

PTA Sponsored Programs

Annual Programs

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, PBSO Child ID Cards, parent breakfast, sponsoring lunch time positive reward program and more.

Art Appreciation:

The PTA helps to provide multiple opportunities for students to learn about Art.

Reflections

The National PTA Reflections Arts Programs gives students confidence in their abilities to explore ideas and learn through the arts in the areas of dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography and visual arts.

Art After Dark

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

Square1Art

PTA works with the art teacher to promote student creativity. There is an opportunity to purchase items with your student's artwork and a portion of the proceeds from Square1Art is donated back to the art department.

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. Events vary every year and are scheduled throughout the entire school year. Information will be posted regarding these visits as the information becomes available.

Field Day

The event is *organized by the Physical Education Department* and allows the students to have fun and participate in sports and athletic contests that teaches them about sportsmanship. PTA provides free healthy snacks & water and volunteers the days of the event. PTA also offers icees and spirit sticks for purchase to help sponsor the event.

FSA Positive Program

This program was developed by the school to provide support for students taking standardized tests to help keep stress down and motivation up. The PTA provides t-shirts designed by an SPE student to promote a fun/positive message that can be worn on test days. We also provide healthy snacks/treats for the students to enjoy AFTER testing is completed for the day.

Game Night

A PTA sponsored event of fun and games for the whole family!

Halloween Event

An exciting event that brings the entire community together. Bounce houses, games and Trunk-or-Treat.

Math & Science Night / S.T.E.A.M. Night

(Science/Technology/Engineering/the Arts/Mathematics). This FREE family event gives students and families an opportunity to learn how fun Math & Science can be. SPE Science Committee also sets out student science projects on display for the event.

Red Ribbon Week

The PTA works with the guidance counselor to provide items to the school for Red Ribbon Week to help support the drug prevention campaign.

Spirit Nights

Multiple times a year, we partner with local restaurants and venues to bring families and the community together. Participating businesses donate a portion of proceeds back to SPE-PTA.

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, attending Spirit Nights, Art After Dark and Science Night.

Valentine Day Dance

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

Walk-A-Thon

PTA partners with the Physical Education Department to provide a fun event that promotes exercise and movement in order to stay healthy. A portion of the funds collected during Walk-A-Thon is donated to the physical education department

Hospitality & Appreciation

Career Day

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. It is an excellent way to bridge the gap between the school and business community and can provide students purpose for why they go to school. *The PTA sponsors refreshments for presenters at this event.*

New Parent Breakfast

The PTA organizes and sponsors this breakfast during the “staggered start” (1st three days of school) to give new parents an opportunity to meet other parents and support each other as their child starts a new chapter in their life. This allows parents to meet others to build a sense of community at the school.

Teacher Breakfast

This is a PTA sponsored breakfast to welcome teachers and staff back to school. This encourages the staff to: build friendships with new and existing staff; promote a sense of community; and share information.

Teacher Appreciation

The SPE teachers change the lives of our children every day, and their work and impact extend far beyond the boundaries of the classroom. The PTA sponsors Teacher Appreciation Week to thank the teachers and staff for all that they deliver to our children. Tokens of appreciation include things like catered lunches, sweet treats, coffee/tea/hot cocoa bar, etc.

Vehicle Day

The PTA sponsors Vehicle Day to promote career awareness among our students and give them an opportunity to learn about the career options available to them. The students will have time to walk around and view each vehicle and ask any questions they may have. *The PTA sponsors refreshments for presenters at this event.*

Volunteer Breakfast

The PTA helps sponsor this annual event that allows the school to recognize and thank all Sunset Palms Elementary volunteers.

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 makes the children feel welcome.

TURTLECARE

TurtleCare 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.

We are proud to announce that our school was recognized as a **Green School of Excellence** for the fifth year in a row!

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

The 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 includes organizing different collection drives that the entire school is encouraged to participate in for local organizations such as:

- Military Troop Donations
- Animal Aid Donations
- Caps of Love Donations
- Best Foot Forward Donations for children in foster care.
- Uniform and Backpack Drive for students in need at SPE and local schools.

TurtleCare Ambassadors

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

Recycling Programs

TurtleCare works closely with the school to support current and implement new recycling programs. TurtleCare focuses on reducing waste to protect and improves the community and the environment.

Organized by Good Samaritans 365

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

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

Annual Beach Cleanup

This annual event teaches families environmental care for our local marine environment.

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.

PTA FUNDRAISERS

Membership

The collection of annual PTA membership dues.

School Supplies

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

Read-A-Thon

Our newest fundraiser that promotes reading.

Holiday Shop

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

Box Tops

The PTA participates in the Box Tops for Education Program. We collect box tops all year to earn money for the school. Collection deadlines are in October, February and May each year.

EDUCATIONAL AND 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 requested classroom supplies that enhance learning. The following are examples of items the PTA has sponsored.

Student Planners

The PTA supplies student planners to 3rd through 5th graders 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.

Educational Subscriptions

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

Chick Incubators

Every year students participate in a chick hatching science experience. PTA was able to acquire 4 additional chick incubators this year so that more classrooms are able to watch chicks hatch.

Water Refilling Station/Cold Water Fountain

PTA was able to add a Cold Water Double Fountain with bottle refilling station. This replaced the existing single water fountain under the pavilion.

Other Volunteer/Support

Book Fair (Fall and Spring)

The school media specialist coordinates a book fair in the fall and spring to provide students, teachers, and parents with access to hundreds of affordable books. This event includes a special family night. The bookfair encourages reading and helps to support the school's media center. The PTA coordinates volunteers to help with set-up/take down of the book fair structure, assists students in selecting age appropriate books and helps to manage the checkout process, including running the cash registers.

Cafeteria

The PTA helps coordinate parent volunteers to help students with opening lunch items and help with cleaning tables in between classes leaving and the next classes being seated for lunch.

Lost & Found

PTA cleans up and organizes the items left behind around the school. Lost & Found is set up outside of the PTA room in the Cafeteria. We do our best to keep it organized so students can find their belongings. We regularly bring everything out to the stage for students to look through during their lunchtimes.

Student of the Month

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