



**Mt. Horeb Elementary School**  
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*Shining Brighter Every Day*

September, 2020

Dear Mt. Horeb Families:

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year at Mt. Horeb! This year will be unlike any other, and we are excited to do our part to make it special. Each year, the PTO plans many amazing events, such as Cultural Arts Assemblies, Field Day, Author's Day, Family Fun Nights (like Trunk or Treat), and Teacher "Wish List" items. This year we will have to be creative in our planning, as a vast majority of our events will be suspended due to hybrid / virtual learning and gathering restrictions. We are proceeding with the annual Wish List program, and all staff purchases will be directly related to distance learning to make it the best possible experience for the students. And we would *love* to hear your suggestions on interesting and engaging virtual activities ... Family Reading Night via Zoom? We like it! Tell us your suggestions! While we hope to resume in-person programming later in the year, we are currently focused on what we can do to enhance the student experience *today*.

In light of current events, we are suspending our annual donation campaign. We do encourage you to become a PTO Member and join us on this journey, and the Membership Fee this year is \$25.00 per family. Additional donations in excess of the \$25.00 Membership Fee are, of course, most welcome, as we anticipate a significant loss of revenue due to limited programming opportunities. For example, Food Days, our largest revenue producer by a large margin, will be modified (if offered at all), and this is expected to result in reduced participation and, concurrently, reduced revenue to the PTO for future programming.

**Ways to Join and Donate:** Please fill out the attached Membership Form and mail to Darlene Carter 50 Casale Drive South, Warren, NJ 07059. You can also join online either via Venmo @MtHoreb-Gators (indicate the name of your child(ren) in the comments) or MyFoodDays.com. As MyFoodDays takes a small administrative fee, reducing the amount received by the PTO, we do prefer check or Venmo. **\*\*Please remember to ask if your employer offers a Matching Gift.\*\*** When you join the PTO you also will receive access to the Mt. Horeb Directory, which will again be available online.

Thank you, in advance, for supporting your PTO. If you have any questions, please contact the Executive Board at mthorebpto@gmail.com. We wish you and your children all the best in the coming year. Stay Safe.

Sincerely,

The PTO Executive Board

Darlene Carter, Jill Parry, Meruka Hazari, Debra Finkelstein, Toni-Ann Feeney and Darby Finkelstein

**Please detach and mail to Darlene Carter, 50 Casale Drive South, Warren, NJ 07059.**

You will receive a donation receipt with the PTO's tax-exempt ID number for any donation in excess of the Membership Fee.

Please indicate your family name, child(ren) name(s) and class(es) on the line below:

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 \*Note: If you have more than one child in school, you need only submit one form naming all children.

**JOIN PTO:** \$25.00 Membership Fee (includes access to online Directory)

**DONATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ Optional Additional Donation

\_\_\_\_\_ **Total Membership Fee and Donation**

**Does your employer offer company matching of gifts?** Yes / No