This is something that would benefit every student as it would allow students to access the playground without ruining their clothes as well as bringing the mud back into the school and classrooms. We believe recess is very important to our students and provides a much deserved break during the school day. If you have experience in grant writing and would like to help us get this grant approved, please email Lisa Potts at [lpotts7@gmail.com](mailto:lpotts7@gmail.com) or email the PTO directly at [locustgrovepto@gmail.com](mailto:locustgrovepto@gmail.com).

## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH JENNIFER MCKINLEY

Congratulations Jennifer!  
Thank you for all the time you invest in our school. Please enjoy the Volunteer of the Month parking spot in the front lot for the month of March!

Beginning with January's Volunteer of the Month, we changed how the volunteer of the month is chosen. When you come to Locust Grove to VOLUNTEER, be sure to sign in that you are there to volunteer, then enter your name into the drawing for the next volunteer of the month. The drawing will take place on the last day of the month, with the winner being announced on social media and in the newsletter. The winner will also enjoy the Volunteer of the Month parking spot!

## HELP SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THE LOCUST GROVE ELEMENTARY PTO

