



## Thomas Fitzwater Elementary School PTO

30 School Lane, Willow Grove, PA 19090 | 215-784-0381

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# PTO WELCOME PACKET 2019-2020

**The Power to be the Very Best**  
***GO CHEETAHS!***

## GET CONNECTED

*The TFES PTO is CONNECTED!*



### **www.FitzwaterPTO.org**

Visit the TFES PTO web site to stay updated on school activities, fundraisers and ways to get involved in your students' school.



### **Facebook**

Find us on Facebook and then "Like Us." You will be kept up-to-date with events, announcements, Teacher Spotlights, and more.



### **TFES List-Serv**

You will receive TFES specific information, including school and district-wide information. For example, information about Student Council activities, Service Corps, etc.

It's easy to **Get Connected** – just visit [www.FitzwaterPTO.org](http://www.FitzwaterPTO.org) and click on the World, Facebook, and Email icons on the left-hand side of the web page and then follow the simple instructions.



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Dear Thomas Fitzwater Parents & Guardians,

Welcome back! A new school year is beginning and with it brings the promise of new friendships, experiences and learning. We are looking forward to an exciting year as your **PTO Board**.

As you may know, one of the PTO's biggest functions is raising money for Thomas Fitzwater. Our fundraisers will kick off this year with our **KidStuff Books**. Look for lots of money saving coupons in the book that will more than pay for itself, while benefiting both the school and your family.

Our PTO **Volunteer Form** is included in this packet. Please consider volunteering for one or more committees. There are opportunities to fit every schedule – you can choose something that can be done from home or even chair a committee! Your willingness to give your time and energy ensures a great year of activities and community for our students and families. Fill out the accompanying form and return it to school. It's easy and you'll really make a difference! A complete listing of our committees appears on our website ([www.fitzwaterpto.org](http://www.fitzwaterpto.org)).

Our **first PTO meeting will be held on Thursday September 26th at 7pm** in the school library. All parents are welcome to attend our meetings, and we look forward to seeing you!

We wish all the students a year filled with successes, challenges, innovation, celebrations and most of all, lots of learning!! Go Cheetahs!!

Sincerely,

Dorie Litten and Mary Ellen Kivlehan, Co-Presidents  
Katie Nober and Laura Nolan-Harmer, Co-Vice Presidents  
Angela Poole and Charla Stein, Co-Treasurers  
Roni Berman and Abigail McGrath, Co-Secretaries  
Danielle Duffy and Elise Carlin, Members at Large

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# **Welcome Back to School!**

## *TFES Dates to Remember*

### *September 2019*

Friday, Sept 6

Water Ice Social, 6:30-8pm

Thursday, Sept 12

KidStuff Books going home

Wednesday, Sept 18

Back to School Night, 6:30-7:30pm

(PARENTS ONLY EVENT)

Friday, Sept 20

Deadline for Volunteer Form, Room  
Parent Form, and TFES Order Form  
(Directory, Yearbook, Pretzels, and Magnets)

Thursday, Sept 26

KidStuff Books or payments due

1<sup>st</sup> PTO Meeting, 7 pm

(all parents are encouraged to attend)

5th Grade Activities Planning  
Meeting, 6pm

Friday, Sep 27

Early Dismissal 12:10pm

Monday, Sept 30 &

Tuesday, Oct 1

School Closed, Rosh Hashanah



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# YES, I CAN!

## PTO Room Parent Sign-Up



Each classroom has two Room Parents. Room Parents communicate with the classroom teacher to plan 3-4 classroom parties during the school year. Room Parents ask for food, craft, and game item donations from the other parents in the class for these parties. The parties are: Halloween, Winter (before break) and Valentine's Day. Some classes also have an End of Year or special event party. Mark your calendar for October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm for a Room Parent meeting.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Remember to complete the mandatory Volunteer Clearances as soon as possible. You will need to have these clearances to be a room parent. Visit the district web site for the links to the Volunteer Application Process. These clearances are FREE but mandatory. <http://www.udsd.org/departments/human-resources>

If you cannot be a Room Parent, but like to attend class parties and special events, perhaps the Classroom Photographer position would be perfect for you! Check here if you are interested in being a Classroom Photographer! (smart phone pictures are great, no camera necessary) ☐

**Please fill out this form and return to school by Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (please PRINT clearly): \_\_\_\_\_

PTO Activity/Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

*Room Parents are required to help with at least one PTO Activity or Committee during the year*

If you have a preference for which class you'd like to be Room Parent, please list the order of classes for which you'd like to be considered.

Student's Name	Class	Order of Preference
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_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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\_\_\_\_\_ I have been a Room Parent before. List years: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I have never been a Room Parent before.

# TFES PTO ORDER FORM

Return form and payment in envelope labeled ***“TFES PTO Order Form”***  
**by Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**

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Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. TFES 2019-20 Electronic Student directory – \$5 each**

The directory is electronic and accessible from your computer or smart phone.

# of copies \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**2. TFES Blue and Gold Cheetah Paw Car Magnet \$5 each**

# of Magnets \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5 each = **Magnet Total: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Whole Wheat Soft Pretzel Sales**

*Turn over for pretzel order form, then fill in total below.*

**Pretzel Sale Total from Reverse: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Cheetahs Care**

*Turn over for details, then fill in total below.*

**Cheetahs Care Total from Reverse: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**5. PTO Donation**

*See next page for details, then fill in total.*

**PTO Donation Total from Next Page: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total amount enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

*check payable to “TFES PTO”*

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## WHOLE WHEAT SOFT PRETZEL SALE FOR 2019-20

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**Pre-order pretzels for your students at \$0.50 each** (This is the only way Pretzels will be sold this year.)

Please circle how many pretzels per sale you want each child to receive.

**Student #1 Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

1 pretzel per sale = \$8.50    2 pretzels per sale = \$17    3 pretzels per sale = \$25.50

**Student #2 Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

1 pretzel per sale = \$8.50    2 pretzels per sale = \$17    3 pretzels per sale = \$25.50

**Student #3 Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

1 pretzel per sale = \$8.50    2 pretzels per sale = \$17    3 pretzels per sale = \$25.50

**Student #4 Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

1 pretzel per sale = \$8.50    2 pretzels per sale = \$17    3 pretzels per sale = \$25.50

**Total amount due for Pretzels: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please write the total amount due for pretzels  
on the Pretzel Line on reverse*

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### **Cheetahs Care**

Sponsor a TFES student in need for ongoing activities throughout the year.

Cheetahs Care is a project designed to identify needs around the TFES community and the resources to meet them. In Upper Dublin, there are many families that are indeed fortunate. At the same time though, a growing number of area families are struggling.

# of students \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10 each = **Total: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

*This amount would sponsor a student for a field trip*

# of students \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5 each = **Total: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

*This amount would help a student buy some school supplies*

or round-up to make your check an even amount on the other side **Total: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total amount due for Cheetahs Care: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please write the total amount due for Cheetahs Care  
on the appropriate line on reverse*

*Questions about Cheetahs Care? Please contact Mrs. Constanzo at [kconstan@udsd.org](mailto:kconstan@udsd.org)*

*\*PTO and School Information available at [www.FitzwaterPTO.org](http://www.FitzwaterPTO.org)*

\*\*\*\*PLEASE BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR ELECTRONIC YEARBOOK ORDERING\*\*\*\*\*



## Thomas Fitzwater Elementary School

2019-2020

### THE NO-FUSS “UN-FUNDRAISER” FORM



Our no-fuss “UN-FUNDRAISER” is the only fundraiser where 100% of your donation goes toward the PTO budget. Your contribution directly benefits our school by supporting school-wide events, purchasing classroom materials and equipment, reducing the cost of field trips, sponsoring assemblies, and so much more!

This is a voluntary fundraiser. *You may choose to participate in lieu of, or in addition to, any of our other fundraisers we will be doing throughout the school year.*

If you wish to make a direct contribution, please complete the information below and return it in an envelope marked “PTO UN-FUNDRAISER”. **Make checks payable to “TFES PTO”**

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\_\_\_ \$15 - I hate baking. Please accept this donation in lieu of the cupcakes I would buy at Stop & Shop five minutes before the bake sale.

\_\_\_ \$25 - I’m not going to remember to scan my receipts or clip those box top thingies, so....here.

\_\_\_ \$50 - I don’t want to peddle products to my friends, family and co-workers, so here is the money I would have spent on candles.

\_\_\_ \$75 - I don’t want to walk, run, or swim in any event that has the word “fun” in it. I’m more of a couch to bed kind of person. Please take this money and use it to spray some kid on the Fun Run course!

\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_ - I am making this donation to express my appreciation for having nothing to clip, sell, buy or do, except fill out this form.

Thank you so much for your donation to our school’s PTO. Your money will be spent to enrich the lives of our students throughout their time at Thomas Fitzwater Elementary School.

# Easy Cash Back Programs for TFES

Parents, Guardians, Staff, Family, Friends and Neighbors are all welcome to join and participate in any of these easy programs.

**Detailed info at [www.FitzwaterPTO.org/fundraisers](http://www.FitzwaterPTO.org/fundraisers)**

- **Box Tops for Education** – Clip Box Tops for Education from hundreds of products and send them to school monthly (Boise printer paper, Avery office supplies, Green Giant, Yoplait, General Mills cereals, Betty Crocker, Juicy Juice, Chex Mix, Ziploc, Hefty and many, many more)



Register at the Box Tops website, [www.bffe.com](http://www.bffe.com), and designate Thomas Fitzwater as your donor school to receive coupons, special promotion info, enter online Box Tops sweepstakes, and more.

NEW this year – Download the Free **Box Tops For Education** app to scan your box tops digitally. More info to come!

- **Giant Food Markets & A+ School Rewards** – Shop at Giant using your Giant BONUSCARD and earn cash for TFES! Register your card at <http://www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus/> and designate TFES (#23874) as your school. Track the amount of points you earn for our school by checking your grocery receipt. Check out the TFES PTO website above for details.



- **My Coke Rewards** – If you purchase Coca-Cola products, save codes on the caps or cardboard case, then enter the codes online yourself and donate points to Thomas Fitzwater, or send caps/codes in with your Box Tops each month and we'll enter the codes. Check out our web site for details.



Please visit the TFES PTO website for links to detailed information about all of these programs and simple, step-by-step signup instructions.

**[www.FitzwaterPTO.org/fundraisers](http://www.FitzwaterPTO.org/fundraisers)**

For any questions, please contact  
Roni Berman at [roni.berman@gmail.com](mailto:roni.berman@gmail.com) or 267-253-8111





# TFES PTO Volunteer Form

## ~ Many Helpers Needed ~

Volunteers are needed throughout the school year.

Even 2 hours makes a huge difference.

Fill out ONE form per family

**Return by Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (please print clearly): \_\_\_\_\_

Students' Names & Sections: \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT NOTE: Remember to complete the mandatory Volunteer Clearances as soon as possible. For activities that involve the care of students, you will need to have these clearances. Visit the district web site for the links to the clearances. These clearances are FREE but mandatory.**

<http://www.udsd.org/departments/human-resources>

### **Please check all you would like to help with**

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| _____ <b>“Go To” List</b>                    | Please put me on the “Go To” list – you will be e-mailed throughout the school year when help is needed for a PTO activity or committee. Please make sure to mark the other committees/activities you would like to help with. |
| _____ <b>Art Helpers</b>                     | Various times throughout the year including Barnes & Noble and Art Show<br><i>Contact: Ms. Dunn</i>  |
| _____ <b>Bake Sales</b>                      | Bake and/or sell for 4-6 events throughout the year<br><i>Chair: Danielle Duffy</i>  |
| _____ <b>Barnes &amp; Noble Night</b>        | Nov 14: hang students' art work at store before the event, work shift during evening event<br><i>Chair: Amanda Dynan</i>   |
| _____ <b>Bingo Night</b>                     | April 17: pre-sell tickets, collect prizes, buy food/drinks, set up, clean up, work shift during evening event<br><i>Chairs: Mary Beck, Roni Berman,</i>   |
| _____ <b>Book Fair</b>                       | March 2-5: set-up, sales, clean up<br><i>Chairs: Jenny Richman</i>   |
| _____ <b>Cash Back</b>                       | Monthly: count Box Tops and Campbell's Labels<br><i>Chair: Roni Berman</i>   |
| _____ <b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities</b> | Special events for 5 <sup>th</sup> graders throughout the year (play, picnic, trip, dance, etc)<br><i>Coordinators: Danielle Duffy, Dorie Litten</i>   |

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_____	<b>Games Day</b>	June 5: set-up, clean up, run game stations <i>Chairs: Angela Poole, Kathleen McKenzie</i>
_____	<b>Halloween Hop</b>	Oct 25: Help organize a fun, family, Halloween Dance Party <i>Chair: Dorie Litten</i>
_____	<b>Holiday Shop</b>	Dec 5-6: morning set-up, help children shop for gifts during school hours NEED ONE MORE CHAIR FOR THIS COMMITTEE! <i>Chair: Dorie Litten</i>
_____	<b>Lunch Help K&amp;1</b>	First weeks of school: help Kindergartners and First Graders during lunch time <i>Chair: Elise Carlin</i>
_____	<b>Pretzel Sales</b>	Bi-Monthly Sales: count orders, bag and deliver pretzels to classrooms <i>Chairs: Dorie Litten</i>
_____	<b>Science Fair</b>	March 10: morning set up, evening help with snack table, clean up <i>Chairs: Danielle Duffy, Jen Ruppel</i>
_____	<b>Service Corps</b>	Help with workshops, field trips, and other service projects <i>Coordinator: Mrs. Constanzo</i>
_____	<b>School Store</b>	Help with running the school store at school events. <i>Chairs: Cara Lyon</i>
_____	<b>Showcase</b>	Help update the showcase in the main hallway on a monthly basis. <i>Chair: Ta'Mekia Green</i>
_____	<b>Teacher &amp; Secretary Appreciation</b>	Bake/provide food for Dessert Buffet for National Education Week (Nov), Secretary's Day (April) & Teacher Appreciation Day (May) NEED ONE MORE CHAIR FOR THIS COMMITTEE! <i>Chairs: Janelle Brady, Nur Onuklu</i>
_____	<b>Yearbook</b>	Do you like to take pictures? We are looking for one volunteer from each classroom to take pictures throughout the year for the yearbook. We will need pictures that include all the students in the class, small groups, the entire class, and the teacher.  Class/grade you would like to do the montage for: _____ <i>Chairs: Angela Poole, Laura Nolan Harmer</i>

Comments (i.e. "I will chair this committee", "I will consider chairing with at least one other person", "I will help but can only give a few hours", etc.)

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Thank you for your time!!

# 2018-19 was a Another Great Year!

## The PTO accomplished so much ...

Teacher Wish List Items	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Storage Bins / Dry Erase Boards</li> <li>• Speakers for Mr. Springer</li> <li>• Robotics for Mr. Rizzo</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ozobots for Mrs. Dashoff</li> <li>• Cricut Paper Cutter</li> <li>• Transportation for Band/Orch Trip</li> </ul>
Other Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion &amp; Party</li> <li>• 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip Donation</li> <li>• After School Teacher-Run Programs – softball, dolleyball, &amp; soccer</li> <li>• Assemblies (5)</li> <li>• Bagels &amp; Books</li> <li>• Cheetah Cares Program</li> <li>• Directory</li> <li>• Family Picnic</li> <li>• Field Trips – buses for K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade</li> <li>• Games Day</li> <li>• Garden Club supplies</li> <li>• Halloween Art &amp; Counting Contest</li> <li>• Halloween Hop</li> <li>• Jump Rope for Heart popsicles &amp; trophies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kindergarten Meet &amp; Greet</li> <li>• Opening Day Gifts – 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade student planners</li> <li>• Reading Olympics registrations &amp; t-shirts</li> <li>• Room Parents</li> <li>• Science Fair – awards &amp; certificates</li> <li>• Service Corps Donation</li> <li>• Showcase</li> <li>• Teacher Reimbursements - \$300 per teacher/staff for supplies</li> <li>• Teacher, Secretary &amp; Nurse Appreciation Luncheon &amp; Gifts</li> <li>• Water Ice Social</li> <li>• Yearbook</li> </ul>
Fundraisers	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adult Social</li> <li>• Bake Sales</li> <li>• Barnes &amp; Noble Night (raised \$1,385 for library)</li> <li>• Bingo Night &amp; Raffle Baskets</li> <li>• Book Fair (raised \$4,600 for library)</li> <li>• Bowling Party</li> <li>• Cash Back Programs</li> <li>• Holiday Shop</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KidStuff Books</li> <li>• Movie Night</li> <li>• Pretzel Sales</li> <li>• Race for Education</li> <li>• Restaurant Nights</li> <li>• School Kidz Supply Boxes</li> <li>• School Store</li> <li>• Spirit Wear</li> </ul>