

PTO Committee & Event Information

The Split Rock PTO works hard to offer worthwhile programs and events that encourage a positive learning environment for our students. This wouldn't be possible without the support of our parents! We understand not everyone can attend meetings or serve on committees, but there might be another way for you to participate.

Read below to learn more about what we need to make it another great year for our kids!

Activity Nights:

The kids love to stay after school to play a game together like bingo, or play soccer outside. It's a great way to foster friendships and have some fun.

We need volunteers to run the games, supervise the students, and help with parent pick-up.

Would you like to help? Email: Shannon Adams at wldnovacat@aol.com.

Book Fair:

The children look forward to the book fair every fall and spring! The PTO sets up a store featuring Scholastic books and other fun items for students to browse. They love deciding which one to buy and then paying for it themselves with their money from home.

We need volunteers to help run the store, assisting students with their selection and helping the younger ones figure out if they have enough money. It's a great way to meet your child's friends and teachers!

Would you like to help? Email Melissa Sealy at missy620@verizon.net.

D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read):

In October, Split Rock has a school-wide reading program that urges students to make a reading a priority not only in school but at home as well. It highlights the importance of reading, recognizes the top readers in the program, and concludes with an author visit to the school.

We need volunteers to help coordinate the author visit and distribute information about the program.

Would you like to help? Email Pam Anastasio at panastas@skanschools.org.

Enrichment Day/Silent Auction:

This year, the PTO is doing something different for our annual fundraiser. In place of the ice cream social, we are offering our children a day of enrichment in the spring on a Saturday afternoon. We will offer our students the choice to participate in workshops like yoga, karate, art, knitting, music, dance, and gardening among others. This day will also feature the annual silent auction that raises money for PTO events and programs.

We need volunteers to help teach the classes, so if you have a special skill to share--please contact us! We also need help acquiring items for the silent auction and assistance the day of the event.

Would you like to help? Email Pam Anastasio at panastas@skanschools.org or Melissa Sealy at missy620@verizon.net.

If you would like to help with the silent auction, or if you have items to donate, please email Mindy Humphrey at mes1129@hotmail.com

District Council:

This council is a great way for Split Rock parents to learn what's going on in the district. It is made up of PTO/ PTA representatives from each school in the West Genesee district and meets several times during the year.

We need volunteers to attend the meeting and report back to the Split Rock PTO.

Would you like to help? Email Amber Talev at ashoudy@yahoo.com.

Fifth Grade Recognition:

Fifth Grade Recognition Night is a great way for students and parents to celebrate the last six years spent at "the Rock" and looks forward to their big jump to Camillus Middle School. The event is held in June at Split Rock and brings together students, family, teachers and friends to say goodbye.

We need volunteers, preferably fifth-grade parents, to help plan the event.

Would you like to help? Email Kathleen White at kswcontent@gmail.com.

General Mills Box Tops:

General Mills will give Split Rock money in exchange for labels from some of their products. Families are encouraged to send in "box top" General Mills labels to help take advantage of this financial incentive.

We need volunteers to help promote and manage the program.

Would you like to help? Email Melissa Pensabene at mperkins2@twcny.rr.com.

Giving Tree:

The Split Rock Giving Tree is a great way for our students to give back during the holiday season. For one week after Thanksgiving, Split Rock students bring in items for children in need, which we then donate to a specific charity.

We need volunteers to help collect, organize, and transport the gifts. We encourage parents to have their kids participate as well!

Would you like to help? Email Heidi Stemkoski at hstemkoski@phzarch.com.

Holiday Shop:

Split Rock students love the annual holiday shop! The Split Rock PTO sets up a holiday store in early December for the kids to purchase gifts for their family members and loved ones.

We need volunteers to help set up and take down the holiday shop. We also need volunteers at the event to help the children pick out and buy gifts.

Would you like to help? Email Melissa Sealy at missy620@verizon.net.

Halloween Heroes:

The week following Halloween the PTO invites all students to donate their extra candy to become a 'Halloween Hero'. This candy is donated to a local charity to give others a treat.

We need help collecting and distributing the candy.

Would you like to help? Email Kathleen White at kswcontent@gmail.com.

Holiday Food Train:

The Holiday Food Train is another great give-back event for the kids to help those in need. The PTO sets up boxes that resemble a train in the front hall of the building, and the students are invited to fill up the train with non-perishable food. We donate this food to a specific charity.

We need help collecting and transporting the food. We encourage the students to participate with their parents as well!

Would you like to help? Email Heidi Stemkoski at hstemkoski@phzarch.com

P.C.I.C. (Parent Curriculum Information Council):

If you are a parent interested in learning how the curriculum at West Genesee is evolving, this is a great opportunity for you! The Parent Curriculum Information Council has two parent representatives from each school and meets monthly to discuss district-wide curriculum topics of interest.

We need parents to attend the meetings and report back to the Split Rock PTO.

Would you like to help? Email Melissa Sealy at missy620@verizon.net or Dana Bakowski at danabakowski@yahoo.com.

Room Coordinator:

Each year, parents are needed in each class to act as a liaison between the teacher and parents regarding classroom activities.

We need volunteers for each classroom.

Would you like to help? Email Anne Spicer at amivery@hotmail.com.

Science Fair:

The Split Rock Science Fair showcases the talents of our students in a non-competitive environment that encourages curiosity. All students in grades 3,4, and 5 are invited to participate in the annual event held in March.

We need volunteers to help set up and take down the event that is held in the gym. We also need volunteers to help manage the event.

Would you like to help? Email Deb Ryan at deb.w.ryan@gmail.com.

Shared Decision Making:

The Shared Decision Making committee consists of Mr. Freeman, 3-4 teachers, and 3-4 parents. This group discusses current educational and social issues and works together to find collaborative solutions to problems.

We need volunteers to attend the meetings and report back to the Split Rock PTO.

Spirit Day:

The PTO sponsors a school-wide spirit day that encourages students to wear West Genesee attire, or something blue and gold, to show their school spirit. Held on a Friday, spirit days honor a particular grade level by handing out a 'spirit day treat.'

We need volunteers to help promote spirit days and assist in handing out the spirit day treats.

Would you like to help? Email Angie Sidorovski at asidorovski@gmail.com.

Staff Appreciation Luncheon:

The Split Rock PTO holds an annual luncheon in the spring to thank teachers and staff for all they did to make it a great year for our kids. We provide lunch and hold a raffle.

We need volunteers to help plan, execute, and promote the event.

Would you like to help? Email Heather Fairchild at hfairchild@twcny.rr.com.

West Genesee Spirit Wear Program:

The Split Rock PTO offers affordable Split Rock and West Genesee apparel items through our Spirit Wear program. There are two free shipping opportunities, once in the fall and another in the spring, for items available at the school store website: http://shop.company-store.net/ore/index.php?param=category_view&category_id=4&&page_command=1&

We need volunteers to help distribute the items.

Would you like to help? Email Kathleen White at kswcontent@gmail.com.

Yearbook Committee:

Our yearbook committee helps the kids 'remember when' by taking pictures at events where their personalities truly shine. They also help them look their best on picture day.

We need volunteers to help take pictures during events.

Would you like to help? Email Mike Vine at mg_vine@yahoo.com.

Ways to Help Split Rock



General Mills Boxtops - boxtops4education.com Send in Box Tops to our school by filling up our monthly themed sheets sent home, and help your child's class get a chance to win a contest led by Melissa Pensabene. You can also click on Marketplace to shop over 100 stores online get points towards box tops. Justice.com, JCPenney.com, Old Navy.com, Best Buy.com and Disneystore.com just to name a few....and you can save on items you buy each week.