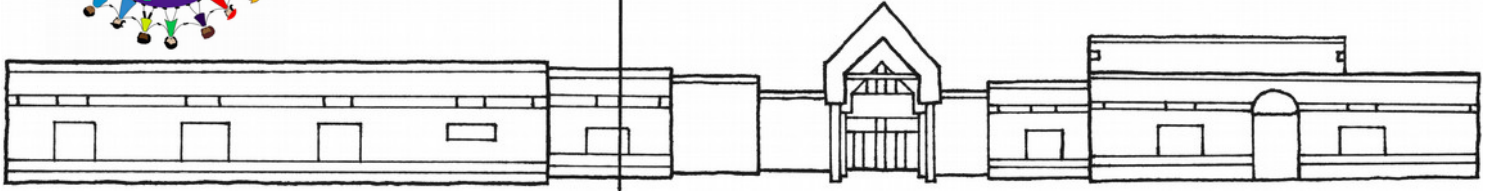




# U's News

August 8, 2018



## Welcome to the University Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization (UES PTO)!

### Membership is Automatic

Parents/legal guardians of students enrolled at University Elementary, as well as school faculty and staff are automatic members of the the University Elementary PTO. Your level of participation in the PTO is up to you.

### Mission

The purpose of the University Elementary Parent-Teacher Organization is to support the educational goals and programs at UES, encourage parental involvement in the school, and promote a sense of community among families, faculty, and staff.

### Funding

The budget for the UES PTO comes from a variety of events, initiatives, and community partnerships. Mostly it comes from your participation in those events and initiatives and the time you spend supporting them. Each year we raise money for the following year. Money we spend during the 2018/2019 school year was raised during the 2017/2018 school year. Money we raise this year will go toward spending in 2019/2020.

#### **In 2018-19 our PTO budget is being spent on:**

- 41% Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade literacy aids
- 14% IXL (Supplementary Math grades K-6)
- 12% Classroom supplies
- 6% Project Savings Fund
- 6% Grants for Teachers
- 4% Economic Needs Fund
- 2% Staff Professional Development
- 2% Playground Improvements
- 13% Other (gardens, supplies, academic recognition, website and more)

### Fundraisers

At University we do no door to door sales fundraisers. Our two biggest fundraisers are Fall Campaign during the month of October and Learning Festival on May 10, 2019. Other events and programs throughout the year raise small, but necessary, amounts of money.

**Learn more about the PTO budget at our first PTO meeting on**

**August 21 6:30-7:30**

**Childcare provided for ages 4+**

## Meetings

PTO Meetings are once a month on Tuesday nights from 6:30-7:30 in the school library. Whether you come to one meeting or all of them, we hope to see you! At each meeting we go over basic business items and then spend our time learning about different school related topics. Childcare is provided for ages 4+.

Here is the first semester meeting schedule:

**August 21-Clubs at UES**  
**September 11-IB in Action**  
**October 16-State of the School**  
**November 13-Math Updates**  
**December 11-Roundtable Discussions**

## Dining for Dollars

Each year there are several Dining for Dollars opportunities. At these events you eat out at a particular restaurant, mention the fundraiser (or show a provided flyer) and a percentage of your expenditure will be sent to UES PTO. Our first Dining for Dollars event is:

**Chipotle, College Mall Location**  
**Tuesday, August 28**  
**4-8 p.m.**

**\*\*Chipotle donates 50% of proceeds.**  
**That's huge!\*\***

## Events

Here are just some of the 2018-2019 events organized by the PTO. Mark your calendars now and look for additional information about these events:

**Monthly Skate Nights-4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday nights**  
**IB Gallery Walk-September 27**  
**Global Community Potluck-November 2**  
**Family Fitness Night-February 22, 2019**  
**Learning Festival-May 10, 2019**

## Kroger Community Rewards

One of the most lucrative ongoing programs is the Kroger Community Rewards program. If you shop at Kroger and have a Kroger Plus card you can contribute to this program without spending any additional money! Simply register your card with the program and a percentage of what you are already spending gets sent to University. Enroll by going to [www.kroger.com/communityrewards](http://www.kroger.com/communityrewards) and connect your Kroger card to University Elementary PTO, organization #YW259.

**NOTE: YOU MUST RE-ENROLL IN THIS PROGRAM YEARLY FOR UES TO CONTINUE RECEIVING CREDITS. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR ENROLLMENT IS CURRENT.**

## **Keep connected!**

PTO website: [www.uespto.org](http://www.uespto.org)

PTO Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/419422001593651/>

University Elementary Twitter @UniversityElem

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**Information from the PTO will come home on goldenrod (yellow) paper.**