

# Montowese Elementary School PTA

## Parent Guide 2018 - 2019



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Montowese Elementary School Website:

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**BE INVOLVED. BE INFORMED. BE HEARD. JOIN THE PTA!**



## **Welcome back, new and returning Montowese Elementary School Families!**

We hope you will take a few minutes to review the enclosed information about our PTA and the many opportunities afforded to our students and their families. Keep this packet as a resource to revisit throughout the school year. It will also be posted on our PTA website under "Forms."

We want everyone to feel that there is a place for them with the PTA. At the end of this packet, there are forms that we ask you to complete and send back to us. We sincerely hope that everyone will support the PTA with a paid membership. We also ask that you share your contact information with us so that we may keep you informed. We will use the PTA website, the Montowese Elementary School PTA Facebook page and email to keep families informed of PTA announcements and events.

Let us know if you have any suggestions or if we can answer any questions for you. Even if we don't have the answers, we may be able to direct you to someone who does. We are looking forward to the 2018-2019 school year!

Sincerely,

### **Your 2018-2019 Montowese PTA Executive Board**

*Anna Buono & Heather Choquette, Co-Presidents*

*Laura Santino, Vice President*

*Maria Sabina, Treasurer*

*Casey Marinuzzi, Corresponding Secretary*

*Alicia Almeida, Recording Secretary/Council Delegate*

# Montowese PTA Sponsored Events

*Save the Dates!*

<b>Family Fun Events</b>	<b>PTA Meeting Dates</b>
<p>Most events are held from 6-8 pm unless otherwise noted. Flyers will be sent home and event details will be posted on our PTA website as well as on our Facebook page.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Rock Back to School Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup> (5:30 pm)</li> <li>✓ Fall Family Fun Night Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup></li> <li>✓ Family Bingo Night Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup></li> <li>✓ Sweetheart Dance Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup></li> <li>✓ St. Baldrick Head Shaving Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup></li> <li>✓ Game Night April 5<sup>th</sup></li> <li>✓ Year End Bash May/June TBD</li> </ul>	<p>All meetings are held <b>in the school cafeteria</b> from 7:00 pm to 8:00 p.m. We strive not to go past the one hour time frame.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup></li> <li>✓ Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup></li> <li>✓ Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup></li> <li>✓ Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup></li> <li>✓ Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup></li> <li>✓ Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup></li> <li>✓ Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup></li> <li>✓ Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup></li> <li>✓ Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup></li> <li>✓ Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup></li> </ul> <p>Please try and attend the meetings that fit into your schedule. <b>Babysitting</b> will be available at each meeting.</p>
<b>Fun Fridays</b>	<b>Fundraisers</b>
<p>Donations of \$1.00 (or more ☺) are greatly appreciated to help raise money for the causes listed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ September 28 – Super Hero Day to benefit Juvenile Diabetes</li> <li>✓ October 26 – Wear Pink to benefit Susan G. Koman</li> <li>✓ November 30 – Patriotic Day to benefit CT Veterans</li> <li>✓ December 21 – PJ Day to benefit Montowese Field Day</li> <li>✓ January 25 – Sports Day to benefit Hunter Pageau</li> <li>✓ February 22 – Dress Your Best to benefit the American Heart Association</li> <li>✓ March 29 – Wear green to benefit St. Baldrick's</li> <li>✓ April 26 – Wear Blue/Denim to benefit Autism Awareness</li> <li>✓ May 31 – Crazy Hair Day to benefit Animal Haven</li> <li>✓ June 12 – Montowese Spirit Day to benefit Dreams Come True</li> </ul>	<p>Please participate in the fundraiser(s) that work(s) for you. Families are not expected to participate in all of them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ September – Meadow Brook Farms</li> <li>✓ October – Lyman Orchard Pies</li> <li>✓ November – Scholastic Book Fair</li> <li>✓ December – Students' Holiday Shopping (note: this is <b><i>not</i></b> a fundraiser, but a fun event for students who choose to shop)</li> <li>✓ December – Montowese Night at Quinnipiac University Men's Basketball</li> <li>✓ January – Taekwondo</li> <li>✓ February – PTA Gala</li> <li>✓ March – Scholastic Book Fair</li> <li>✓ May – BJs Membership Renewal</li> </ul>

## Looking for Help to Fill in our Volunteer Gaps!

The Montowese PTA is looking for parents/guardians to volunteer their time to chair/co-chair and/or work on a committee helping with events and activities planned for our children. Whether you can give only 30 minutes, help behind the scenes, set up or clean up, man a fun event, donate snacks or solicit donations, your time is greatly appreciated!

A brief description of each committee is attached on the next page. As you can see, there are volunteers running more than one event this year because we do not want to cancel these events. Some events have **VACANT** chair positions. We need you! If you think you can help with chairing or volunteering for an event, please complete the bottom portion of this form and return it to school. Or, as always, you may reach out to the committee chair or to one of the members of the Executive Board.

Stop by our PTA Committee tables during **Open House on September 17<sup>th</sup>** to learn more about how you can help. If you can't make it, please or call or email a PTA board member.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to **chair/co-chair** the following committee(s):

\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

I would like to **volunteer** on the following committee(s):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form school in your child's folder in an envelope marked "PTA Volunteers" or sign up at Open House on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Feel free to contact the PTA Co-Presidents or individual committee chairs with any questions.

## Montowese PTA Committee Descriptions

<p><b><u>BINGO</u></b> (January) Organize Family Fun event to include producing &amp; distributing flyers, consolidating responses, planning &amp; running event.</p>	<p><b><u>Reading &amp; More (RAM)</u></b> (Winter/Spring) Program that gives books to students, a story is read &amp; a craft is made associated with the story. Organize the process to identify volunteers for each classroom</p>
<p><b><u>Box Top Collection</u></b> (October – June) Collect &amp; count Box Tops from all grades, submits 2-3 times per school year and organizes contests.</p>	<p><b><u>Rock Back to School</u></b> (September) Organize Family Fun event to include producing &amp; distributing flyers, consolidating responses, planning &amp; running event.</p>
<p><b><u>Fall Family Night</u></b> (October) Organize Family Fun event to include producing &amp; distributing flyers, consolidating responses, planning &amp; running event.</p>	<p><b><u>Room Parent Committee</u></b> (September) Produce flyer &amp; sort through responses. Organize and identify Room Coordinator for each classroom</p>
<p><b><u>Field Day</u></b> (June) Organize volunteers, fruit &amp; water donations for school field day. Man any craft/tie dye tables during event.</p>	<p><b><u>Scholastic Book Fairs</u></b> (November and March) Help children make their wish lists, locate &amp; re-stock books during the event. Runs during school for students &amp; for Parents during Teacher Conferences.</p>
<p><b><u>Fund Raisers</u></b> Coordinate fund raising initiative including ordering, sorting &amp; distributing. Meadow Brook Farms (September) Lyman Orchard Pies (October) Montowese Night @ (December) QU Basketball Taekwondo (January) PTA Gala (February) BJs Membership Renewals (May)</p>	<p><b><u>School Rewards - Stop&amp; Shop - ShopRite – Big Y</u></b> (All Year) Coordinate reminder to parent/guardians to sign up. Handle ordering of items for PTA/School with rewards earned.</p>
<p><b><u>Game Night</u></b> (April) Organize fun event for families to include producing &amp; distributing flyers, consolidating responses, ordering giveaway, planning &amp; running event</p>	<p><b><u>School Store / Mac’s Mobile Cart</u></b> (October-May) Visit classrooms &amp; assist students in Grade 2 – 5 with small purchases (once a week from 8:30am – 8:45am )</p>
<p><b><u>Hospitality</u></b> (All Year) Volunteer to provide drinks and store bought snacks for school events</p>	<p><b><u>Spiritwear</u></b> (All Year) Work with committees to order &amp; sell Montowese spirit wear at school and/or PTA events</p>
<p><b><u>Library Volunteers</u></b> (All Year) Assist library staff during the day, returning books to shelves, checking books back into the library, etc. (once per week/45 minutes – 1 hour)</p>	<p><b><u>St. Baldrick Head Shaving Event</u></b> (March) Organize “cutting” event to include producing &amp; distributing flyers, securing hair cutters &amp; food trucks. Planning &amp; running event.</p>
<p><b><u>Open House</u></b> (September) Coordinate PTA committee chairs to ensure each committee has a display to pursue potential volunteers</p>	<p><b><u>Sweetheart Dance</u></b> (February) Produce &amp; distribute flyers, consolidate responses, order giveaway, plan &amp; run event.</p>
<p><b><u>PTA Membership</u></b> (All Year) Organize membership drive, coordinates and process PTA membership forms, including working with the Treasurer</p>	<p><b><u>Yearbook</u></b> (All Year) Come into school during events to take pictures &amp; upload onto website. Coordinate creation, advertising &amp; distribution of yearbook.</p>

## Montowese PTA 2018-2019 Committee Chair List

	NAME	PHONE	EMAIL
Principal	Kathryn Russo	203-239-2564	<a href="mailto:Russo.kathryn@northhavenschools.org">Russo.kathryn@northhavenschools.org</a>
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	Heather Choquette	203-927-2743	<a href="mailto:hmbellonio@yahoo.com">hmbellonio@yahoo.com</a>
Vice President	Laura Santino	203-671-4375	<a href="mailto:Minniem428@yahoo.com">Minniem428@yahoo.com</a>
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Corresponding Secretary	Casey Marinuzzi	203-257-0708	<a href="mailto:caseymarinuzzi@gmail.com">caseymarinuzzi@gmail.com</a>
Council Delegate/ Recording Secretary	Alicia Almeida	203-507-6557	<a href="mailto:aheffernan@sbcglobal.net">aheffernan@sbcglobal.net</a>
<b>COMMITTEE</b>			
	<b>CHAIRPERSON(S)</b>		
Bingo	<b>VACANT</b>		
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Field Day	<b>VACANT</b>		
Fund Raisers			
Meadow Brook Farms	Executive Board		
Lyman Orchard Pies	Executive Board		
Taekwondo	Jill Oliveira	203-913-7873	<a href="mailto:Jillyo247@aol.com">Jillyo247@aol.com</a>
PTA Gala	Executive Board		
BJs Memberships	Casey Marinuzzi	203-257-0708	<a href="mailto:caseymarinuzzi@gmail.com">caseymarinuzzi@gmail.com</a>
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Hospitality	Nicole Haeckel	203-444-7882	<a href="mailto:Nicol213@sbcglobal.net">Nicol213@sbcglobal.net</a>
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Montowese Spirit Wear	<b>VACANT</b>		
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School Store	Casey Marinuzzi	203-257-0708	<a href="mailto:caseymarinuzzi@gmail.com">caseymarinuzzi@gmail.com</a>
St. Baldrick's Event	Ike Kanakis	203-809-2091	<a href="mailto:NHindians1992@gmail.com">NHindians1992@gmail.com</a>
Sweetheart Dance	<b>VACANT</b>		
Teacher Appreciation Week	Heather Choquette	203-927-2743	<a href="mailto:hmbellonio@yahoo.com">hmbellonio@yahoo.com</a>
Yearbook	Missy Blair Danielle Fitzgerald	203-495-1998 203-868-9402	<a href="mailto:mlcmis76@aol.com">mlcmis76@aol.com</a> <a href="mailto:dani1005z@msn.com">dani1005z@msn.com</a>
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# Montowese Elementary School PTA Donation Form

Are fundraisers not your thing? No time to volunteer?  
You can still help!

In lieu of fundraising, you can make a tax-deductible donation to the Montowese PTA!

Fundraisers and donations enable the PTA to provide supplies for classrooms, host Family Fun nights, subsidize field trips, build and maintain playgrounds and sponsor school-wide events including cultural art assemblies and Reading and More.

Your check should be made payable to "Montowese PTA". Please return the bottom portion of this form and payment to the school in an envelope marked "PTA Treasurer".



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tax Deductible Donation:

\$25.00

\$50.00

Other - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for your support! Please return your cash or check (Payable to *Montowese PTA*) to school in an envelope marked "PTA Treasurer."**



# Montowese PTA School Rewards 2018 - 2019

You can help us earn CASH and REWARDS for our school simply by shopping at one of our local grocery stores.



## Stop & Shop A+ School Rewards

- Earn rewards every time you shop from **September 7, 2018 - March 16, 2019**
    - Awards get converted to **CASH**, which gets distributed to our PTA each June
- How can you help?**
- Register your Stop & Shop card using our school ID: **07937** at [www.stopandshop.com/aplus](http://www.stopandshop.com/aplus)

If already registered, you **DO NOT** need to re-register for Stop& Shop Rewards



## ShopRite for Education

- Earn credit every time you shop from October 1, 2018 to April 29, 2019
  - Credits earned can be used towards free educational equipment and supplies
- How can you help?**
- Register your Shoprite Plus card at [www.shopriteforeducation.com](http://www.shopriteforeducation.com) using our school ID: **50065**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Even if you were registered the last school year you need to **RE-REGISTER** to earn Shop-Rite rewards for the 2018-2019 school year

Please ask your family members and friends to register their cards as well to help us earn even more rewards for our school!

Also, don't forget to start saving those **Box Tops** as we get reward credits for those as well. All you need to do is clip Box Tops from hundreds of participating products and save them until we have a contest.

If you have any questions about any of the rewards programs or if you need assistance registering your card(s), please contact our School Rewards Coordinator.

