

# PTA News



## A Note About the PTA Directory for All PTA Members

Due to new IPSD 204 security policies, all district 204 PTAs have recently been informed that the process for how we receive the information we use to build the annual member directory has changed. We will need to build our own database of PTA member information and our PTA directory from scratch and we need your help!

If you are a PTA member, you should have received an email from "survey monkey" via the Steck PTA, asking you to fill out the information you would like put in the directory. Please fill this info out as quickly as possible so we can get the directory put together and sent out to you as soon as possible. The earlier everyone replies with their info, the faster we can get the directory out to you! Please contact [steckptapresident@gmail.com](mailto:steckptapresident@gmail.com) if you did NOT receive a survey monkey email to fill out your information (please check your spam folder!).

Also new this year: ONLY PTA MEMBERS will be listed in the directory. If you are not a PTA member but would like to be

listed in the directory, you will need to join, which you can do by clicking [HERE](#).

### **10/12 Steck PTA Halloween Dance**

Join us tomorrow night for our 2nd annual Steck Halloween Dance! Tickets are still available for \$10/person at the door; for an evening of fun, food and festivities! There will be games, crafts, dancing, a costume contest, food trucks and fun! The dance runs from 6PM – 8PM and costumes are encouraged, but not required. This is a family event – kids must stay with a parent or guardian for the duration of the evening. See you there! See more info [HERE](#).

AND: We can't run a great event without you! **Volunteers are needed to make the evening run smoothly!** All volunteer shifts are just 1 hour, so you can be sure to enjoy time with your family! [Click here to sign up today!](#)

### **Send In Box Tops by 10/18**

It's Box Tops time!! First off, thanks to everyone that has downloaded the new app and is using technology to earn Steck money! Secondly, we still want those old fashion clipped tops!! Please send in what you have in ziplock bags to your teachers through 10/18! We can still kick it old school and send the Box

Tops through snail mail! Any questions contact Candice Castaneda [cancastaneda@gmail.com](mailto:cancastaneda@gmail.com)

[CLICK HERE FOR HELPFUL INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT THE NEW BOX TOPS APP THAT WILL BE USED GOING FORWARD!](#)

### **10/22 Next PTA DNO at Subway**

Our popular DNO (dinner night out) program continues into October with a night to support Steck on 10/22! 20% of your purchase will be given back to Steck when you stop in to eat lunch or dinner (why not both!? :) ) at Subway on Eola/New York Street between 10am and 9pm! Thanks for your support!

### **Volunteers Needed to Help with Vision/Hearing Screening**

Steck is looking for a few parents who can spare two hours of their time in late October/Early November to assist in our vision and hearing screening. The screening will be given by the vision/hearing nurse. Volunteers will help in getting the students to and from the screenings. Your time is greatly appreciate and you can sign up [BY CLICKING HERE.](#)

### **Eagle Cart Volunteer Spots are Now Open for November**

We are looking for volunteers for our November Eagle I Reward Cart, coming the first week of November. Thank you to those

who have already stepped up to keep this popular program going for our children!

Please consider signing up for a slot and help the kids spend their eagle bucks! Its super easy - just roll the reward cart down to the classroom you sign up for and help the kids spend their reward dollars. It's a really fun way to volunteer and get to interact with your child's classroom! Please see [THIS FLIER](#) for instructions and then sign up at the link below:

[NOVEMBER EAGLE CART VOLUNTEER SIGN UP](#)

### **Butter Braid Sale is Back!**

The Annual Steck Butter Braid Fundraiser is back! This year we are doing our sale in the fall, so everyone can take advantage of those delicious Braids and Cookies for the holiday season! Collect orders between now and October 31st. Order forms are due on November 1st. An order form will be coming home with your student(s) today!

The cookies and braids sell themselves! Proceeds from the sale help EVERY STUDENT AT STECK! The PTA uses the proceeds from fundraisers like this to purchase Makerspace supplies, library materials, therapy tools, gym equipment and sponsor school-wide assemblies, just to name a few items! Thank you for

your support and participation! Butter Braid pickup will be on 11/21 from 5-7PM.

### **Save the Date for the Steck PTA Free Family Movie Night!**

Mark your calendar for Steck PTA's Family Movie Night and Bake Sale on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-8:30pm in the Steck Gym. This event is FREE to all Steck families!! This year we'll be offering a double feature. Stay for one movie or both while enjoying some tasty treats, all to benefit your Steck students. Pizza will be available by pre-order only and served during intermission. Watch your student's backpack for information coming home today, or [click HERE for more info!!](#) A link to sign up to donate goods for the bake sale will be coming home next week.

### **PTA Reflections Submissions Accepted Now Through 11/5**

#### **Reflections Arts Program 2019-2020 – Call for Entries!**

Reflections Art Program: Reflections is National PTA's Arts Program that inspires children to get creative! Students are invited to create works of art in any of the six different art categories and Special Artists category. Every year Reflections Arts Program has a unique theme. This year's theme is "Look Within". [CLICK HERE FOR A FLIER WITH MORE INFO](#)

Art Categories are:

1. Dance Choreography, 2. Film Production, 3. Literature, 4. Music Composition, 5. Photography, 6. Visual Arts, and Special Artists

**Participation:** Students of all grades (from KG to Grade 5) and all abilities may participate. Each student can create a maximum of one project in each of the art categories.

**It is a free program:** This program organized by PTA is completely free like many other programs. We do encourage you to become a PTA member to support such programs

**Next Step:** [PLEASE CLICK THIS LINK TO SIGN UP](#) or email [ranjantanuja@gmail.com](mailto:ranjantanuja@gmail.com) for more information.

### **New Ongoing Fundraiser Opportunity**

We are happy to share that “Memories by Raniti” is doing a fundraiser with Steck PTA and will be donating 10% of all eligible purchases to Steck PTA.

“Memories by Raniti” has introduced unique Christmas photo ornaments for this holiday season to share and cherish your memories. These photo ornaments come in different styles and a range of colors and finishes to provide the perfect backdrop to your memories. Unlike most of the other photo ornaments in the market, these allow you to add your choice of picture, change

when you wish to and can be used after the holidays. All of these ornaments have a clean rear side to write a note if desired.

Shop at <https://memoriesbyraniti.etsy.com> and remember to mention "Steck Elementary" or "Steck PTA" while placing the order, to ensure that 10% of your purchase is donated to Steck PTA. Share this link with friends and family and any purchase mentioning "Steck PTA" will be eligible for this donation.

### **Upcoming General Meeting Schedule**

Thanks to all who came to the last PTA general meeting! Here is a list of upcoming meetings:

Wednesday, November 13 @ 6:30pm

Wednesday, February 19 @ 6:30pm

Wednesday, April 15 @ 6:30pm

Wednesday, May 20 @ 7:30pm

Hope to see you there!!

**NEW: Follow us now on Twitter! Plus make sure you are following us on Facebook and bookmark our website**

The Steck PTA is now on Twitter! You can follow us here: <https://twitter.com/PtaSteck>. Additionally, the Steck PTA posts up-to-date information frequently on our facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/SteckPTA/>. You can also see more about our PTA on our website: [steckeaglespta.org](http://steckeaglespta.org)