

# M-S PTO NEWSLETTER

November 2023

## Upcoming Events

### Spirit Wear Orders

Due by November 30th

### Thanksgiving Break

November 22nd - 24th

### PTO Board Meetings

December 7th

January 11th

### Winter Break

December 25th - January 5th

### Coin Wars

February 5th - 8th

*Start saving your loose change!*

## Connect With Us

### Email

[msptoboard@gmail.com](mailto:msptoboard@gmail.com)

### Website

<https://www.m-spto.org>

### Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/mahometpto>



## STEM Night a Scary Good Time

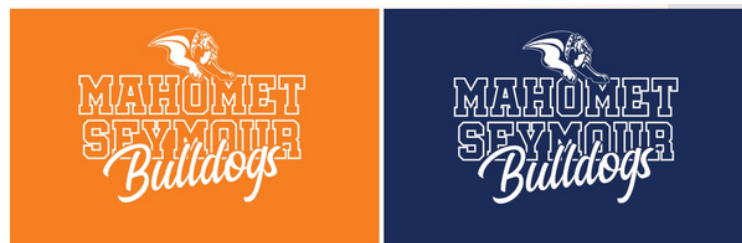
STEM Night was full of tricks and treats! Students had fun dressing up in costumes to trick-or-treat at various hands-on stations set up by the University of Illinois Engineering Ambassadors in the MPE gym. Families were able to create DIY robotic hands, see a 3D printer in action, learn about civil engineering in buildings and more!

## Fall Book Fairs were LITerary

Thank you to all of the volunteers who came together to put on our Fall Book Fairs! Students at both schools were very excited to explore & find new reads. PTO provided book sponsorships for **130** students. Thanks to the book fairs, the MPE & LT Libraries received over **\$6000** as a combination of funding and book credits.

## Spirit Wear Orders

M-S PTO has partnered with Handmade by LMJ for our fall Spirit Wear sale. Shirts and sweatshirts are available in both youth and adult sizes with the design below. Place your order by **November 30th**. Items will be delivered to your child's classroom in a sealed poly bag by December 15th.





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PARENTS AND TEACHERS BUILDING  
STRONG SCHOOLS TOGETHER!!

## Looking to spread some **JOY** this holiday season?

Check out these wish lists for projects our teachers and administrators have spearheaded to support our students and community and bring them unique opportunities.

### YLC Packs of Joy

The 5th grade Youth Leadership Club has adopted 30 families (68 children) from our community to provide food, clothing, gifts, and relief of one household bill, to spread hope and joy this holiday season. There are two ways that you can help.

1. If you would like to "adopt a child", please contact Dana Martin at [dmartin@ms.k12.il.us](mailto:dmartin@ms.k12.il.us) and she will provide you with sizes and interests. This would involve purchasing and wrapping a shirt, pair of shoes, and toy for a specific child.

2. If you would like to donate towards a family's wish (this could be a utility bill, rent, car payment, etc.), simply use this link:

<https://app.99pledges.com/fund/ylcpacksjo>

### LT Hot Chocolate Fridays

The Admin Squad at Lincoln Trail dedicates Friday mornings to sharing hot chocolate with students that are exemplars of the behavior focus for the month. Throughout the week, Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Bollman and Mr. Novak look for those students who go above and beyond in their efforts to show these qualities. Students' names are added to the guest list throughout the week and host the live Morning Show on Fridays.

To help with supplies, check out the [Hot Chocolate Fridays Wish List](#).

### Mom's Pantry Drive at MPE

MPE classrooms will be conducting a donation drive for items for [Mom's Pantry](#), which is a pantry that has food items, personal hygiene products, and some clothing available for free and can be utilized by any family with a child enrolled in Mahomet-Seymour schools. It is located in the brick building behind the high school and is open on Sunday evenings from 5-7 PM (or by appointment) for families to shop or drop off donations.

Each MPE classroom will be collecting a specific item for Mom's Pantry during the donation drive. Be on the lookout for details from your child's teacher about this important cause.

### LT December Fun in PE

Mrs. Conner is in need of donations to help with plans for some December fun days in PE classes at Lincoln Trail. If you are interested in helping, please visit the [Lincoln Trail PE Wish List](#).

### Staff Favorites

At the beginning of each school year, M-S PTO surveys the staff at MPE & Lincoln Trail about their favorite things, ranging from colors to hobbies to snacks & more. Their responses are posted on our website <https://m-spto.org/bulldogstaff-2/> should you wish to bestow them with some holiday cheer.