

## Your PTO Explained: “Where does my money go?”

Throughout the school year you will see and hear about things affiliated with the PTO. Sometimes it may seem overwhelming and confusing as to how exactly any of it is related. “What are they asking for now,” may be running through your head at various points of the year. We are going to break it all down for you, so that as things come along, you will know exactly the “what” or “why” behind it.

- 1 **MEMBERSHIP**-this is the *MOST IMPORTANT* component of the PTO. Without YOU as a member, we can't generate the funds to put forth activities during the year and grants for our teachers. This is the biggest fundraising portion of the year for the PTO. Being a paid member allows you to volunteer for the events that we put together, be a Class Parent, or perhaps be a part of one of our Committees. *We need YOUR Membership so we can provide the resources and services to the teachers and students of BES.*
- 2 **50/50 Raffle**- this is our BIGGEST money generating event of the year and it runs in conjunction with the Membership registration. The pot is split and the winner receives half of the funds accumulated and the PTO takes home the other half.
- 3 **8th Grade Bake Sale**- this event is at Brielle Day, and the funds generated go directly to the 8th grade class. The money they raise helps offset the costs associated with the Class Trip, 8th Grade Dance and Graduation. The students began their fundraising for these events starting in 6th Grade, with the Ice Cream Social, followed by the Pancake Breakfast in 7th Grade.
- 4 **Ice Cream Social**- the funds generated from this event go directly to the 6th Grade class for 8th Grade
- 5 **Holiday Pancake Breakfast**- the funds generated from this event go directly to the 7th Grade class for 8th Grade
- 6 **Book Fair (Winter and Spring)**- through Scholastic Book Club, the PTO earns Scholastic Dollars that can be utilized to purchase furniture, supplies and books directly from the Scholastic Book Company
- 7 **Boys Blazer Event**- This is an event for the boys of the school. *No money is profited* from the event. The money used to run the event is accumulated from the ticket sales.
- 8 **Cinderella Ball**- This is an event for the girls of the school. *No money is profited* from the event. The money used to run the event is accumulated from the ticket sales.
- 9 **Missoula Children's Theater Week**- this program is funded by the money generated by Membership dues and any other possible fundraisers held in the school year, not already listed above
- 10 **Spirit Wear**- through Sneakers Plus, the PTO will typically run at least 2 spirit wear sales during the year. The money generated from these sales goes directly to the PTO.
- 11 **School Store**- money profited from the sales at the school store go directly to the PTO
- 12 **Spring Plant Sale**- any profits generated from this event go to the PTO
- 13 **Spring Fundraiser**-the actual event may change from year to year. (Ex: Fun Run, Designer Bag BINGO, Paint the Tile) money generated from this event goes directly to the PTO

The 2020-2021 school year will LOOK DIFFERENT!!! This year, MEMBERSHIP is more important than EVER!! We are focusing much of our money earned to give back in teacher grants. With the landscape of the way our teachers are being asked to teach, they will need new and different materials in order to meet the demands of virtual learning and social distance education.

We are thinking outside the box this year to try to run as many of our events as possible. Depending on the way the world looks, some just may not be possible.

One new addition for this year is the **LOCAL BUSINESS of the WEEK** Program. *The PTO will NOT profit from this.* In light of the COVID Pandemic, it is designed to help promote various businesses in the area that may be struggling to get back on their feet. (stay tuned for further details on this)