



WHATS COMING UP & WHAT WE'VE DONE THIS YEAR

Wed., Nov 17 th - Fri., Nov 19 th	<p>Thanksgiving Teacher Pumpkin Contest Closest teacher to guess the weight of the pumpkin in the teacher's lounge, wins a Thanksgiving Gift basket with two massage gift cards, an escape room voucher for 4, chocolate, and other goodies.</p> 
Tues., Dec 7 th	<p>Kona Ice Day Kona Ice truck will be at the STMS bus loop for kids to purchase an ice treat during lunch periods. 20% of proceeds come back to STMS. Click for more info: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zdulvDDbZzoXoCT07a-PDql-dHvFX67X/view?usp=sharing</p> 

CLASSROOM DONATIONS NEEDED

Each grade team has a Saluda PTO Grade Level Parent rep that is working with team teachers to create a list of supply needs they have. **If you are able and willing, please click on your child's grade team to see how you can contribute to supplies needed for their class.** Email saludapto@gmail.com if you have questions.

6-1 (Yearta, Overbeck, Hart, Johnson)	TBD
6-2 (Mestas, Betfort, Santizo, Messer)	TBD
6-3 (Remus, Prange, Selle, Todaro)	TBD
7-1 (Milton, Huggins, Garriss, Sigmon)	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1M197UZ84YD9O?ref=wl_share
7-2 (King, Bolyard, Frazier, Allen)	TBD
7-3 (Byrd, Arthur, Tisdale, Charles)	TBD

8-1 (Kerr, Rodriguez, Matthews, Gaffney)	TBD
8-2 (Hopper, Clement, Clowney, McMillan)	TBD
8-3 (Chenge, Sanders, Eshun, Kane)	TBD

TEACHER APPRECIATION CART DONATIONS: TBD

HAVE QUESTIONS, SUGGESTIONS OR WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

- Click the following link to leave a question, suggestion or volunteer:
<https://forms.gle/ha9ZypdPrizT48Yy7>
- Click the following link to review volunteer opportunities:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TlwmlFbpzsjMMq6PJPuzGAa8xOM8mc8/edit?usp=sharing&oid=101793086842638613092&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Note: On-site volunteer participants are required to be an approved volunteer by completing the following application: [Community Services / Volunteers \(rock-hill.k12.sc.us\)](http://Community Services / Volunteers (rock-hill.k12.sc.us))

PTO PURPOSE:

- Enhance and support the educational experience at STMS
- To develop a closer connection between school and home by encouraging parental involvement, (and)
- To improve the environment at STMS through volunteer and financial support.

Benefits of Parent Involvement



Students Benefit Socially & Academically - Research has shown that students who have more involved parents are less likely to act out in the classroom and more likely to get good grades, volunteer in class and make more friends.



Better Education and Professional Morale - Parental involvement in PTO organizations has been shown to improving the quality of education for all children in the classroom and directly raising teacher morale.



PTO is About Organization, Not Solicitation - Parents aren't expected to be fundraisers. They're expected to be members, supporters, volunteers, and proud parents working for the benefit of all students in the district. Also, all monies raised go right back to the school and your kids!



Socializing With Other Parents is a Real Benefit - Socializing with other parents in the district via PTO involvement helps parents overcome the "Is it just me?" question and lets them relate to others who either share their concerns or have a reassuring answer to share.



Kids are Proud of Their Involved Parents - Most kids are proud to see their parents volunteer in the school and have some level of involvement with their teachers and others. Children like to know that they're valued, and that their parents care about what's going on at their school.

PTO BOARD, COMMITTEE LEADS & GRADE LEVEL PARENT REPRESENTATIVES

Contact us by emailing saludapto@gmail.com on any questions you may have or to be put in contact with anyone below.

Co-President: Jennifer Cluppert

Co-President: Nadege Lockley

Treasurer: Jessica Cassel

Secretary: Markeisha Ross

Athletics Booster Advocate, Banquet & Committee: Amy Vaughn

Events Committee (ex 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony): Jennifer Bolebruch

Grounds & Beautification Committee: William Ousley

Spirit Night (Restaurant Fundraiser) Committee: Jenifer Crawford

Teacher Appreciation Committee: LaSalle Foster

Other On-site/remote volunteering: PTO Board

Grade Level Parent Representatives (1 parent per grade team)

6-1 (Yearta, Overbeck, Hart, Johnson) – Cicely Brown

6-2 (Mestas, Betfort, Santizo, Messer) – Coretta Durant-Black

6-3 (Remus, Prange, Selle, Todaro) – Jenifer Crawford

7-1 (Milton, Huggins, Garriss, Sigmon) – PTO Board/Nadege Lockley

7-2 (King, Bolyard, Frazier, Allen) – PTO Board/Markeisha Ross

7-3 (Byrd, Arthur, Tisdale, Charles) – Amy Vaughn

8-1 (Kerr, Rodriguez, Matthews, Gaffney) – Crystal Stewart
8-2 (Hopper, Clement, Clowney, McMillan) – Tai Edrington
8-3 (Chenge, Sanders, Eshun, Kane) – Kathryn Suthers
Special Teachers – Brianna Cole

Unofficial Saluda Trail PTO ByLaws:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JG8hpHLurRwTqrSzpmYTzNjvMR3hw7Bt/edit?usp=sharing&oid=101793086842638613092&rtpof=true&sd=true>