

PTA Fundraisers

The following fundraisers help support many programs, education supplies and much more.

Annual Auction

An exciting event that helps showcase local businesses in the community to help raise money.

Box Tops

The PTA participates in the General Mills Box Tops for Education Program and collects box tops from families to earn money for the school.

Fall Fundraiser

PTA has offered a wide variety of fundraisers that allow children to win amazing prizes such as slime Mr. Gamelin. Past fall fundraisers have included the Read-A-Thon to promote literacy and the catalog fundraiser to give parents an opportunity stock up on their favorite items or magazines. Stay tuned for more information about this year's Fall Fundraiser.

Holiday Shop

This is an exciting event where children discover the joy of giving and learn about money management.

Membership

The collection of annual PTA membership dues for state, national and local chapter. Your paid Membership entitles you to a vote at all General Membership Meetings and access to special offers, discounts and benefits through the National PTA.

School Supplies

Fundraising through selling school supplies, school apparel and the Student Store.

Hospitality and Appreciation

Staff Appreciation

The SPE teachers and staff change the lives of our children every day, and their work and impact extend far beyond the boundaries of the classroom. The PTA honors the staff throughout the year including Welcome Back Breakfast and Staff Appreciation Week to thank the teachers and staff for all that they deliver to our children.

Sunshine Fund

The PTA offers fellow SPE families, teachers and staff members support and encouragement in times of crisis, as well as recognition in times of celebration.

Volunteer Appreciation

The PTA recognizes volunteer efforts throughout the year by:

- Having a monthly contest honoring a volunteer of the month (non-PTA Board Member).
- Sponsoring the volunteer breakfast that allows the school to recognize and thank all Sunset Palm Elementary volunteers including parents and community volunteers.

Programs and Events

Art After Dark

A free family fun night organized and hosted by PTA. Parents and children have an opportunity to visit each station to create different types of artwork. The event promotes creativity, community and family.

Author Visits

The PTA sponsors once-in-a-lifetime opportunities from the people who write the stories our children read and love. The media specialist arranges the visit which may include an opportunity to obtain an autographed copy of books, as well as, special meet and greets. Authors vary every year and information is posted regarding these visits as the information becomes available.

Field Day

This day allows the students to have fun and participate in sports and athletic contests that teaches them about sportsmanship. The event is organized by the Physical Education Department and PTA provides free healthy snacks, water and organizes volunteers the days of the event.

Halloween Event

A fun family and community event with a Halloween theme. Enjoy a night of music, food and socializing with other SPE families.

Programs to Benefit Students

The PTA is always researching new programs to benefit teachers, parents and students. These programs vary each year. Past programs having included Parent Internet Safety Training, issue Child ID Cards, parent breakfast, sponsoring lunch time positive reward programs, and more. This year the PTA has added four Parent Education Sessions as an initiative to better education parents as well as children on important topics.

Career and Vehicle Day

The PTA sponsors Career and Vehicle Day to promote career awareness among our students and give them an opportunity to learn about the career options available to them. The school organizes a career day every year to benefit students from early exposure to the numerous types of work that exist in our society. In addition, students have time to walk around and view each vehicle and ask any questions they may have. It is an excellent way to bridge the gap between the school and business community to provide students purpose for why they go to school.

Fifth Grade Dance

The PTA donates to the 5th grade dance each year to help honor graduating students.

FSA Positive Program

The program was developed by the school to provide support for students taking standardized tests to help keep stress down and motivation up. The PTA donates: healthy snacks to make sure students are well-nourished and stay alert through the test; t-shirts designed by an SPE student to promote a fun/positive message that can be worn on test days; additional rewards to keep it fun.

Parent Breakfast

The PTA organizes and sponsors the breakfast which provides an opportunity to meet other parents. This allows parents meet each other and build a sense of community at the school.

Science or S.T.E.A.M. Night

(Science/Technology/Engineering/the Arts/Mathematics). This free family event gives students and families an opportunity to learn through play. This is a fun family event organized by the school and sponsored by the PTA that brings together SPE families and surrounding community.

Spirit Nights

A family fun night that brings families together, the community together and supports local businesses.

Student of the Month

The PTA supports the Student of the Month program organized by the school. The PTA recruits parent volunteers to update the bulletin board that showcases the current student of the month.

Dance

A fun night of dancing and socializing with other SPE families.

Volunteer Opportunities

The PTA assists the school to recruit volunteers to assist the lunch room, media center and more. Having parent volunteers especially helps the younger students open their lunches or find books which provide a better experience for both children and staff.

Walk-A-Thon

A event that promotes exercise and movement in order to stay healthy as well as raise money for PTA programs and events.

Walk Kindergarten to Class

The PTA Board Members assist walking kindergarten students, new students and other anxious students to class at the beginning of the school year. This helps ensure a smooth transition and make the children feel welcome and help ease the transition for families.

Red Ribbon Week

The PTA provides supplies to the school for Red Ribbon Week to help support the drug prevention campaign.

Spirit Stick Rewards

Children are rewarded with a free spirit stick for positive behavior and for attending school events. The kids have an opportunity to receive a free spirit stick for: using reusable bags at the book fair or holiday shop; and attending Spirit Nights, Art After Dark, etc.

TURTLECARE

Turtle Care encompasses environmental, wellness and philanthropic initiatives that encourage healthy behaviors, community support and green practices throughout the school, homes and community. Some of the activities included are listed below.

Turtle Travel

This program is aimed at encouraging children to use their legs and get walking. Not just for the health benefits but also as a way to make pupils and parents more aware of the environmental benefits of walking to school. An added benefit is it decreases the congestion of cars pulling up to drop children off in the morning and results in less or no tardies on these days.

Turtle Trot

A family-friendly event, which is open to everyone, includes a one mile walk/run, live disc jockey, entertainment, nutritious food options, yoga and a post-race Wellness Expo. The purpose of the event is to educate and inspire students and their families to live a healthy, active lifestyle.

Good Samaritan 365 Club

Fifth graders have the opportunity to participate in Samaritans 365 program run by the PTA. Students are given the opportunity to participate in activities that teach them the importance of being kind and learn how they can make a difference in the world.

The Samaritan 365 Club extends the lessons learned to the entire school by organizing different community wide activities. Planned activities for this school year are Monthly Beach Clean and Gleaning.

Also, regular collection drives are organized that the entire school may participate in for local organizations.

Turtle Care Ambassadors

Each month a student from every class is elected to serve as the Turtle Care liaison, inspiring their peers and disseminating information about current Turtle Care activities, serve as Classroom Recyclers and Water/Energy Monitors.

Recycling Programs

Turtle Care works closely with the school to support current and implement new recycling programs. Turtle Care focuses on reducing waste to protect and improve the community and the environment. Turtle Care organizes the distribution of recycling bins.

Turtle Talk

A "Green Tip" is shared on morning announcements and in our monthly electronic newsletter promoting environmental awareness. We continue to inspire teachers to decrease their paper usage with 1/2 page printing, 2:2 sided copies and email communication whenever possible!

Green Week

Turtle Care develops a week-long of environmental and educational activities honoring Earth Day. The activities help educate staff and students about the benefits of recycling.

School Grounds Enhancement and Sustainability

Enables students and teachers to utilize and sustain a vast variety of educational projects on school grounds using the new Outside Learning Garden.

Operating Expenses

This includes fees necessary to carry out the operations of the PTA including insurance, bank fees, office supplies, tax accountant and general operating expenses such as Constant Contact and website hosting fees.

PTA Training and Development

Training, team building and local PTA development and conferences

School Supplies

SPE works hard to be an 'A' rated school. PTA supports the school and teachers to maintain this level of excellence by supplying classroom supplies that enhance learning.

Student Agendas / Planners

The PTA supplies student planners for 2nd grade in order to help students develop better organization and communication skills. With these planners being a part of the classroom experience, students are more likely to keep track of their assignments, set personal goals, and enhance communication between teachers, students and parents. In the past, PTA has sponsored 3rd - 5th graders as well but the Vice Principal was able to find alternative funding.

Scholastic and Social Studies Weekly Sponsorship

The PTA provides supplemental educational materials to help bring motivating resources to the classroom. The Scholastics magazines are packed with skill-building activities and high-interest articles that children love to read.

Administrative, Teacher and Specials Grants

Grants help provide the school and teachers with materials and school improvements not otherwise available.

Interim Summer Budget

Expenses incurred after the school year ends including normal operating expenses, training and back to school events.