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# **Grace PTO News**

# IT'S A WRAP! 2016-2017 IN REVIEW

Thank you to all families for a wonderful 2016-2017 school year. The PTO is grateful to our intrepid event leaders who tirelessly worked to bring fun activities, service opportunities, and community builders to the entire school. A round of applause for these great folks:

- Tyra Cochran (Treasurer)
- Patty Brundage (Grace Goodies)
- Elaine Horn (Pizza Lunch)
- Lecia Stein (Boxtops, Family Fun Day)
- Debbie Rideout (Caroling)
- Stephen & Patty Brundage, Eric & Christie Bergstrom (Bingo Night)
- Ann Ewing, Francine Rinzel (Book Drive & Dine Out)
- Katie Corman, Debbie Rideout (Winter Social)
- Lima Abdullah, Anthony Hayter, Randall McLeod (Auction)
- Susan Aldridge (Cookbook)
- Susan Aldridge, Kitty DiMartino (Faculty Appreciation Week)
- Luis Acosta & Karen Levin (Children's Toy Box)

And our very helpful room parents — thank you for your community building efforts: Melissa Carrion-Arteaga, Temnit Teskte, Jeri & Monte Hanes, Tara Meadows, Francine Rinzel, Portia White, Lori Perine, and Susan Aldridge.

We are also grateful to the scores of families who volunteered at these events. You are what makes Grace "great". We cannot do it without you!

Monies raised by the PTO throughout the year enable us, as a parent body, to give generously to the school and the Grace Scholars Fund. In 2016-2017, the PTO donated over \$70,000 to the school's financial aid program.

Your PTO co-chairs for the 2017-2018 school year are Jennifer Bonaguide and Katie Corman. Randall McLeod will assume the role of PTO Treasurer.

Have a wonderful, safe, and fun summer.

#### **PTO MISSION**

The Grace Episcopal Day School PTO promotes community-building and fundraising activities throughout the school year, to enhance our children's educational experiences outside of the classroom. Almost all of the PTO's net proceeds from fundraising activities are directed back to the school's Grace Scholars Fund, the financial aid program that benefits over 60% of our students.

All families are members of the Grace PTO; there are no dues or sign-up costs. We only ask that parents step forward to volunteer, in whatever way they can, at the numerous activities and events the PTO organizes every year. Through these events, our community is strengthened in friendship and support of our school.



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# WELCOME BACK PICNIC: SEPTEMBER 8, 2017

The 2017 Welcome Back Picnic will be held on Friday, September 8, at 5:00pm. This free event gives us a chance to reconnect as a community, get to know our children's new teachers, and meet new Grace families. The GraceWear shop will be open during the event.

The PTO will serve hotdogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, and drinks. Families contribute, pot-luck style, as follows:

 Preschool & Pre-K: Chips or Pretzels (and dip, if you'd like)

- Kindergarten & First Grade: Fruit or Green Salad
- Second & Third Grades: Side Dishes
- Fourth & Fifth Grades: Desserts

# SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES AT THIS EVENT

- Grill Masters
- GraceWear Sales

Reconnect with friends and faculty, and meet new Grace families at the Welcome Back Picnic on Friday, September 8. Bring a food item to share that corresponds with your child's grade. Hotdogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers and drinks are compliments of the Grace PTO.



#### **BOX TOPS FOR GRACE**

Use this summer to collect Box Tops from your favorite General Mills products. Every box top collected will earn the Grace PTO \$0.10...it all adds up! Clip carefully and please glance at the expiration date. Box tops that are ripped or out-of-date are not accepted. The PTO will send in box tops a few times a year which turns into cash for our programs!

#### **SUMMER CONTEST**

Collect box tops all summer long – in the first two weeks of school, the PTO will count each child's summer collection and award three prizes for the most box tops collected! Prize values will be \$15, \$10, and \$5 and will be announced at a school-wide assembly.

## WANTED: GENTLY USED UNIFORMS

Have your child's uniform pieces somehow gotten too small? Donate gently used items to GraceWear! The PTO accepts good-quality used uniforms throughout the year. Please edit your donations carefully — no stains, tears, or seriously frayed clothing will be resold.

Donations can be left in the school's main office.

The PTO will hold a GraceWear sale in August 2017 at the school. The exact date will be announced during the summer. If you are planning what to buy new versus what to buy through GraceWear, please know we have a good stock of all sizes, but especially size 8-10 bottoms (boys and girls).

Our supply of tops is a bit thinner, as shirts don't always make it through our quality control checks. Sweaters are plentiful.

Review your Grace Handbook for K-Grade 5 uniform requirements. Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten students do not wear uniforms.

#### **GRACEWEAR HELP NEEDED**

The PTO is also in need of a couple of parents to maintain the GraceWear inventory and manage the sales. The inventory needs to be kept tidy and organized in its storage space, which requires regular visits to the school (suggested – monthly or bimonthly) during school hours, to go through donations that have been received to evaluate items for resale suitability. Items that are not suitable for resale need to be taken to a donation center (e.g., Interfaith Resources) or disposed of, as appropriate. Finally, the GraceWear leaders set up and staff at least three annual sales (in August, at the Welcome Back Picnic, and at Bingo Night), and fulfill individual ad hoc requests for clothing sales.

If you are able to take on this role, please contact us at <a href="mailto:thegracepto@gmail.com">thegracepto@gmail.com</a>.

#### PIZZA LUNCH—FRIDAYS

What goes great with chocolate milk on Fridays? How about Pizza Lunch!

Pizza lunch is a weekly tradition adored by students. Pizza is served by parents on a weekly basis, from about the second or third week of September, through the end of the school year. Participating in pizza lunch is completely optional. If your child does not wish to have pizza, a bag lunch should be sent (hot lunch orders are not available on pizza days).

Our tradition of hosting a weekly pizza lunch will continue next year. Not only do the students love it, but it also stands as one of the most successful fundraisers for the PTO each year. Proceeds from pizza lunch underwrite many of the PTO's fall and winter events. Active parent participation is critical to the success of pizza lunch. We rely exclusively on parents (or extended family) to staff the pizza lunch service.

Parent volunteers are critical for pizza lunch success – not only do we require parents to serve pizza weekly, but parents also provide fruit and veggies to accompany the main dish. This year, we are again tweaking our pizza lunch program, in an effort to gain more volunteers to prepare and serve lunch.

#### A NEW DAY FOR PIZZA

In an effort to expand our pool of potential family volunteers, Pizza Lunch will be moving to Fridays (rather than Tuesday) in 2017-2018.

We hope this change better accommodates parents' work schedules. Individual class-rooms will continue to sponsor specific months of the calendar. You will be able to sign up for a date during a sponsored month as early as Back-to-School night.

In addition, we will be establishing a "reserve corps" of parents who are typically available on Fridays, to whom we can reach out (on a rotating basis), should we fall short of volunteers on any given week. We would like to have 4 to 6 parents on our reserves list. If you are able to be a resource in this capacity, please reach out to Elaine Horn, who is back for a second year managing this essential program. (Send an email to zjhmom@gmail.com.)

We hope to see every family sign up for serving pizza lunch once in the month corresponding to your child(ren)'s grade(s), and a second time at some point throughout the year. If your work is seasonally affected, feel free to select a date that better works for your schedule.

#### FRUITS AND VEGGIES

If you are interested in providing the fruit and veggies for a week, we ask that you please WASH and CUT the contributions into serving sizes. This greatly reduces the time that our servers need to be in the school (and away from their work and home commitments). If you are not serving pizza on this day, you may leave the fruits and veggies in the kitchen fridge adjoining the multi-purpose room. Fruit and veggies consist of two different fruits and two different vegetables sufficient to serve 75-80 people. We will have a shopping list with suggested items, but parents are free to substitute something else interesting.

#### **JOIN US!**

The children are always excited to see their parents at pizza lunch and we hope you are able to step in and enjoy a lunch period with your child. We also welcome local or visiting grandparents to help with pizza lunch!



#### PIZZA LUNCH TIME COMMITMENT

To serve pizza lunch, we ask that you arrive at 11:45 am to set up the room, organize the fruit and veggie donations into serving platters, and receive the pizza order. Preschool-Prekindergarten and Kindergarten orders are also separated out and delivered to those rooms.

The PTO provides pizza to the faculty and this is also delivered by our volunteer servers.

After lunch is served (12:30 pm - 1:00 pm), the supplies are put away. You should be completely done by 1:15 pm.

# PIZZA LUNCH CLASS CALENDAR

Each class "sponsors" a month of pizza lunch. Parents and extended family members are encouraged to focus their pizza volunteerism to these months, first, before selecting a second time during the year to serve pizza lunch or provide the fruits and veggies.

• **September:** Reserve corps/ regular volunteers

• October: Fourth Grade

• November: Preschool & Pre-Kindergarten

December: Kindergarten

• January: First Grade

• February: Second Grade

• March: Third Grade

• April: Fourth Grade

• May: Fifth Grade

• **June:** Anybody!

#### PENNYWORTH SHOP

The PTO is seeking to revamp the school community's connection to The Pennyworth Shop, the Grace Church's thrift shop that benefits the church's Homeless Ministry. Traditionally, members of the school community volunteered at the shop for a few hours on the third Saturday of every month. Support and interest in this commitment has waned, however. The PTO is keen to support and connect with Grace Church's own service programs, and welcomes new ideas and leadership in this regard.

If you are interested in working with the Church's Pennyworth volunteers to revitalize the partnership between the Church's volunteers and the PTO, please contact <a href="mailto:thegracepto@gmail.com">thegracepto@gmail.com</a>.

#### SERVICE TO OTHERS: MAKING CONNECTIONS

Foundational to the Grace mission is service to others. Sheena Jacob and Debbie Rideout are developing a plan to offer Grace Episcopal Day School students opportunities outside of the classroom that enhance their formation as community service-oriented citizens so that they can grow in gratitude for their own blessings and in grace toward others. The emphasis will be to offer the school community collective service opportunities that directly build relationships with those in need.

While there are many approaches to community service, the PTO's focus in 2017-2018 will be to provide opportunities for Grace students and families and to regularly connect with recipients. This model offers significant benefits to the recipient and deeper understanding to the provider.

#### **FOCUS: LOCAL SENIORS**

Residential senior care facilities usually have residents who are lonely, whose children and grandchildren may be living far away and unable to visit regularly and who deeply enjoy being in the presence of children who "remind them of their grandchildren." There are tremendous benefits for all parties from regular inter-generational

interactions. Over the course of the year, the program's co-chairs will establish a partnership with a local residential senior care facility to visit four times during the school year. During the visits, families will meet with facility residents to engage in shared activities of their choice such as art, story-telling, board games, reading together, talking, etc. in a common area. Towards the end of the visit, larger group activities such as singing, show and tell, bingo, etc. will take place.

#### **DETAILS AND DATES**

More information about this engaging program will be forthcoming in the early part of the school year. In addition, our Community Service co-chairs may coordinate about other one-time service opportunities, such as a Martin Luther King Day project.



### CHILDREN'S TOY BOX

We are happy to announce that the PTO will conduct its second annual toy drive in May to benefit the Children's Hospital Oncology Outpatient Clinic in Rockville. Under the leadership of Karen Levin & Luis Acosta, toys collected will be delivered to the clinic, in honor of a current Grace student who is also a patient. After receiving services at the Rockville Oncology Clinic, children are able to pick a small toy as a way to brighten their day that has likely been filled with treatments and needle sticks. We are honored to replenish their coffers.

Donated toys need not be expensive or big. Some ideas are: small Lego sets, crayons & coloring book, dinosaurs, matchbox cars, action figures, small books, little craft sets, beanie boos, DVDs, etc. Patients range in age from the very young to teenagers.

In 2017, the PTO collected an overflowing bin of toys for these kids who are medically challenged and are grateful to all families who participated. Thank you for your generosity.



# FAMILY FUN DAY: SEPTEMBER 23, 2017

Family Fun Day will be held on Saturday, September 23, 2017 from 10 am—2 pm. All Grace families and friends are invited. Bring your neighbors!

Moonbounces, games, face-painting, cupcake decorating, karaoke, and pony rides are the highlights of this fun event and child-friendly event. Expect to spend an hour or two enjoying our community building event, held on the school playground.

All the running around can make you hungry! At Family Fun Day, the PTO sells hotdogs, hamburgers, and veggie burgers.

Our co-chairs, Lecia Stein and Christie

Bergstrom, are also planning some new activities and surprises that are sure to entertain children of all ages.

Tickets for food and activities are sold for nominal amount. The number of tickets required for each activity and food purchase varies. While cash or checks are preferred, we can also accommodate credit card ticket purchases.

Family Fun Day needs a good number of "hands on deck" to pull off. Service opportunities at this event include:

- Grill masters
- Game supervisors
- Moonbounce supervisors

- Setup/cleanup
- Cupcake bakers
- Karaoke leaders
- Ticket takers

# SERVICE HOURS FOR ALUMNI

Has your Grace student graduated? Sign him/her up to help with this event! This year, the PTO will provide a letter for service hours for Grace alumni who are interested in helping out with ticket taking and activity monitoring. It's a fun and easy way to earn hours at their beloved elementary school. Please contact the PTO if your alumni are interested in helping out.

# We've learned our lesson after two years of hurricanes and dodging heavy downpours! The rain date for Family Fun Day is September 30.

# **GRACE GOODIES (FOR FACULTY)**

Grace Goodies is a biweekly tradition that demonstrates our deep appreciation to the Grace faculty and staff. Held every other Wednesday, families sign up to provide a small selection of baked goods and other treats. The family that has volunteered for the week delivers the treats to the faculty room on Wednesday morning, at your drop-off time.

#### TYPES OF TREATS

Show off your baking prowess or bring in quality store-purchased items that are easy to "grab and go" for the teacher's break (e.g., cookies, bars, mini-muffins, breads sliced and cut into halves, small fruits or cut fruit, etc.). In addition to baked treats and fruit, cheese and crackers, hummus and pita, or veggies and dip are also good options. Although homebaked treats are much appreciated, quality store-bought treats are also fine.

# GRACE GOODIES CHAIR NEEDED

The PTO is seeking a chair for this activity, which mostly entails monitoring the signup page to ensure every week is fulfilled. If there is a cancellation, the Grace Goodies chair is responsible for reaching out to other families to locate a back-up. Please contact the Grace PTO if you are interested in this leadership position.



## PARENT SPEAKER SERIES 2017-2018

In 2016, the PTO revived a Parent Speaker Series and held two events with expert presenters. The first was a contributor to Common Sense Media who spoke of making smart media choices for children. In May, we welcomed an alumni parent and representative of the Parent **Encouragement Program who** led a workshop entitled, "Understanding Friendships and Bullying." The PTO looks to continue this series in the 2017-2018 school year with two more speakers. Evening hours with childcare made available will be considered when making our schedule.

Planning for the 2017-2018 school year has already started and we are focusing on a topic related to diversity for the first half of the school year.

Have a parenting or life-lesson topic you'd like to see at a future event? Send your thoughts to the gracepto@gmail.com.

# BINGO NIGHT: FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2018

Bingo Night is a family-fun event. We don't take our bingo too seriously, but we do love to play! In the weeks preceding the event, a bin will be placed in the main hallway to collect small prizes. This is a great time to go through the holiday excess and find new items that are perfect for "re-gifting".

The PTO sells bingo cards for a nominal fee, as well as stampers. Pizza, drinks and cookies are also available for purchase.

After the pizza rush, it's game time! Our caller is not a professional but a beloved parent who knows how to get the crowd

and the stampers moving. BINGO! is called frequently and every winner gets to visit the prize table to claim a treasure.

Service opportunities for this event include:

- Pizza/drinks table staff
- Card/stamper sales
- Prize table oversight
- Cookie donations



# BOOK DRIVE & DINE OUT: JANUARY 27, 2018

In January, join us at a day-long Book Drive at Politics and Prose in Washington, DC. At this event, all P&P customers can request that a percentage of their receipts be directed to Grace Episcopal Day School's PTO.

In the week before the book drive, Grace faculty compile lists of books that they would like to see added to their classroom shelves. During the book drive, those lists are available so families, friends, and other P&P customers can purchase books for our classrooms. The PTO makes sure faculty receive their donations.

Throughout the book drive, the Grace PTO also collects new books for the Homeless Children's Playtime Project, a non-profit organization whose mission is to is to nurture healthy child development and reduce the effects of trauma among children living in temporary housing programs in Washington D.C.

While shopping for your children and your classrooms during the book drive, be sure to pick up some books for this worthy organization that always says "yes" when a child asks to take a book with him or her.

After finishing your Politics & Prose shopping, refuel with a lunch or dinner stop at Comet Ping Pong, just steps away. Write "Grace" on your Comet Ping Pong receipt and a portion of the tab will be donated back to the Grace PTO. Coordinate your timing with friends and make it a party! It's an easy (and delicious) way to support the PTO and our fundraising efforts.

Service opportunities at this event:

• One hour shift at information table at Politics & Prose

To learn more about the Homeless Children's Playtime Project, visit: www.playtimeproject.org



# SKATING (& MORE!) SOCIAL: MARCH 10, 2018 TENTATIVE

This event combines many fun activities: ice skating, chili cook-off, cookie bake-off, and karaoke.

- Bring your best chili recipe in a crockpot to share with friends!
- Enter your favorite cookies into the bake-off challenge!
- Take a break from the ice and belt out a tune on our karaoke machine!

Once again, we will first try to reserve the Herbert Wells Ice Arena in College Park for two hours on a Saturday evening. The Grace PTO rents the entire rink and a party room for Grace families, alumni, faculty, and friends.

The PTO sells pizza for a nominal fee. Chili, baked goods, and an array of hot and cold drinks are included in the cost of admission.

Due to the cost of renting the entire rink for just Grace friends and families, admission is charged for everybody — skaters as well as non-skaters (except children under 3); skate rental is an additional charge.

We hope to see many more chili entries this year. It's a friendly competition and the more chili, the merrier! Please be sure to bring your chili in a crockpot or slow cooker.

Service opportunities and participation for the Skating Social include:

- Enter chili
- Enter baked goods
- Staff karaoke machine
- Sell pizza
- Sell tickets/wristbands







The Spring Auction is the PTO's biggest fundraiser and signature event of the year. All families are welcomed to lend a hand with making the evening a success for our Grace Scholars.

# SPRING AUCTION: APRIL 14, 2018

The annual auction is the Grace PTO's biggest fundraising and community-building event of the year. Money raised at the auction enables us to make a significant contribution to the Grace Scholars Fund, the school's financial aid program, to which the PTO donates the auction's net proceeds.

The auction is comprised of a silent and live auction, as well as raffle drawings. Heavy hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine are typically included in the ticket cost. This year's auction will be held on Saturday, April 14, 2018.

Planning for the auction begins early and

it takes dozens of volunteers to organize and run the event. Volunteer opportunities run the gamut from heavily involved (e.g., decorating committee) to one time helps (e.g., selling raffle tickets one morning). There is also work that can be done after traditional work hours.

#### WORK BEGINS EARLY!

Much more information will be distributed in the early part of the school year as our auction co-chairs, Katie and Theo Paghiannis, start to organize the teams. For now, mark your calendars and secure your babysitters early – the auction is an adults-only evening.



# ONGOING FUNDRAISING

#### **SMILE.AMAZON**

Designate Grace Episcopal Day School (Kensington) as your charity of choice on the Amazon Smile program. Then, bookmark smile.amazon.com and use this URL to go about your shopping (purchase made on amazon.com or the Amazon app do not qualify for charitable contributions). The Grace PTO receives 0.5% of eligible purchases. Products, pricing and Prime! designations are the same as the regular Amazon site.

### GIANT FOODS A+ REWARDS

After September 15, register your Giant Rewards card (12 digit number) via <a href="http://giantfood.com/savings-and-rewards/rewards-program/aplus/">http://giantfood.com/savings-and-rewards/rewards-program/aplus/</a>. Grace Episcopal Day School's ID is 00904, or you can search by location. Our school will receive a variable cash reward for Giant purchases made using your reward card number.

### FACULTY APPRECIATION WEEK: MAY 2018

Closing out the school year is always fun with a Faculty Appreciation Week. Highlights of this event are Flower Day and the Faculty Luncheon.

On Flower Day, children bring in flower stems for their teachers. Volunteers help children find the right vases, and the PTO fills out the bouquets before delivering one to each faculty and staff member.

The Faculty Luncheon is the one day a year when all faculty are able to gather together for lunch. The PTO provides a

catered meal, with parents filling in sides, desserts and drinks. Parents also supervise lunch and recess for all grades (including preschool and prekindergarten), allowing teachers to spend a full hour together for lunch.

Service opportunities for this event:

- Flower arranging and delivery
- Food contributions
- Lunch and recess duty

#### **ROOM PARENTS**

The Grace PTO organizes room parents who serve as a resource for teachers in planning activities, coordinating events, and disseminating information to the rest of the grade's parents. Room parents are communication liaisons between the Grace PTO and families in their respective classes which facilitates our message delivery. Room parents are also used as a central point of contact for the class' parents and a friendly face for new families who may have questions about Grace.

Please expect to see a message from your child's room parent(s) in the early part of the school year. Your room parent will also be sending you messages on behalf of the PTO regarding topics such as upcoming events and volunteer needs throughout the year. Depending on his/her preferred method, your child's teacher may also ask room parents to coordinate special classroom activities.

### TRANSPORTATION FORUM

As a result of the discussion and parent brainstorming that occurred in the May 2017 PTO meeting, Karen O'Connor-Floman has explored transportation options for the 2017-2018 school year. After extensive research, the school has identified three potentially viable options for transportation for Grace families for the 2017-18 school year. Please take a moment to fill out this very brief (will take 1-2 minutes) survey – <a href="https://goo.gl/forms/EQzWFnjTfoS6Agoi2">https://goo.gl/forms/EQzWFnjTfoS6Agoi2</a> – so that the school can get an idea of how many families might be interested in the options available.

The survey will close on July 21.

Questions about the survey or options can be sent to karen@geds.org.

### GRACE FAMILY COOKBOOKS

Over 200 recipes have been assembled by Grace families, friends, and faculty, including recipes from all of our Heads of School in the 2017 Grace Family Cookbook! Purchase your copies of the Grace Family Cookbook (\$10/each) by contacting the PTO at <a href="mailto:thegra-cepto@gmail.com">thegra-cepto@gmail.com</a>. They make a great gift for grandparents and loved ones!

# PTO MEETINGS: SECOND THURSDAYS OF THE MONTH

The PTO survey in 2015 revealed that working parents are better able to attend evening meetings. For the 2017-2018 school year, we will operate on an alternating schedule of morning/evening meetings. We encourage all families to attend our PTO meetings. Younger siblings are always welcomed at our morning meetings.

#### **DATES AND LOCATION**

We typically meet in the Grace Library unless another school event presents a conflict. In these cases, a note will be posted in the Gryphon News and/or in the hallway, letting you know where we will be gathering.

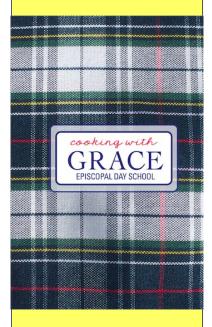
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- Thursday, October 12, 2017 –
  8:45AM
- Thursday, November 9, 2017 6:30PM

- Thursday, December 14, 2017 8:45PM
- Thursday, January 11, 2018 6:30PM
- Thursday, February 8, 2018 –
  8:45AM
- Thursday, March 8, 2018 6:30PM
- Thursday, April 12, 2018 8:45AM
- Thursday, May 10, 2018 6:30PM

We try to publish agendas in advance, but are not always successful. We also try to post meeting notes. If you don't see a particular month's notes, please let us know and we will recap for you.

#### **CONFERENCE LINE**

If you can't join us in person, we do have a conference number: (712) 432-1212. The participant code is 637-486-497#.





### RESERVED PARKING SPOTS

Two parking spots were purchased by Grace families during the 2017 Spring Auction. These spots are marked with "Reserved" signs and are next to the handicapped spots in the school parking lot.

Please be respectful of our auction patrons and do not park in either of the two spaces, even if you're "just running in". We appreciate you spreading the word to others who perform drop-off/pick-up duties for your family.

# KEEP UP TO DATE

How do you find out about PTO events and activities? First, read the weekly Gryphon News, which is distributed by the school administration. PTO events, meetings, and information will be included whenever relevant (usually every week). In addition, there is a bulletin board outside of the main office that we use to post information. Check it out during drop off!

You can also join us on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/groups/thegracepto/). Look for a new webpage, to be launched over the summer, in conjunction with the school's website refresh project. And you can always reach your PTO co-chairs, Jennifer & Katie, at thegracepto@gmail.com.

# PTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Below is the current calendar for the PTO's 2017-2018 school year. Events and activities not listed will be publicized as dates are established. Please check the Gryphon News, the PTO Facebook page and the bulletin board for updated information.

<b>Event</b>	Date	Time	Location
Welcome Back Picnic	September 8, 2017	5:00pm	playground
Meeting	September 14, 2017	6:30pm	library
Family Fun Day	September 23, 2017	10:00am – 2:00pm	playground
	Rain date: September 30, 20	17	
PTO Meeting	October 12, 2017	8:45am	library
PTO Meeting	November 9, 2017	6:30pm	library
PTO Meeting	December 14, 2017	8:45am	library
PTO Meeting	January 11, 2018	6:30pm	library
Bingo Night	January 12, 2018	6:30pm – 8:30pm	library
Book Fair/Dine Out	January 27, 2018	10:00am – 5:00pm	Politics & Prose, Comet Ping Pong
PTO Meeting	February 8, 2018	8:45am	library
PTO Meeting	March 8, 2018	6:30pm	library
Winter Social	March 20, 2018*	5:00pm – 7:00pm*	Herbert Wells Ice Arena, College Park*
PTO Meeting	April 12, 2018	8:45am	library
Spring Auction**	April 14, 2018	6:00pm – 10:00pm	Grace Church*
PTO Meeting	May 10, 2018	6:30pm	library

<sup>\*</sup>tentative

Interested in volunteering for an event or want to learn more about co-chairing an activity? Don't be shy! We have opportunities for a wide range of availability and interests. Contact Jennifer & Katie by email and we'll connect you with something that fits your talents and schedule.



Grace Episcopal Day School will provide every student the opportunity for academic excellence in a caring, nurturing, moral environment that embraces diversity and promotes creativity, self-confidence, and service to others.

<sup>\*\*</sup>adults only