

PTO Newsletter

Parents - Teachers - Students



Back to School Bash

"Thank You" State Street for Providing 62 Years of Education!

Your continued support and fundraising allowed PTO to host our first-ever "Back to School Bash" for our school and community. Over 500 people enjoyed an evening of fun with food trucks, touch-a-truck, bouncy house, fun slide, balloon artists and community groups! A majority of costs were off-set by raffle basket entries, vendor discounts and a generous donation from Kona Ice. Thank you everyone who made this event possible! We are hopeful the "Back to School Bash" will become an annual event that our students, families and community look forward to each year!



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**YOU made PTO thrive
 in September!
 THANK YOU!!!**

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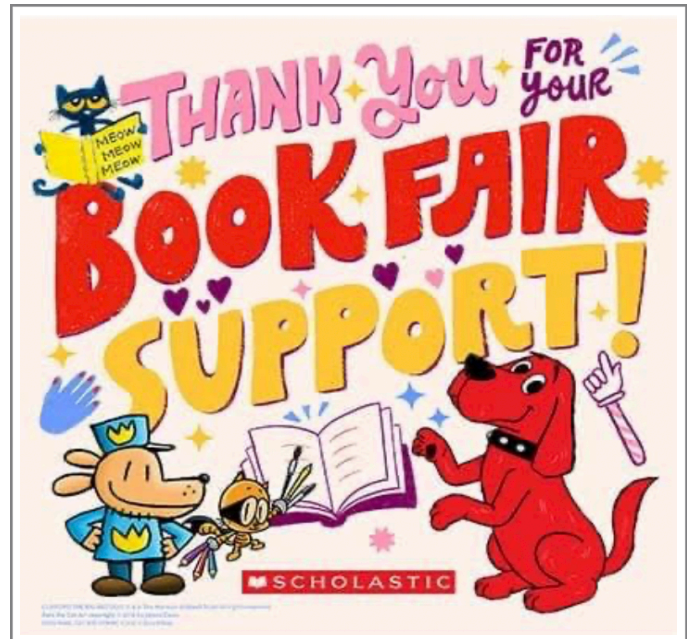
We've Got Spirit!

State Street Strong & State Street Proud

PTO and Mrs. Hoover have a lot of "Spirit Days" planned throughout the fall! The first Spirit Day was on September 9th, in honor of Ambridge Area School District's Fall Sports Youth Night. Students, teachers & staff wore their school spirit swag, sports uniforms or favorite sports shirts and had a ball cheering together at PTO's Pep Rally... WE. ARE. BRIDGERS!



On September 16th, State Street celebrated their Pittsburgh Pride by wearing their favorite sports jersey and Mrs. Hoover drew names for football giveaways! Also, on September 22nd (the last day of summer) students said farewell to summer by wearing their summer camp shirt, tie-dye shirt, or Hawaiian shirt & enjoyed PTO popsicles at lunch!



Scholastic Book Fair

Reading Connects Us Together

Thank you for supporting our Scholastic Bookfair! Our September fair raised \$750 in cash and \$787.18 in Scholastic Dollars for our school! State Street earns Scholastic Dollars on every purchase: 25% of virtual fair sales and at least 30% of in-person sales. Scholastic Dollars are used to purchase books and/or STEAM lab equipment, gifts, school supplies, classroom furnishings, etc. from the Scholastic Dollars Catalog. PTO used some of State Street's prior Scholastic Dollars Balance to purchase 2 free books for each teacher/staff who shopped the book fair!

PENNSYLVANIA PRE-K COUNTS PROGRAM

The Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts (Pre-K Counts) program provides free full-day pre-kindergarten to eligible children in Pennsylvania. All 3 elementary schools within the Ambridge Area School District have a free, full-day Pre-K Counts program!

The Pre-K Counts program is designed for children who:

- Are between the age of 3 and the entry age for kindergarten. The child must be 3 years old on or before September 1st.
- Low income, English language learners, special needs, etc.

Source: PA Department of Education website



Fundraiser Kick-Off

Thank You for Your Support!

In Spring 2022, the PTO Board surveyed PTO Members, Teachers & Staff and received several requests for new fundraisers. The Board heard your requests and we are excited for our 2022-2023 fundraiser line-up!

PTO kicked-off fundraising in September with a traditional "Hoagies & More" sale, as well as a new sale - Harvest Mum Buddies! Each sale helped to support PTO and a local business!

Our 'Small but Mighty' school crushed PTO's fundraiser kick-off!

PTO raised \$825 profit from Hoagie sales and \$1,168 profit from Mum sales, which will help pay for student field trips, annual field day, assemblies and more! The fundraiser winners were:

- **Hoagies** - Eva in PreK was the top selling student and won a squishmallow. Mrs. Leseiko's kindergarten class was the top selling class and won extra recess & popsicles!
- **Mums** - Riley in 1st Grade was the top selling student and won a McDonald's lunch. There was a tie between Ms Neimier and Mrs. Clinger's 1st Grade classes, so both classes won extra recess & popsicles!



Treasurer's Corner

Finance Update: August & September

Join us for the 1st PTO meeting of 2022-2023 on Tuesday, October 18th! We'll discuss the budget and upcoming events. We will also have a Title I Meeting, Dinner and play Book Bingo!

Summary of August & September Income:

- Hoagie & Mum Fundraisers - \$1,993
- Scholastic Book Fair - \$750

Summary of August & September Expenses:

YOUR support allowed PTO to give-back about \$1,000 to our students & staff!

- Kindergarten Orientation & School Supplies
- Facebook Giveaways (1st Day & Homecoming)
- Teacher/Staff Welcome Back Treat & Raffle
- Back to School Bash
- Pep Rally
- Popsicles for All Students (Last Day of Summer)
- Recess Cart (Balls, Jump Ropes, Chalk, etc.)
- Pre-K Treasure Box Items
- September Fundraiser Rewards

Welcome New PTO Members!

We are so happy you joined PTO! Please connect with us - we'd love to get to know you and find the perfect place for you at State Street.

- State Street PTO Board
 - Caitie Sipes (President)
 - Brittani Hysong (Vice President)
 - Nikki Kurash (Treasurer)
 - Laura Shakespeare (Secretary)





We'd like to give a big, beautiful "THANK YOU" to our donators, volunteers, teachers/staff, vendors & community groups who helped make PTO possible in September!

Volunteers

- AJ Wallace
- Amy Hill
- Amy Fodor
- Beverly Cobern
- Casey Bayer
- Cindy McFarland
- Danielle Zatchey
- Jen Tusick
- Jo Jabaut
- JoAnn Hoover
- Krissy Neish
- Olivia Poore
- RaeAnn Smedley
- Renee Draganac
- Stacy Brock
- Tiffany Halbrock
- Zack Bayer

Vendors & Community Groups

- Ambridge Do It Best
- Ambridge Li'l Bridgers Cheerleaders
- Baden Fire Department
- Baden Memorial Library
- Boscov's (Monaca)
- Dragonfly Balloons
- Harmony Twp. Fire Department
- Harvey's Auto Body & Towing
- J&J Catering
- JOCO Growers
- J.R. from Knight Hawk
- Jules' Lawncare & Tree Removal
- Kona Ice
- North Way Beaver Valley
- Pittsburgh Steelers
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Steel City Fries

Did you know? In September, Baden Memorial Library donated over 100 children's books to our school! Teachers selected books for their classrooms and Mrs. Hoover (AASD's homeless liaison) distributed the remaining books to local families.

Meet Our Prek Teacher

Ms. Sophia Krahe

Our littlest Bridgers (3 & 4 year olds) spend their day in the trusted and fabulous care of Ms. Krahe. Ms. Krahe loves to travel but has spent the majority of her time in Pittsburgh PA, where she was born, raised and pursued her college education. She received a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education from Duquesne University and a Masters degree from Point Park University in Curriculum and Instruction with a Reading Specialist Certification.

Ms. Krahe began her teaching career with the AASD, teaching Kindergarten for one year at Economy Elementary and three years of Pre-K at State Street Elementary. Outside of the classroom, Ms. Krahe enjoys spending time with family, traveling and reading. If she wasn't a teacher, she could be found in the psychology field or business industry.

Thank you Ms. Krahe for making your classroom a welcoming and safe environment for our littlest Bridgers to learn, grow and achieve their personal best each day!



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State Street Elementary School

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- **Favorite Color:** Blue or Black
- **Favorite Food:** Italian, Sushi and French Fries
- **Favorite Drink:** Root Beer
- **Favorite Snack & Sweet-Treat:** Pretzels, Cookie Cake
- **Favorite Hobby:** Traveling
- **Favorite Author:** Colleen Hoover
- **Favorite Quote:** Take one day at a time.