# Montpelier Elementary PTO Newsletter

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### **Upcoming Events**

Family Movie Night - December 2 Holiday Shop - December 2, 5 and 6 Toys for Tots - December 5th -15th PTO Board Meeting - December 13 Winter Break - Dec 23 - 31

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## Montpelier Elementary PTO Vice President: Chastity Durham-Miller

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### Message from the President - 12/1/16

We hope you all enjoyed your Thanksgiving Holiday! Your PTO Board has been very busy holding and planning several events through this next year. We currently had a vacant position available - Communication Coordinator. The Communication Coordinator would be responsible for posting on social media, website, keep the calendar up to date and sending out text and email reminders of upcoming events. If you feel like you would be a good fit for this position please send me an email at montpelierptopresident@gmail.com

We have also sent out a flyer for everyone to sign up for our text alerts – these texts are sent out to inform you of events that are coming up and to alert you of any other pertinent information that needs to go out to parents. To sign up for this please text @montpto to 81010

### What is the PTO and why should I join?

PTO comprises of over 6 million parents and other concerned adults devoted to the educational success of children and the promotion of parental involvement in schools. PTO's are organizations that pride themselves on being powerful advocates for ALL children, a relevant source for families and communities, and a strong advocate for public education. Membership in PTO is open to anyone who is concerned with education, health and welfare of children and youth.

#### I don't have time, should I still join?

YES! Joining the Montpelier Elementary PTO will not commit you to long hours of volunteering. If you are able to put in a few hours here and there, it would be greatly appreciated. By joining the PTO you are simply stating that you support what the PTO does here at Montpelier Elementary on behalf of all of the students.

#### I am ready, how do I join the PTO?

Simply send an email to montpelierptovolunteers@gmail.com or montpelierptopresident@gmail.com and a form will be emailed to you. If you have any questions you can always give Joy Haghtalab (President) a call at 240-294-3397.

#### Family Movie Night - December 2 (6:30pm - 8:30pm)

PTO Movie night is back - students were sent home a ballot to choose their favorite movie and the winning movie will be played on December 2. Tickets for the movie are \$4.00/pp or \$3.00/pp (family of 4 or more). Dinner is included with the ticket purchase, popcorn is \$1.00 but each child will be sent home a FREE popcorn ticket that they will be able to redeem on 12/2. Dress in your PJ's, bring your blankets, lawn chairs and have a GREAT time! All children must be supervised by an adult at all times.

### Holiday Shop - December 2, 5 and 6 (6pm-8pm)

The Lil' Shopper's Shoppe® will be set up in the school media center and will be run by parent and grandparent volunteers. Gifts are priced for a child's budget, ranging from \$0.25 to \$10.00, with most priced under \$5.00. There are gifts available for ALL the members of your Lil' Shopper's family.

### Toys for Tots - December 5 - 15

Montpelier PTO is collecting toys for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program to help less fortunate children receive gifts this holiday season. To participate, please send in a new. unwrapped gift and drop it off in the boxes in the lobby between December 5<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>. Families may request toys as well by signing up at: https://aatft.formstack.com/forms/pgifrform