



## Squires Elementary School | PTA Newsletter – Sept 2019

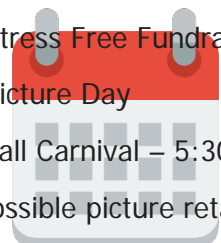
### Parent Involvement

As a parent, you play the most important role in your child’s education. You are your child’s biggest role model, trendsetter, and positive reinforcer. By helping your child to study spelling words, figure out a difficult math problem, reviewing homework or conversing with your child about his/her day at school, you are reinforcing the importance of education. A positive home environment, supportive of educational activities, has been proven to help improve self-esteem, improve confidence and help improve behavior.

The PTA is a great way for you to be involved at school. Membership into the PTA is \$5.00. The PTA will be conducting a membership drive for the month of October. Membership forms will be sent home in your child’s red folder. Membership is open to parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and anyone who wants to help support our children and teachers at Squires Elementary.

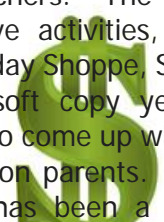
#### Important Dates

- Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> – Walk/Bike your Child to School
- Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> – Fall Break – No School
- Oct 11<sup>th</sup> – Stress Free Fundraiser ends
- Oct 16<sup>th</sup> – Picture Day
- Oct 25<sup>th</sup> – Fall Carnival – 5:30 – 7:30pm
- Nov 6<sup>th</sup> – Possible picture retake day
- Nov 8<sup>th</sup> – Staff Tailgate luncheon
- Nov 19<sup>th</sup> – PTA meeting – 6:00 – 7:00pm



#### Fundraising

There are multiple fundraising events that the PTA engages in each year to raise funds to support our children and teachers. The funds are used to provide supportive activities, including the Fall Carnival, the Holiday Shoppe, Staff Tailgate and to provide a free soft copy yearbook for all 5<sup>th</sup> graders. We try to come up with creative ideas to ease the burden on parents. So far, the Stress-free Fundraiser has been a big success. Any classroom that raises \$350.00 or more will get a pizza and pajama party. Please help the PTA and help your child’s class reach their goal! Weekly updates will be sent out with your child’s current classroom balance.



“At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child’s success is the positive involvement of parents.”

Jane D. Hull – former Governor of Arizona and elementary school teacher

# Squires Family

## #Oakstrong

Oakley is a 5 year old Kindergartener here at Squires. At the age of 8 months old, Oakely was diagnosed with an extremely rare condition called Infantile Fibromatosis. This has caused a tumor to grow from the base of her neck down to her vertebra and around the vertebral artery. On September 24<sup>th</sup>, Oakley will undergo a very risky surgery to remove as much of the tumor as possible without causing paralysis. Afterwards, Oakley will have to endure a second surgery and will continue to need chemotherapy. A GoFundMe page has been setup to help Oakley's family with their financial expenses. If you are able, please show your support by visiting the GoFundMe page at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/oakleyford-strong> and make a donation.



There are ways for any member of our community to support our school. Please encourage your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to support our school by donating BoxTops and enrolling in the Kroger Community Rewards program. For more information about the Box Top program and instructions on how to download the app, visit <https://www.boxtops4education.com>. Clipped BoxTops can be mailed or delivered to the school. For more information on Kroger Community Rewards and instructions for how to enroll, visit <https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow/>.



**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!** Squires and the PTA are always in need of volunteers. Volunteers make many things possible and help to ease the burden on our teachers and staff. Volunteers are needed to help with picture day, to be a parent representative in school committees and even to read books to our kids. If you are interested in volunteering, please email the PTA at [ptasquires@gmail.com](mailto:ptasquires@gmail.com) or call and speak to Mrs. Fister in the front office at (859) 381-3002.

*"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members."  
Coretta Scott King – author, musician, activist, civil rights leader and wife of Martin Luther King*



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