



*Next PTO Meeting:*

*Tuesday, December 2 @9:30 a.m.*

*PTO Room - 218 Centennial*

*Children are welcome.*



December 4-5 - PC Holiday Shop  
December 8-9 - Centennial Holiday Shop  
December 10 - Market Day delivery  
December 10-12 - MAE Holiday Shop

December 19 - All Holiday Parties

*President's Passage*

*How did it get late so soon?*

*It's night before its afternoon.*

*December is here before it's June.*

*My goodness how the time has flown.*

*How did it get so late so soon? ~ Dr. Seuss*



*It's the most wonderful time of my year! There's such anticipation of good things to come...gifts, gift-giving, feasts, friends, softly-falling snow, and the promise of a new year. To get your children in the holiday spirit the PTO will host a Holiday Shop at each school. You should have received your shopping times and envelopes already. This is a great opportunity for your kids to learn about money and making wise shopping decisions, but the kids need your guidance. Volunteer spot is set up for each school; please take a moment to sign up. Whether you are helping the PTO or simply shopping with your child, we need your name to share with the office secretaries. All parents are welcome to*

*shop and/or volunteer, but you must have had your license scanned. I look forward to seeing you and your child(ren) at one of the schools this season.*

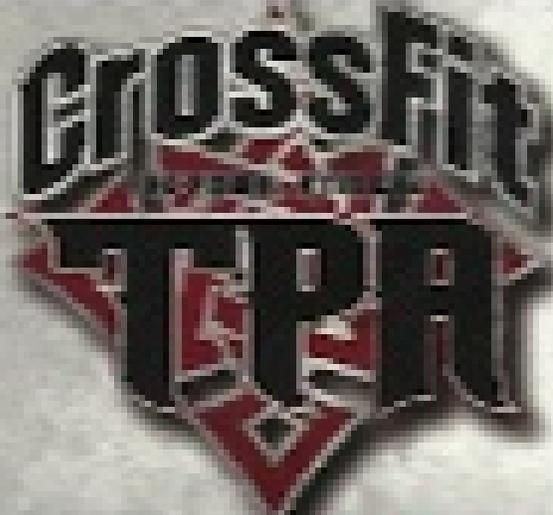
*After Market Day delivery on December 10, we're off to the holiday parties. All three schools will hold their parties on Friday, December 19, the last day of school before the winter break. Thank you to all of the parents who take time out of their days and evenings to plan an hour of fun for the kids. Thank you also to the parents who are able to join us at the Centennial school to run the class parties. Year after year, I love to see how much the kids enjoy this time away from the classroom with their friends. This can be a hectic day for parent volunteers with kids in multiple schools, but you're making memories for many children, and I appreciate it (so do they...even if they don't always say so!).*

*January is a quiet month for the PTO, so we'll spend it making plans for the spring. If you can come to our meeting, we'll try to make it worth your while!*

*Happy holidays to all, and to quote Tiny Tim, "God bless us, everyone!"*

*Susan Cable  
PTO President*

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Primary Center's Holiday Shop

The PC still needs volunteers for the holiday shop.

We need to set up the Holiday Shop (tables, decorations and displaying of the merchandise.) We need to help all students at the PC budget and shop and pay for their items throughout the two days. Additionally, we need to check in all parents coming to shop with their child and we need take and return the kids to their classrooms once they have had their turn. Finally, we need to clean it all up!

The schedule looks like this:

Wednesday, 12/3 3:15 until complete SET UP (10 volunteers)

Thursday 12/4 8:45 - 11:15 and 12:30-3:15 (10 volunteers PER SHIFT)

Friday, 12/5 8:45 - 11:15 and 12:30-3:15 (10 volunteers PER SHIFT)

Friday, 12/5 3:15 until complete CLEAN UP (10 volunteers)

For a successful PC Holiday Shop, we need to fill all the volunteers above. Your help is greatly appreciated and I thank you in advance.

If you would like to volunteer for set up, helping students shop and clean up, PLEASE sign up at using this link: <http://vols.pt/Mo1cKm>

If the link doesn't work, please contact Karen Goul directly at [kkgoul@yahoo.com](mailto:kkgoul@yahoo.com)

### **Centennial Holiday Shop**

**Mon Dec 8 & Tues Dec 9th**

Parents are welcome to come in and shop with their children during their assigned class time.

Shoppers and volunteers must have license scanned by December 5th.

Please contact Lisa Vactor at [chirolmr@yahoo.com](mailto:chirolmr@yahoo.com) for further information

### **Mars Elementary Holiday Shop**

**Wed Dec 10 - Fri Dec 12**

All parents/visitors need to register to shop and/or work at the Holiday Shop.

Please register at "<http://vols.pt/XqppGB>" (case sensitive)

All shoppers must have their license scanned by Dec. 5th

We look forward to seeing you at the Holiday Shop!

Please contact Karen Harvey at [kmharvey21@gmail.com](mailto:kmharvey21@gmail.com) for further information.

### **CENTENNIAL UGLY SWEATER HOLIDAY PARTY**

The Centennial School is holding their HOLIDAY PARTY on Thursday, December 19 in the Centennial School Gym & Cafeteria.

Please be aware of times:

5th Grade 1:00 - 2:00 PM  
6th Grade 2:00 - 3:00 PM

We will fine tuning all of the details for this party at the December 2nd PTO meeting. Please join us 9:30 in the PTO room @ Centennial.

Adults are MORE than WELCOME to VOLUNTEER- PLEASE NO SIBLINGS  
Since we are having an UGLY SWEATER PARTY please feel free to wear yours as well!!!

Don't forget to have you license scanned no later than December 12th.

To sign up:

volunteerspot.com at <http://vols.pt/VdDN7g> PLEASE NOTE THIS IS CASE SENSITIVE !!!!

As always if you are unable to volunteer your time we will gladly take monetary donations. If you would like to contribute, please make your check payable to "MARS PTO" Please send them in an envelope labeled "PTO - ALISON PAINLEY" A flyer with the final details will be sent home with your child.

ANY QUESTIONS CAN BE DIRECTED TO ALISON PAINLEY @ 215-622-4945 or [alipain0515@gmail.com](mailto:alipain0515@gmail.com). Please include Centennial Holiday Party as the SUBJECT of your e-mail.

### **Science Fair News**

The MAE Science Fair will be held at the High School gyms on Thursday, February 26th from 5:00-8:00. The parent meeting will be held at the MAE cafeteria on Thursday, January 8th at 9:30 am and 6:30 pm.

The Centennial Science Fair Will be held at the Centennial School on Thursday, March 12th from 5:00-8:00. The parent meeting will be held at the Centennial School cafeteria on Thursday, January 22nd at 6:30 pm.

More information will be sent home with your student(s) before the Winter Break.

If you have any questions, please contact Tracey Smith at [natetray@zoominternet.net](mailto:natetray@zoominternet.net). Thank you and we look forward to seeing all of the outstanding projects!

### **MARKET DAY ~ HELP YOUR SCHOOL RAISE MONEY & FEED YOUR FAMILY AT THE SAME TIME**

This December you can help our school earn more profit by purchasing cookies, the more you purchase the higher our profit, plus with a \$90 online purchase you get a FREE 1 lb. Pork Tenderloin using Promo: DECBONUS. You can order online at [marketday.com](http://marketday.com) until 11PM on Thursday, December 4, 2014 or send in your order sheet to the school by Wednesday, December 3, 2014. Market Day pickup will be Wednesday, December 10, 2014 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the MAE

Cafeteria.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, you can call Sheri McMaster, PTO Market Day Chair at (724) 625-3997.

## Community Announcements



Have you seen these snazzy bandannas? The Middle and High School Cross Country teams have been selling them for \$5.00. If you're interested in owning one, you can contact Carol Knox at [cknox522@yahoo.com](mailto:cknox522@yahoo.com).