

WELCOME TO THE MOHARIMET PTO!

This list provides *short descriptions of PTO-related events and activities* held throughout the year. Aside from our annual community-building events, the PTO sponsors many other activities, including field trips, teacher wish lists, and curriculum enrichment programs.

The PTO is committed to fostering an inclusive and welcoming community. We are always looking for willing and available parents/families to help whenever and wherever possible. We would love to hear from you regarding how you would like to actively participate in planned events, as well as creating new ones! The contribution of your time, large or small, is always much appreciated and necessary!

If you would like to **volunteer** for any of the following planning committees, please go to our webpage at moharimetpto.org, where you will find a “volunteer here” link to a SignUpGenius.

Additional volunteer opportunities and opportunities to lend or donate items for the day of the event will be posted in SignUpGenius links in the biweekly MOH newsletters, as well as on the PTO website.

Be sure to “like” us and “follow” us on FACEBOOK @ *Moharimet PTO*.

If you have any questions or comments, please email us at moharimetpto@gmail.com.

☺ THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! ☺

PTO EVENTS:

Welcome Back Social and Family Fun Run Event: Lace up your sneakers and come walk/run a ½ mile or 1 mile loop through the beautiful Moharimet woods. Afterward, enjoy some tasty refreshments and catch up with classmates and neighbors, new and old. *(Time frame: typically late August/early September, 1 hour shifts; year 2020-2021 postponed until spring)*

Pumpkin Stroll Event: 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! *(Time frame: late September to mid October, event shifts vary)*

Winter Carnival Event: 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! *(Time frame: planning November, shifts and set up on a Friday and Saturday in early February)*

Taste of Moharimet and Game Day Event: This community potluck dinner and game night needs some basic coordinating and organization to make it happen. *(Time frame: planning in early April, short shifts day of)*

PTO COMMITTEES:

Moharimet T-shirt and MOH-Merch Sales: 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 for spirit day. For the most part, help is needed to sort through orders and distribute. If you wish to help design the T-shirt, please contact the PTO! *(Time frame: September-November, work varies)*

MOH Directory: Every fall, the PTO creates a school directory featuring helpful information and contacts. Help is needed to organize and edit the directory. *(Time frame: September-October)*

Classroom Coordinator: Each classroom has a volunteer parent(s) 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, organizing class gifts for teachers, and helping support the teacher in the classroom (*Time frame: year around, variable*)

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 (*Time frame: 2-3 hours shifts, usually 2 days in September*)

Baking Committee: This 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. (*Time frame: periodic*)

Teacher and Staff Appreciation: 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. (*Time frame: periodic, occasional 1 hour shifts*)

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. (*Time frame: a few days in spring, 1-2 hour shifts*)

Fourth Grade Fun Day/Recognition: 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. Traditionally, parents of 4th graders lead this committee. (*Time frame: planning in spring, 1 day hands on 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.*]

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