



Welcome New Parents!

We hope this letter finds you doing well, despite the recent challenges with Covid-19. As you know, we have entered uncharted waters and there are still so many unknowns. But, we still wanted to reach out and introduce ourselves for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year.

The Deer Run Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization (the “**Deer Run PTO**”) would like to welcome your family to Deer Run. We are so excited that you are joining our community. We understand that starting elementary school is both thrilling and overwhelming. The Deer Run PTO wants to do everything we can to help make the transition as smooth as possible for you and your child.

There are lots of ways for you to make friends and become involved in the Deer Run community. The tentative information provided in this pamphlet, along with the *2020-2021 Back-to-School Packet* **that will be mailed to you over the summer**, will help you get started. The *2020-2021 Back-to-School Packet* will include a proposed calendar of events and the Executive Board contact details. Ideally, we hope to also include an invitation to the Back-to-School Bash, information about the Deer Run PTO pledge drive, spirit wear, and other volunteer opportunities. All of these items remain as *tentative* until we learn final direction from the school district about restrictions for gatherings moving forward. We know changes will need to take place. We promise to keep you updated as we learn more!

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

Yours truly,

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Information about the Deer Run PTO

Who We Are

The Deer Run PTO is a group of dedicated parents and teachers. The Deer Run PTO is open to all parents, and we welcome everyone's participation. There are many ways to be involved, and we are always seeking new volunteers. You can volunteer for one event a year, an hour a month, once a week, or every day! At school or from home, the Deer Run PTO has a volunteer opportunity that fits your schedule!

Studies show that when parents get involved, children do better in school.

Our Goal

The goal of the Deer Run PTO is to enrich the experience of all Deer Run students with activities and programs that promote education, socialization and community involvement. The Deer Run PTO provides a wide range of programs, activities, events, and resources that help our students grow into smart, healthy and well-rounded individuals. Some of these programs and activities are listed below.

Enriching our Students

- New technology for school and classrooms
- Field trips
- Visiting authors and arts programming
- Leader in Me program
- New playground updates
- Classroom party snack
- New outdoor storage shed
- 5th grade going away gifts

Building Community

- Chillin' at the Chiller
- Back-to-School Bash
- Family Night at Leeds Farm
- Country Fair (spring carnival)
- Deer Run Run
- Adopt-a-Family with Welcome Warehouse
- Family Night @ OSU Men's hockey
- Parent Breakfasts

Supporting our Teachers

- Classroom set-up funds
- Meals for conference nights holidays and teacher appreciation week
- Innovation Grants for approved teacher requests (e.g. flexible classroom seating, color printers, book sets for every classroom)
- Fulfilling library requests

Earn EASY money for Deer Run while you shop!

You can earn additional money for the Deer Run PTO just by enrolling in these great programs. There is no cost for you to participate.



The Kroger Community Rewards Program

The average Kroger Rewards amount for each Deer Run PTO family is \$63 per year. You will NOT lose any of your fuel points by enrolling.

Enroll now at: tinyurl.com/DRE-Kroger
Code: 81214



The Giant Eagle Apples for the Students Program

Register your Giant Eagle Card to earn money for Deer Run. You will NOT lose any of your fuel points by enrolling.

Enroll now at: tinyurl.com/DRE-GiantEagle
Code: 4681



By shopping via SMILE.amazon.com (instead of amazon.com), Amazon will donate a percentage of your purchases to the Deer Run PTO.

Enroll now at: smile.amazon.com
Charity Name: Deer Run Elementary School Parent Teachers Organization



Box Tops for Education

Now two ways to join - Clip Box Tops and send them to school with your child during our 2 collection weeks. Ask family and friends to start collecting too!

boxtops4education.com

Download the "Box Tops for Education" App on your phone. Scan your receipt and start earning money for Deer Run!

Get Connected

The Deer Run PTO offers many ways to get and stay connected with Deer Run. **Sign up today** to make sure you receive updates about Deer Run events, volunteer opportunities, etc.

PTO e-Newsletter

drepto.com/stay-connected/

Translation Available – You can view these newsletters in different languages with just the touch of a button.

Facebook

facebook.com/deerrunpto

PTO Website

drepto.com

Bloomz Updates

You will have the chance to download the Bloomz app and have contact with class teachers, weekly school newsletters as well as the DRE-PTO sends occasional updates about upcoming events etc. Additional information regarding class codes to join will follow!