

2025-26 PTO Year in Review

At KCH Elementary, our PTO is dedicated to fostering connection, community, and support. We're here to enrich the educational experience for our students, bring families together, and uplift the amazing staff who make it all possible.

TOTAL AMOUNT INVESTED IN STUDENTS: \$12,000

Field trips, third-grade breakfast, gift cards for families (Robert Montgomery Fund), KCH Art Show, and more!

TOTAL AMOUNT INVESTED IN STAFF: \$3,000

Teacher reimbursements and annual Staff Appreciation Week.

EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS 2025-26:

Summer Playground Meet Up
Glow Run
Mustang March
Fall 1k Halloween Parade
KCH Trunk or Treat
Book Fair Family Night
Holiday Shopping Spree
Family Game Night
Stamp & Stroll Challenge
Stuffed Animal Sleepover
Love for Lolo Week
Third Grade Bloom Project
Third Grade Breakfast
KCH Night at the Mets
June Field Day
Spirit Wear

STUDENT ENRICHMENT

Mustang Spark!
Scholastic Book Fair
Field Trip Fund



Scan for more!



Inaugural KCH Glow Run

Volunteer with Us!

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FAQ

"I want to help, but I don't have a lot of time. Can I still get involved?"

Absolutely! There are opportunities for all schedules and commitment levels. Whether you can volunteer during school hours, after work, or from home, we'll help you find something that fits your availability and interests.

"Do I have to attend every PTO meeting to volunteer?"

While we encourage parents to attend meetings to stay informed and share ideas, it's not a requirement. You can sign up for specific events, tasks, or committees without attending meetings regularly.

"How can I find out about volunteer opportunities? How do I sign up?"

The PTO communicates with KCH families via email, social media, the occasional ParentSquare message, and flyers.

WHY SHOULD I VOLUNTEER?

You're in the know: Parent volunteers have a unique, insider's view of what's happening at school. Get to know classroom teachers & staff!

Make new friends: Connect with fellow parents - it's also a great networking opportunity.

Spend quality time with your kiddo: See your student and their classmates learning, growing, and having fun.

Make memories: Our volunteers become part of staff & student memories!



Important Information

Beginning in 2025, all PTO Executive Board members and volunteers are required to review and sign a **Code of Conduct**, which establishes a standard of behavior for all to ensure a respectful, collaborative, and effective environment that aligns with the mission of the KCH PTO.

Signing Up to Volunteer

Volunteer opportunities will be shared through PTO email, social media, and ParentSquare. Sign-up links will be sent as early as possible, and if a waiting list is needed, volunteers will be contacted in the order they signed up.

Check-In & Out Procedures

The district utilizes a safety program called Raptor vSoft to keep unwanted visitors out, while tracking those with permission to enter the three school buildings. After buzzing in, all volunteers must report directly to the main office, where you will be asked to show your license or other state-issued ID. Next, the ID is swiped through a scanner and instantly screened for potential threats. When a visitor is cleared, vSoft prints a badge featuring their name, photo, date, and time. **Volunteers are required to have their badge displayed at all times while in the building.** At some events, volunteers may also be given a volunteer lanyard to wear.

All volunteers must sign out in the main office before exiting the building.

Communication

The PTO will contact each volunteer via email to confirm their assignment before their scheduled shift. If you are unable to attend your shift, it is your responsibility to notify the PTO as soon as possible by emailing kchpto@gmail.com. Please do not call the KCH main office with questions about your shift.

Dress Code & Physical Requirements

We recommend wearing comfortable clothing that you can move, bend, lift, and walk freely in, and comfortable shoes are a must! Volunteers are responsible for notifying the PTO event chairperson if they have special accommodations or physical limitations.

2026-27 Events

Welcome Back Walk-In (Grades 1-3) - Thursday, Sept. 3 - 4 to 5:15 pm

Stop by the PTO table and meet the Executive Board, purchase Spirit Wear, sign up to volunteer, and more. We look forward to meeting you! **Ice cream available for purchase from Gannon's Isle while supplies last!**

Can I help out behind the scenes?

YES! We have opportunities for all schedules, abilities, and preferences.

We're working parents with busy schedules, too - we get it.

Prefer to make a donation instead? It's tax-deductible! Visit kchpto.com to donate.

Scholastic Book Fair - Oct. 6-8 (during the school day)

Volunteer duties include set up/clean up, helping students shop, and running cash registers. New this year: Online shopping! EVERY purchase benefits our school. Flyers will be sent home the week of Sept. 14. Sign up to volunteer at Facebook.com/kchpto!

KCH Family Fall Fest - October - Details coming soon!

Mustang March at Homecoming

All KCH families are encouraged to attend the annual Homecoming game to watch the Marcellus Class of 2027 and the Class of 2039 join hands and make a ceremonial march down the field.

Fall 1k Halloween Parade - Friday, Oct. 30

An annual fundraiser to benefit June Field Day. KCH families are welcome to watch as students parade from KCH to DMS and back in their costumes.

Holiday Event

This year, the PTO is partnering with Mrs. Massa & classroom teachers to facilitate a schoolwide service project combined with a special holiday craft. **Details coming soon!**

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Your stuffed animals get a VIP overnight experience at KCH, complete with a bedtime story read by Ms. Massa! This annual event raises funds for the Robert Montgomery Fund.

Second Annual KCH Glow Run - Spring

Get ready to glow! Details coming soon!

KCH Night at the Syracuse Mets

Show off your Mustang Pride at the ball park! A % of ticket sales benefits the PTO.

DID YOU KNOW? A School Resource Officer is on-site at all PTO-sponsored events to ensure the safety of our families.

2026-2027 PTO Meeting Dates

We host four public meetings each school year, and every KCH parent and caregiver is invited. Childcare is provided by Marcellus High School's National Honor Society students, so you can join us stress-free!

Meeting agendas are posted on kchpto.com after each meeting.

All meetings are held on Tuesdays from 6:00 to 6:45 pm in the KCH Library:

September 22

November 10

January 12

March 16

The KCH PTO is seeking a passionate, community-minded volunteer to serve as our **Community Liaison**. This individual will play a key role in building and strengthening relationships between the PTO, local businesses, community organizations, KCH families, and alumni to support fundraising and student enrichment efforts.

Review the role description at kchpto.com & email us if you're interested!

2026-27 Executive Board

Nicole Ossevoort, President

Megan Lloyd, Vice President & Volunteer Coordinator

Michelle Cohen, Treasurer



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