

# **LOCUST GROVE PTO MONTHLY ROAR**

## **STAFF SPOTLIGHT: NEW ECE TEACHERS**

### **JONATHAN PETERSON**

Jonathan Peterson is a new ECS teacher at Locust Grove. Previously, he has taught in Kansas City, Missouri and in Chicago both as a classroom teacher (6th and 4th grade) and special education teacher (primarily with K-2). He holds a degree from Roosevelt University in Chicago in Elementary and Special Education. In his spare time, Jonathan enjoys traveling with his family, running, and photography. He has completed two marathons and recently had a photo published in an online photography magazine.

### **EMILY ILICIC**

Emily Ilcic is a new ECE teacher who is very excited to join the Locust Grove family this year. She and her husband moved to Kentucky from Westfield, Indiana with their puppy Josie! She taught 5th grade Language Arts for two years and 5th/6th grade Special Education Functional Academics. She received her degree in General Education and Special Education at Indiana University. She enjoys running, reading mystery books, and traveling.

**BE COURAGEOUS**

**#RunToTheRoar**

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

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

INSTAGRAM: **lge\_pto**



## **Upcoming Events**

### **October 9**

Class Pictures / Fall Retakes

### **October 10**

Papa Murphy's Pizza Night

### **October 11**

Trunk-or-Treat 6-8 pm

### **October 17**

Cooking Night (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>)

### **October 18**

NO SCHOOL

### **October 21**

FALL BREAK

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



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Message from the PTO


Dear Locust Grove Families,

# Thank You

First, we want to thank the amazing parent volunteers who came out to help the school spread mulch on the playground! You guys went above and beyond and we really can't thank you enough! The students were so excited to get back out on the playground and explore the new equipment. We would

also like to thank everyone who donated items for our staff taco bar in September! So many generous donations came pouring in for our teachers and staff! We really couldn't have pulled it off without you. To our dad / dad figures who came out for Donuts with Dad last month, we are glad you were able to make it and we hope you enjoyed your morning! We want to thank Thornton's for the donuts, Northeast Christian Church for the coffee, and our amazing Donuts with Dad and Book Fair volunteers who help make this event possible! We have the most amazing family volunteers and we are so grateful for every one of you!

September's Papa Murphy's Pizza Night was a success! Our next Papa Murphy's night is THIS Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to bring your loyalty card with you to Papa Murphy's to receive your October participation stamp! **We have exciting news!** We have decided to give away not one, but TWO, family prizes with the Loyalty Cards! Families that participate in our Papa Murphy's Pizza nights every second Thursday of the month during the school year (September – May) and receive all nine stamps on their loyalty card will be entered in a drawing that will take place in May for a family prize. We are also going to offer a second prize for families that participate in 6-8 of the Papa Murphy's Nights. We will collect the loyalty cards in May for these drawings so keep them safe and put your family's name on it immediately! Be sure to participate on October 10<sup>th</sup> to receive your SECOND stamp OR to start earning your 6-8 stamps. (\*The number of tickets or passes included in the drawings for the family prizes will be limited to four.)

OUR ANNUAL  IS THIS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, FROM 6-8 P.M. We still have a couple of spots available if you're interested in participating by decorating your trunk and handing out candy to our students. If you're interested in volunteering at our event in one of our 30-minute time slots, please message Maegen Carter at [maegenmariecarter@gmail.com](mailto:maegenmariecarter@gmail.com). For more information about this event, please see the weekly school newsletter. We look forward to seeing our Locust Grove families this Friday!



## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH SANDY CULVER

Congratulations Sandy! Thank you for the time you devote to assisting our teachers and staff at Locust Grove! Please enjoy the Volunteer of the Month parking spot in the front lot for the month of October!

## CALLING ALL GRANT WRITERS:

The PTO is currently searching for 4-8 individuals who are interested in forming a Grants Committee to search and apply for grant opportunities offered to KY Non-Profit Organizations.

We were recently approved for a Grant opportunity to help cover the cost of an enrichment assembly for our students and we are presently planning to apply for a large grant to help cover the costs for permanent ground covering for the lower level playground.

Please contact Lisa Potts at [lpotts7@gmail.com](mailto:lpotts7@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping with this committee.

**BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR THE NEXT COMMUNITY REWARDS GRADE OR HOUSE CONTEST!**