



Rydal Elementary School PTO

WELCOME PACKET

LOOK INSIDE FOR THESE IMPORTANT INFO LINKS AND FORMS:

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- PTO Meeting Schedule
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- Parking Notice
- Link to Volunteer Interest Form
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If you need paper copies of any of these forms, please contact the school front office and copies will be sent home with your student.



Rydal Elementary School's Parent Teacher Organization

September 2023

Dear Rydal Families,

Welcome to the beginning of another exciting school year! We are looking forward to working together to make all of our events and activities fun and engaging for everyone. For all of our new families, we are so thrilled to have you join our Rydal Community!

We are very fortunate at Rydal Elementary to have a group of excellent teachers and staff. Our goal as the PTO is to support the school and our children's curriculum with exciting and educational programs, activities, and events. Learn more about PTO sponsored programs on the next page. We work hard to make every child's experience at Rydal memorable.

It is important to understand that we are a volunteer organization whose success is based on the participation of parents! Our events and programs can't happen without involvement from our Rydal community. As your board officers, we are here to help parents in any way we can. Please remember that the PTO board are your fellow parent volunteers and need your support to ensure the success of the organization. If you would like to volunteer, please fill out the form in this packet and feel free to contact any of us with questions or concerns. You'll find the list of meeting dates for the upcoming school year in this packet. Please come to the meetings to stay informed and to be an active participant.

Take some time to visit and explore the Rydal PTO website at www.rydalpto.com where you can find information you may need to make your year easier, including links to the forms in this packet, current PTO events, a calendar, and important links to Skyward and MySchoolBucks and more.

This is a wonderful community of families and together we can make Rydal Elementary an enjoyable place for our children to learn and grow. We can't wait to see what this school year will bring!

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Join the Rydal PTO today!



2023-24 Rydal Elementary PTO Dues

For a PTO to successfully enrich our children's school year, many factors play a role. Rydal's PTO spends approximately \$100 per child every year for educational programs, field trip subsidies, assemblies, author visits and more!

We hold several fundraisers throughout the year, but similar to most organizations, those efforts won't cover all costs.

**Please support us by joining the 2023-2024 Rydal PTO.
Pay your yearly PTO dues of \$25 per family today!**

You may ask, what do my dues cover???

Did you know that Student Enrichment Programs are not Abington School District Funded? Nope, they're all PTO funded. **Some** of these programs are:

- All Briar Bush Enrichment Programs
- BMX presentation/anti-bullying presentation
- Supplemental gym and recess supplies
- MCIU Reading Olympics Program
- Author Visit(s)
- All Bee Cart prizes for East and West
- Back-To-School Picnic
- Trunk or Treat/Fall Fest
- Winter Formal
- Ice Cream Social
- Carnival
- Rydal Ringo
- Copier rental and supplies for PTO forms/flyers
- Welcome Back-to-School lawn signs
- Field trip support
- School-year calendar magnets
- K & 1st students' green vinyl communication folders
- 1st - 5th grade students' Rydal Elementary mascot folders
- 2nd- 5th grade students' Daily Planner/Homework Journal
- Afterschool clubs (parent volunteers needed!)
- Pretzels for students at the end of PSSA week
- Kindergarten Orientation
- Snacks and water during special events
- Refreshments at all General PTO Meetings
- Teacher and Staff Appreciation Lunches in September
- Teacher Appreciation Week items
- Room Parent supplies support
- DJ and music for school events
- Teacher Birthday gifts, condolence gifts, new baby gifts
- Field Day T-shirts
- Book Fairs in the fall & spring
- So much more...!



You can pay your dues by scanning the QR code above,
visit www.rydalpto.com, or paypal.me/rydalpto

You can also send your donation into school via cash or check with your student
(in an envelope marked with your family name and "Rydal PTO dues").

Checks should be made out to "Rydal PTO."

SCAN CODES & BE A PTO HERO!



JOIN RYDAL PTO!



**PAY YOUR
DUES HERE!**

VOLUNTEER INTEREST



**FORM FOR MORE
INFORMATION**



ROOM PARENT



**SIGN UP TO BE A
ROOM PARENT**

DIRECTORY



**SIGN UP HERE TO
BE INCLUDED IN THE
RYDAL DIRECTORY**

OPEN YOUR CAMERA APP &
FOCUS ON A QR-CODE ABOVE,
THEN VISIT THE URL THAT POPS UP!
(OR CLICK ON THE QR CODE)

*THANK
YOU!*



School is back in session and so is the PTO!

Please come (or sign on) and get involved in your student's experiences at school including fundraisers, Book fairs, outdoor learning opportunities, parties, building community, and so much more...

We can't do it without you!

Below is a list of the PTO meetings for the upcoming school year.

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| • Wed, Sept 27, 2023 | 7:00pm – Rydal East Café |
| • Wed, October 25, 2023 | 7:00pm – Rydal East Café |
| • Wed, Nov 29, 2023 | 7:00pm – Rydal East Café |
| • Wed, January 17, 2024 | 7:00pm – Zoom |
| • Thurs, February 15, 2024 | 7:00pm – Zoom |
| • Tues, March 19, 2024 | 7:00pm – Rydal East Café |
| • Wed, April 17, 2024 | 7:00pm – Rydal East Café |
| • Wed, May 22, 2024 | 7:00pm – Rydal East Café |

Special topics may be added to our scheduled meetings. These will be posted in the weekly BuzzBlast email and on RydalPTO.com prior to the PTO meeting.

****Please don't forget, at least one room parent per room and event chairpersons are expected to be present at ALL meetings.**

The schedule and meeting minutes will be posted at www.RydalPTO.com



Volunteer Clearance Badges

We would LOVE to have you volunteer with us at Rydal Elementary School, but in order to do so you MUST have a current Abington School District Volunteer Badge!

Click here for instructions on obtaining a badge.

Or visit <https://www.abingtonsd.org/page/family-resources>

If you do not have this badge, you may be turned away at the front office. Don't let this happen! We have included an information sheet to guide you through the steps to get you the clearances you need. You then need to bring those clearances to the Administration building to obtain your ID badge.

You can also find the links to the clearance forms on our website,
www.RYDALPTO.com

Please feel free to contact us with any questions at rydalschoolpto@gmail.com

Thank you!



Please obey these signs on school property!

Rydal Elementary School is committed to ensuring the needs of all members of our community are respected.

If you don't have a DMV issued placard or license plate to occupy an accessible spot and you **block** or **park** in a handicap parking space **OR** within the lined boxes on either side at Rydal East OR West, your license plate number will be recorded and reported to the Abington Police Department.

Title 75: You risk having your vehicle towed and/or incurring parking violation fines up to \$400.

**Be aware that Rydal has students and parents that require the use of these reserved spots legally.*

Please be mindful.