

# BACK TO SCHOOL



## WELCOME To Scouters Mountain!

To our new students and their loved ones, welcome to the Scouters Mountain family! To our returning students and families, welcome back! We are excited for the 2022-2023 school year and for all the fun and educational opportunities that this year will provide.

What is the PTA? Scouters Mountain Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is here to support families, teachers, and students as we learn and grow together. We truly believe that we are stronger when we come together to build community and uplift each and every voice. We put on events like Bingo Night, Popcorn Parties for classrooms, and an end of the year celebration. To raise money for our classrooms and to promote student success, we hold fundraisers like: Jog-A-Thon and Dinners Night Out. We also promote communication and idea-sharing among teachers, staff and families.

We welcome your involvement and generosity, as that will make the Scouters Mountain community stronger, not just this year, but for years to come.

*Thank You,*  
**SCOUTERS MOUNTAIN PTA**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**PTA General Meeting**  
**Sept 15th @ 6:30 PM**  
**Location: Scouters Mtn.**

**JOG-A-THON**  
**Friday, Sept 30th**



# Welcome Principal Mike Potter



Since the fall of 2018, Principal Curtis Long has been the principal at Scouters Mountain Elementary. With heavy hearts, we said good-bye to Principal Long at the end of the 2021-2022 school year, as he transitioned into the North Clackamas School District's (NCSD) Community Relations Director position.

With Principal Long's departure, we want to introduce you to our new Principal, Mike Potter! Mr. Potter has been working in the NCSD for his entire career. He started at North Oak Grove, now known as Oak Grove Elementary in Milwaukie. He taught Kindergarten, 4th, and 6th grade there. He then transitioned into an Assistant Principal position with Milwaukie/El Puente Elementary. After that, he became the principal of View Acres Elementary and most recently served as the principal for Sunnyside Elementary for the last five years.

On a personal note, Mr. Potter is married and has two daughters, a daughter in her third year at Oregon State University and a daughter who is a senior at Sam Barlow High School.

He shared that this school year will be similar to what the end of the school year was like. Meaning that volunteers are allowed back into the school to help in classrooms and school events, and that each grade will be kept together to enjoy lunch and recess together. He reported that there will be Howl Assemblies, but is not sure yet, if those will continue to be virtual or in-person.

Mr. Potter holds the value that "all students and adults bring their best selves through the door every day." He wanted you all to know that he is excited to be a part of the Scouters Mountain school community and is focused on building relationships, connections, and celebrating each and every one of you! He stated, "this school is already amazing, I'm not here to change things, but to add value. I'm excited to be a part of this community!" **WRITTEN BY - Blanca Johnson**



## YOU BELONG IN THE PTA!

You should join our PTA because you will meet new people in a fun, welcoming environment. You'll connect with other families with kids your child's age, your child's teachers and school staff, some community leaders and more! When you belong to our PTA, you'll strengthen your child's community with your membership! We use your ideas and feedback to do things like improve the school grounds and host events that create opportunities for your child. Will you support our efforts by becoming a member today?

Please stay tuned for more information and details about how you can join and the associated fee for joining our PTA.

If you have questions and/or would like to join, please email:

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**Scouters Mtn Family Facebook Group**  
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**THURSDAY  
SEPT 15TH  
@ 6:30 PM**

### **PTA GENERAL MEETING**

Please join us on Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 6:30pm for our first general meeting of the 2022-2023 school year. This will be our first meeting in-person since the COVID pandemic forced our world to shut down! The meeting will be at school. All families are welcome to attend. At each meeting we review events, our budget, and vote on grants to support our teachers, staff, and students. You do not need to be a PTA member to attend, but you do need to be a member to vote.

**FRIDAY  
SEPT 30TH**

### **JOG-A-THON**

Jog-A-Thon is back and will be taking place on the track at Scouters Mountain on Friday, September 30th! This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and it is so much fun for our students. We need parent volunteers to make this a fun event for our school community. Even if you can't help for the entire event, we welcome any time you can provide! It's also so much fun to see the kids in action; enjoying this annual tradition.

If you are interested in helping to count laps, hand out water, set up or break down the event, etc., please contact:

**Nicole Woodfill: [nicole.woodfill@yahoo.com](mailto:nicole.woodfill@yahoo.com)**



## **WAYS TO HELP OUR PTA:**

### **AMAZON SMILE**

This program is a super simple way to support Scouters through purchases made on Amazon.com. Visit [amazonsmile.com](https://www.amazon.com/amazonsmile) and select Scouters Mountain PTA. The Scouters Mountain PTA will receive 0.5% from most purchases, which we then use for school events and teacher support. Unfortunately, Amazon Smile is not supported on iPads, so use your smart phone and/or computer when making purchases.

### **FRED MEYER COMMUNITY REWARDS**

To earn money for Scouters Mountain PTA each time you shop, simply link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Scouters Mountain PTA at [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](https://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards). You can search for us by name (SMEPTA) or by our non-profit number (TG173). Don't worry, you can still earn your rewards points, fuel points and rebates just like normal.

### **BOTTLE DROP**

Scouters Mountain PTA has a bottle drop account and you can recycle your cans and bottles and help earn money for our PTA. We have blue bags that you can use to fill up with your Oregon deposit containers. Once the bag is full, you can drop it off at a local bottle drop site. The closest site is at the Fred Meyer, Happy Valley location. If you would like to request a blue bag(s) and get more information about this program, please email our bottle drop coordinator, Blanca Johnson at [blanca\\_meisner@yahoo.com](mailto:blanca_meisner@yahoo.com).



# Ways You Can GET INVOLVED

As a school we all come together to bring a sense of community to our families and staff. As a member of our community, these are just a couple of ways you can get involved and make our community stronger:

## BACKPACK BUDDIES

Backpack Buddies is a volunteer-run program that provides nutritious weekend food packages for children in need. We provide this service for our Scouters Mountain students and are looking for volunteers to help. If you are interested in helping pack meals please email:

**Andrea Glasgow at [andrea.schoenheit@gmail.com](mailto:andrea.schoenheit@gmail.com)**

Our Backpack Buddies Coordinator

## PARENT WATCH

The mission of this program is simple:

**To provide an additional layer of security to our students and staff at our school.**

Unfortunately, in the world we live in today there is an extended level of vigilance needed at our schools to keep our students, staff, and teachers safe. This is a program that will be externally focused on the security around our school.

The biggest need for this newly established program is volunteers. If you are interested to learn more and/or get involved or have other family members that can help, please contact:

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**Sign Up To Volunteer on our PTA website**



**SAFETY  
FIRST**

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