

MOHARIMET PTO COMMITTEES, PROGRAMS, EVENTS & MEETINGS

This list provides an outline of volunteer opportunities and short descriptions of PTO-related events held throughout the year. Aside from our annual community-building events, the PTO sponsors many other activities throughout the year, including the school-wide theatre event, field trips and curriculum enrichment programs. The PTO is committed to finding ways for willing and available parents/families to help whenever and wherever possible. We strive to be inclusive and would love to hear about how you would like to actively participate in our efforts. The contribution of your time, large or small, is always much appreciated! If you would like to volunteer for any of these committees and/or events, please be sure to “like” us and “follow” us on FACEBOOK @ *Moharimet PTO*, email us at moharimetpto@gmail.com, browse our website www.moharimetpto.org, and look for signup genius links in our MOH Newsletter throughout the year.

☺ THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! ☺

PTO COMMITTEES:

Family Fun Run/Ice Cream Social Committee- Lace up your sneakers and come walk/run a ½ mile or 1 mile loop through the beautiful Moharimet woods. Take some time to get to know your classmates and neighbors! Help us plan this great community event!

Committee Chairs: Toni Saunders and Brian Kavanagh
Volunteers needed: 10
Time Frame: September (trail cleaning day & day of event assistance)

Picture Day: The PTO needs a few volunteers over 2 days to help our local photographer during picture day. The PTO is rewarded with a monetary donation from our photographer.

Volunteers needed: 10-15
Time Frame: 2 hour shifts, September 12 & 13

Classroom Coordinator Committee- Each classroom has a volunteer parent who can be available to the teacher and act as a liaison for the PTO. This job mainly involves sending emails regarding upcoming events, requesting volunteers for PTO activities, and organizing class gifts for teachers.

Committee Chairs: Bevie Ketel
Volunteers needed: 1 per classroom
Time Frame: Full year commitment, roughly 15-30 minutes per month or depending on teacher's needs

Moharimet T-shirt and MOH-Merch Sales Committee- Each year, a new t-shirt is designed for families to purchase during one of our big fundraising endeavors. These t-shirts are great keepsakes, gift ideas, and perfect for Spirit Day. We hope to add some other “MOH-Merch” items to the line-up this year. Profits go directly toward MOH community events. For the most part, help is needed to sort through orders and distribute.

Committee Chair: Laura Price and Bevie Ketel
Volunteers needed: 2-3
Time Frame: September – October for t-shirt distribution. Periodically throughout year to sell at events.

Smoke Signals Directory Committee- Every fall, the PTO creates a school directory featuring helpful information and contacts. Help is needed to organize and edit the directory. This year, we also will be offering advertisement space to local business for a small donation and help is needed to collect donations and digital ads.

Committee Chairs: Sarah Schaier and Sarah Jeong
Volunteers needed: 3
Time Frame: September - October

Baking Committee- This tasty committee bakes all the yummy treats for school events and multiple bake sales throughout the school year. Do you love baking? If so, this committee is for you! This is a great chance to participate in our efforts by contributing any baking skills you may have, from a small tray of brownies to a large platter of fancy pastries.

Committee Chairs: Karen Matta-Oshima & Tiffany Caudle
Volunteers needed: We'll take as many volunteers as are willing!
Time Frame: Help throughout the year, as needed

Pumpkin Stroll Event Committee- For one magical night in October, the woods of Moharimet are lit up with hundreds of jack-o-lanterns carved by the children. Families come together to walk the lit trail through the woods, then enjoy cider, popcorn, music and stories by the bonfire. We need volunteers to help organize this beloved event, run the popcorn station and bake sale and keep everything going smoothly. Sign up for a shift and you'll still have time to enjoy the event with your family!

Committee Chair: Rebecca McEwan and Giana Gelsey
Volunteers needed: We'll take as many volunteers as are willing!
Time Frame: Planning meeting late September/early October, 1+ hour shift on day of event

Taste of Moharimet Committee- This community potluck dinner needs some basic coordinating and organization to make it happen. It will feature the many tastes of our Moharimet community and maybe we'll even have a visit from Mr. Harrington and his famous chicken curry!

Committee Chair: Toni Saunders
Volunteers needed: 10
Time Frame: Planning October; 1+ hour shifts at Moharimet on 11/03

Box Tops Committee- This is an easy way to earn money for Moharimet during your daily shopping! Look for items specially marked with a Box Top logo, cut out the logo and send your collection into school with your child. Each box top is worth 10 cents! We will have periodic Box Top collection deadlines to tally up recent donations and be sure to look for other ways MOH will seek to boost our collection throughout the year! Special recognition for reaching our collection goal of 15,000 BOX TOPS for the year will be presented in June. Committee members will help trim and count submissions, prepare Facebook posts and posters at Moharimet with counts and progress reports toward our annual goal, and organize our end of year reward.

Committee Chairs: Vail Cox & Christine Conlon
Volunteers needed: 5-10
Time Frame: Help throughout the year, as needed (great job to do while watching TV).

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Committee Help us organize our celebrations of Moharimet's teachers and staff with tokens of appreciation throughout the year. Examples include: "Back to School Breakfast", teacher wish-lists, "Thanks a Latte" event, School Lunch Hero Day, a week of special gestures in May, flowers/gifts for special events and Teacher Appreciation Luncheon in June.

Committee Chairs: Jill Wiley & Bevie Ketel
Volunteers needed: 10-15
Time Frame: Periodic planning of events; 1+ hour shifts on days of events

Winter Carnival Event Committee- This is a cherished annual event that brings us out of hibernation for a fun-filled family day of carnival games, activities, entertainment and food! We revamped it last year and made room for new games and we moved it to ORHS to accommodate our Mast Way neighbors.

Committee Chairs: Toni Saunders & Giana Gelsey
Volunteers needed: 15-20
Time Frame: Planning October – January; 1+ hour shifts at ORHS

Visiting Author Event/Book Fair- The PTO provides volunteers to support the Library Media Center's efforts. These two events alternate annually. This year will be our school-wide Book Fair, organized by Margaret Kelley, Library Media Specialist, and staffed by our volunteers. Volunteers are needed to assist with set-up, sales, and clean up on days of Book Sale.

Committee Chair: Toni Saunders
Volunteers needed: 5-10
Time Frame: 1+ hour shifts on March 19-20

Fourth Grade Fun Day/Recognition Committee- This tradition celebrates Moharimet's 4th graders as they anticipate the move up to the Oyster River Middle School. The Fun Day begins as their own "Field Day," including games and activities, and then culminates in a special evening ceremony to acknowledge the graduating class of Moharimet. The committee also compiles a memory book, to be distributed to each 4th grader. Traditionally, parents of 4th graders lead this committee.

Committee Chair: Rebecca Kell
Volunteers needed: 8-10 Committee Members; 20-25 Fun Day Volunteers
Time Frame: 2 to 3 month planning commitment in the spring
1 day hands-on commitment at Moharimet in June

After School Clubs- Many of our after school enrichment experiences are offered through our PTO. Some of these are free and some are small fundraisers. We would love to expand these programs with the help of our talented community parents/families/teachers. If you would like to run an After School Club, but are not sure how to plan it, let us know and we'll work with you to make it happen! If you would like to help here and there, we will gladly put you in touch with a Club leader. Some club ideas for this year: Art Club, Chess Club, Ecology Club, Fitness Club, Writer's Workshop/Nature Writing, STEAM (Science/Technology/Engineering/Art/Math) Club. [Note: **Quest Martial Arts** also runs an after-school program at Moharimet and all proceeds from this program directly support the PTO. This club is run by Quest and no volunteers are needed.]

PTO Contact: Heather Smith
Time Frame: Once a week for 4-6 weeks, plus necessary planning time

Nutrition and Wellness Committee- This committee fosters efforts to promote a healthy lifestyle, addressing nutrition, safety, physical activity and emotional wellness.

Committee Chair: Serena Kow, School Nurse
Volunteers needed: 1-2 parent representatives
Time Frame: Full year commitment, meeting once per month

Philanthropy & Sunshine Committee- The mission of this committee is to create opportunities for our Moharimet families to give back to the larger community through gestures large and small. Our largest effort, **Penny Day** (100th Day of School), provides MOH with the opportunity to donate to a non-profit organization. This committee is also charged with offering gestures of kindness to our families in need of comfort due to unforeseen circumstances. Other philanthropic efforts are organized through the school nurse's office and specific classrooms.

Committee Chairs: Executive Council members
Volunteers needed: 2
Time Frame: Help throughout the year, as needed

501(c)3 Compliance Committee- Last year, MOH PTO officially became a non-profit organization with 501(c)3 status. If you are familiar with this process and the state and federal requirements for compliance, we welcome your input and expertise. You would be working directly with the Executive Council.

Committee Chairs: Executive Council members
Volunteers needed: 1-3, preferably with relevant knowledge
Time Frame: Until December

Other Volunteer Possibilities: Curriculum Enrichment Committee – not a PTO committee, but if you are interested in helping with Sugaring program and the Pancake Breakfast, contact Holly Burt

MOHARIMET PTO COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Additional events not listed may be planned throughout the year, so please keep up with our newsletter and school emails/notes home. We are always eager to hear new ideas!

Last Fridays of the Month	MOH SPIRIT DAYS Wear your school colors (BLUE & WHITE) or MOH t-shirts! Details of new ways to celebrate MOH school spirit in the works.
Friday 9/16 (rain date 09/23)	Family Fun Run Lace up your sneakers and come walk/run a ½ mile or 1 mile loop through the beautiful Moharimet woods. Take some time to get to know Moharimet's new principal, David Goldsmith, as you enjoy some ice cream! This is a great community event!
Thursday 10/18 (rain date 10/19)	Pumpkin Stroll (<i>Curriculum Enrichment Committee and PTO Event</i>) Come stroll the trails behind our very own Sugar Shack and admire the hundreds of shining jack-o-lanterns, carved by our children. Gather with family and friends around the bonfire and enjoy music and storytelling. Popcorn, apple cider, and baked treats will be available for purchase! Join us for this wonderful Moharimet tradition!
Tuesday 11/3	Taste of Moharimet Community Dinner Come enjoy the many tastes of our Moharimet community and maybe we'll even have a visit from Mr. Harrington and his famous chicken curry!
Monday 3/19-20	Book Fair (<i>School Library Event</i>) Check the newsletter closer to the event for details.
Wednesday 2/6	Penny Day (<i>date subject to change</i>) Annually, we recognize the 100 th day of school with the collection of 100 pennies (or coin equivalent) from each child. Students bring in their coins and participate in educational games and activities with their pennies in their classrooms. At the end of the day, coins are collected and donated to a local charity that the children will have chosen.
Friday Feb 15	Sweetheart Dance (<i>Durham Parks and Recreation Event</i>) A fun evening out for families of Moharimet & Mast Way. PTO will have a Bake Sale table set up at the event.
Saturday Feb 9 (snow date 02/16)	Winter Carnival A cherished annual event that brings us out of hibernation for a fun-filled family day of carnival games, activities, food, and entertainment for all!
Saturday Apr TBD	Pancake Breakfast (<i>Curriculum Enrichment Committee Event</i>) This event is the celebration of the maple sugaring season at Moharimet and the "fruit" of our children's labor! Most years, our MOH friend Mr. Jim Davis, who boils the sap and bottles our syrup, offers tours of the MOH Sugar Shack to families. This is a fundraiser for the MOH sugaring operation, not the PTO.
May (TBD)	The Day of the Year of the Farmer (school theme day) (<i>Curriculum Enrichment Committee Event</i>) This event is a school-wide celebration during the school day. More information will be available at a later date.

Friday
5/3

School Lunch Hero Day

Let's celebrate our school cafeteria staff! More information will be available at a later date.

Mon – Fri
5/6-5/10

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week

Special gestures will be organized to show how much we appreciate all that our Moharimet Teachers and Staff do for our children everyday of the year! More information will be available at a later date.

Sunday
6/2

Join MOH's Annual "Stain Train" & Volunteer Appreciation Gathering

Each year, MOH's fantastic playground requires another coat of stain. We rely on our community to get it done! Many hands make light work, so please join us for an afternoon of playground upkeep and allow us to thank you for all your help throughout the year!

PTO MEETINGS SCHEDULE:

Held monthly, Wednesdays/Thursdays alternating, 7:00 pm @ Moharimet West Wing

September:	Thurs 9/20
December:	Weds 12/12
April:	Weds 4/10
May:	Thurs 5/16

2018-2019 MOH PTO Executive Council

<i>Chair:</i>	Heather Smith
<i>Co-chairs:</i>	Bevie Ketel Nicole Smith
<i>Finance Chair:</i>	Kate Dube
<i>Communications Chair:</i>	Sarah Schaier
<i>Events Chair:</i>	Toni Saunders
<i>Fundraising Chair:</i>	Sarah Jeong

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