## PINE STREET PTO NEWSLETTER (

Your official Parent-Teacher Organization Newsletter



## THAT'S A WRAP!

By Erica McCarthy, PTO President

If you've never seen it before, the picture above is our PTO office at PSS that we are so fortunate to have. All volunteers and committee chairpersons are permitted to use this space as needed for their volunteer roles at the school. This photo shows it in it's most organized state on an early start to the day, but it quickly becomes a packed and hustling workshop during events, spirit shop sales, and flier printing!

I have felt so honored to share this space with some amazing volunteer leaders in the school. Numerous meetings, lots of brainstorming, and memorable jokes have occurred in this space for the 2019-20 year, and will continue for all years ahead! If asked what I will miss the most about being a regular in this space...it's the children who poke their heads in the door, curious as to what happens in this room! There was possibly a candy bowl on the coffee table and some of your children might have only known me as the Candy Lady, heehee. I might also miss smiley face fries;)! If children came to the room in the earliest part of the day during morning announcements and the Pledge of Allegiance started, in August, we just giggled and stared at each other with our hands over our hearts. So by September, I placed an American Flag in the corner and we stood at attention with smiles and this room suddenly felt more connected to the students at PSS! PTO has <u>always</u> been about serving the families, teachers, AND students!

This year flew for me and I enjoyed meeting so many people through this experience. I gained the knowledge that we REALLY are all in this together and it takes EVERYONE to make serving a success. What a year that won't be forgotten...for many reasons! Thank you teachers, staff and families for allowing me to serve you!

In Panther Pride, Erica



## MAY 2020 PTO MEMBER HIGHLIGHT



**Katie Jordan** has served as PTO Treasurer for 2 years and has been essential in all discussions pertaining to the functions of the PSS PTO. She's dedicated to the big picture, she's funny, and is a loyal friend. There are too many experiences to list with all that she has accomplished and positively influenced in PTO, but there's no doubt that she's been a huge asset and soundboard to the school as a whole! She will complete her time serving in this position at the beginning of the next school year as she works to train our incoming Treasurer for 2020-21. Thank you Katie for all of your time and work with our PTO. You have been an incredible teammate and advisor during your time!



## CLOSING UP THE YEAR

I'd like to end this year's newsletter by stating that your PSS PTO provides support for your student(s) and their teacher, keeps positivity flowing by celebrating staff and faculty through the year, supports our community, provides scholarships when needed, hosts many school events, and carries on the amazing traditions that make PSS #ForeverPine!! You all need to know that your time and volunteerism are **ESSENTIAL** for allowing PSS to provide the most healthy and memorable school experience for all. When next Fall rolls around and you are given the opportunity for membership, I hope you will say 'yes' and be a part of this special family of volunteers even if just to be in the first message wave of volunteer opportunities, or to receive a monthly newsletter! KNOW the difference you can make at PSS!!

2020-21 ZEXECUTIVE TEAM

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