

# M-S PTO NEWSLETTER

February 2024

## Upcoming Events

### Spring Book Fair

March 4th-7th

### Parent Teacher Conferences

March 6th & 7th

### Spring Break

March 11th-15th

### HANDS Informational Meeting

March 19th at 6PM in LT Library

### PTO Board Meeting

March 21st

### 2024-2025 PTO Elections

April 11th, open to all

## Volunteer Needs

### Spring Book Fair

- Lincoln Trail:
  - <https://signup.com/go/ZiSHkpp>
- MPE: many unfilled shifts
  - <https://signup.com/go/ppcTQyF>

### LT Spring Picture Day 3/5

- <https://signup.com/go/XoKKzsz>

### 2024-2025 PTO Officers

- Ballot Signup: <https://m-spto.org/officer-nominations/>

### HANDS Around the World 5/8

- <https://forms.gle/qLLxal6e5qtzAmHE6>

## Connect With Us

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## Spring Book Fair

While it's hard to believe that spring is almost here (or maybe not, with this weather), the Spring Book Fair will be in full swing from March 4th-7th at both Middletown and Lincoln Trail.

PTO is still facing a severe shortage of volunteers for MPE, with over half of volunteer slots remaining. Signup at <https://signup.com/go/ppcTQyF> if you are able to help for even a portion of a shift. All volunteers will receive a 20% discount on book fair purchases, courtesy of Literati.

## MPE takes the Coin Wars crown

Coins poured in to support classroom libraries this month. Thank you to everyone who donated spare change (and more!) to our schools. It was a closely fought battle, but MPE came out on top as the 2024 Coin Wars champion! Together both schools raised \$4000, which will allow classroom teachers, interventionists and support services teachers to all do some book fair shopping of their own.

## HANDS Around the World

Students at Lincoln Trail will experience HANDS Around the World on the final early-out day of the school year, May 8th. The classrooms will be transform classrooms into countries that are hosted by volunteer "governors". Students earn passport stamps as they travel to various countries and learn about their culture. PTO is currently seeking governors, assistants, and additional volunteers. Visit <https://m-spto.org/hands/> for more information. An informational meeting for prospective governors will be held on March 19th at 6PM in the LT library.



# M-S PTO

**PARENTS AND TEACHERS BUILDING  
STRONG SCHOOLS TOGETHER!!**

## Executive Board Spotlight

M-S PTO is now seeking candidates to fill the 2024-2025 Executive Board. Interested parties can visit <https://m-spto.org/officer-nominations/> to self-nominate and be placed on the ballot. The election will be held at the April 11th General meeting held at 6:30 PM in the MPE Board Room.

Learn a little bit more about what being on the Executive Board entails along with our position spotlights for the month: [Vice President](#) and [President](#).

### 2023-2024 Executive Board



**Leslie Radice**  
President



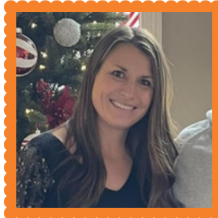
**Heather Crump**  
Vice President



**Anna Blacker**  
Treasurer



**Stevi Stutzman**  
Secretary



**Ashley Jensen**  
MPE Executive



**Kortnee Hirschi**  
LT Executive

### President

#### Position Spotlight

The president oversees the activities of M-S PTO. They preside at the monthly meetings, coordinate the work of the committees and officers, and engage in regular communication with committee chairs. They maintain control of the organization's email account, directing communication to appropriate officers as appropriate. The president is involved with the planning and implementation of all PTO events.

The president communicates with the school principals and staff about programming, needs from PTO, and fundraisers. They prepare updates for the school board and stay apprised of the organization's budget and finances.

### Executive Board Overview

There are four elected members of the Executive Board: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The MPE & LT School Executives fill out the two remaining positions.

The Executive Board meets monthly and is in regular communication between meetings. The Executive Board functions to:

- Oversee and provide support for PTO fundraisers & events
- Set and manage the annual budget
- Organize and communicate with various committee chairs
- Maintain close communication with school administrators to coordinate PTO support

### Vice President

#### Position Spotlight

The role of the vice president is to assist the president and carry out the president's duties in his or her absence or inability to serve. They attend the monthly PTO meetings, are an active participant in overarching Executive Board functions, and are involved in the planning and implementation of all PTO events.

**Interested in finding out more?**

Send your questions to [msptoboard@gmail.com](mailto:msptoboard@gmail.com).