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### *Indian Trail PTO News 8/30/2020*



#### ***Welcome to the 2020-2021 School Year!***

We are gearing up to welcome back Indian Trail staff and students this week. Our welcome signs for new families and Kindergarteners can be seen around town. Kindergarten families, please [send us a photo of your student with their welcome sign](#) for the yearbook!

#### ***Purchase Your 2020-21 PTO Membership and Update Your Directory Information***

PTO membership is \$30/family. Your membership provides support for our teachers with hospitality, classroom grants, and supplies. Additionally, memberships help fund PTO special programs like assemblies, author visits, philanthropy projects, and social events, which we still hope to offer in some capacity this year. Members are provided access to the school directory via our Paperless PTO smartphone app. Please ensure that your name and contact information are up to date on the PTO website since families use this information to contact classmates and the PTO uses this information for anything that needs to be sent to you.

- **Returning Indian Trail families:** Visit the [Indian Trail PTO website](#) and log in to your account to purchase a 2020-21 PTO membership. Please confirm your students' grade(s) and select their classroom teachers (or virtual grade), which is listed in your [Infinite Campus](#) account. After you have updated your profile on the Indian Trail PTO website, click on the "For Sale" tab and choose "PTO Membership".
- **New Families:** Visit the [Indian Trail PTO website](#) and click on "Create your account". Please confirm your students' grade(s) and select their classroom teachers (or virtual grade). Classroom teachers are listed in your [Infinite Campus](#) account. Click on the "For Sale" tab and choose "PTO Membership".

#### ***Scholarships***

PTO Scholarships are available for qualifying families to cover membership fees and yearbooks. Families who qualify for free and reduced lunch benefits will be contacted by our social worker with more information about PTO scholarships. If

you don't qualify for free and reduced lunch benefits but are experiencing a hardship, please contact Mari Lagone ([mlagone@nssd112.org](mailto:mlagone@nssd112.org)), social worker, for more information about a scholarship code for the website.

### ***Payments on the IT PTO Website***

Due to COVID-19, all payments this year will be contactless via credit card (VISA, MasterCard, Amex and Discover are accepted). We do not charge a service fee for using credit cards on our website.

### ***Purchase a Yearbook***

After you purchase your PTO membership, visit the PTO store to purchase a yearbook for each of your students! Yearbooks are \$18/student. Log in to your account, select "For Sale" then "Yearbooks".

### ***School Supplies and Assignment Notebooks***

School supply kits for those who ordered are waiting for hybrid students at school. Kits ordered by virtual students were distributed last week at supply pickup. You can check your school supply order by logging into [Deerfield Coalition](#), then click My Account, My Orders.

If you are interested in finding out if a last minute school supply kit is available for your child, visit [Deerfield Coalition](#) to order.

If you have a student in grades 3-5 and you **DID NOT** order a school supply kit through Deerfield Coalition, the required assignment notebook may be purchased separately on the [Indian Trail PTO website](#) for \$7. Assignment notebooks will be delivered to children at school.

### ***Purchase a Car Magnet***

Display your school spirit on your car! We are selling our remaining stock of Indian Trail car magnets for \$5 on our PTO website. Log in to your PTO account, select "For Sale" then "Spirit Wear" then "Car Magnet". Magnets will be delivered to your home.

### ***Volunteer to be a Classroom Communicator***

With this unique school year, we will be looking for a parent from each class group to serve as a communication liaison between families, teachers, and the PTO Exec Board. **The traditional role of room parent will be replaced by this new role.** Responsibilities will include:

- Work with teachers as needed to send classroom communications and timely reminders
- Help communicate PTO updates and events with classroom/cohort
- Organize informal virtual or safe socially-distanced outdoor get-togethers with classroom/cohort parents/students
- Attend bi-monthly General PTO meetings or read minutes to stay up to date on PTO activities
- Assist with teacher appreciation week activities

If you are interested in volunteering to be a Classroom Communicator please complete this [INTEREST FORM](#).

### ***Download the Paperless PTO Directory App***



Don't forget to download the Paperless PTO Directory App after you purchase your PTO Membership so that you can access our PTO directory on your smartphone. Indian Trail PTO does not offer a paper directory. The app makes it easy to connect with other parents, see class lists, and report student absences. Our directory is built as families register with PTO. We are working with our vendor to upload complete class lists for our paid PTO members to access; this should be available in the next few weeks.

### ***Advertise on the Indian Trail PTO Website***

Do you own or know of a local business that would be interested in advertising on the PTO website with a rotating banner ad? Banner ads are \$200 and are placed prominently on our PTO website. Contact us at [indiantrailpto@gmail.com](mailto:indiantrailpto@gmail.com) for more information!

### ***Community Resources***

We are frequently asked to share events led by organizations outside of our Indian Trail PTO community:

[Cub Scouts](#)

[Highland Park Microschools: Link to CoPod Matching Service \(Not affiliated with D112 or Indian Trail PTO\)](#)

[Innovation Learning in D112](#)

[Open Communities \(Evanston\) Flyer for Emergency Mortgage Assistance Applications through IHDA: English / Espanol](#)

[Zero Waste School Practices During COVID-19 Webinar, with Seven Generations Ahead, This Week! \(9/4\)](#)

### ***Upcoming Events***

- **Thursday, 9/3 - First Day of School**
- **Monday, 9/7 - Labor Day, No School**
- **Thursday, 9/10, 7:30 PM - PTO General Meeting via Zoom - Link to follow in future communication.**

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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