

## **KIRTLAND PTA YEAR-END NEWSLETTER**

*PTA Mission Statement: To make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. Every Child, One Voice.*

Dear Kirtland Families,

This spring has certainly thrown us all a curve ball! While we were not able to finish out the school year as we had planned, the Kirtland PTA worked hard for the families of Kirtland throughout the 2019-2020 academic year.

This year, the Kirtland PTA sponsored many events to benefit the students and families of the Kirtland School District. Some of these activities included: the KES Ice Cream Social, classroom Halloween parties, Candidates' Night, Deck the Halls, PTA Reflections, Heart Healthy Day, Family BINGO Night, Princess Prom, and Boys' Bowling Bash. We awarded scholarships to three deserving KHS seniors and made a donation to the KHS After Prom. At KMS, we purchased locks for all incoming 6th grade students, sponsored the KMS dances throughout the year, and helped to create a new alternate rec space called the Hornet Hangout. We are proud to be able to serve all the students in our district.

The Kirtland PTA also offered new opportunities for family engagement. Our PTA Speaker Series included: "Interpreting State Report Card Data" led by experts from the Ohio PTA, "A View from the Bench" with Willoughby Municipal Court Judge Marisa L. Cornachio, "Protecting Your Children from Online Predators" with Magistrate Holly Welsh, and "Family Fun Yoga" led by Chris Keller from Circle of Renewal Yoga and Wellness Studio.

We also began a new program called Hornet Heroes to recognize Kirtland teachers and staff members (by community nominations) who go above and beyond for our students each month.

Despite our inability to be together over the last several months, the Kirtland PTA continues to be a resource for our families. You can view a list of helpful information and resources on our website:

<http://www.kirtlandschools.org/PTA.aspx>. We also hosted our first ever Virtual Spirit Week and were able to honor our administrative professionals, principals, bus drivers, teachers, and nurses during Appreciation Week virtually. The video we made of our students thanking their teachers was even featured on Fox 8 News!

Unfortunately, our largest fundraiser of the year, our Spring Auction, had to be cancelled this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This event makes up the majority of our operating budget, but we are pleased to share that we will be hosting a ***Virtual Auction this summer from July 17-19***. More info to follow! In the meantime, if you would like to make a donation to the Kirtland PTA, you may do so here: [Donate to the PTA](#). We greatly appreciate your support.

THANK YOU to all our PTA members and volunteers! With your help and support, we are able to serve the students, teachers, and families in the Kirtland Local School District. Be on the lookout for membership info later this summer!

Best Regards,  
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President, Kirtland PTA (2019-2021)