



Dear Allgrove/Seymour Families,

September 2020

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! This letter usually describes all of the wonderful things we do and the trips/activities we funded the previous year, but unfortunately most of that was cancelled last year due to the pandemic. As we go into this year, there is a great deal of uncertainty as to how the PTO will work, but we still plan to hold monthly meetings virtually and do what we can to have a great year. Despite the current circumstances, this summer we were able to approve funds to provide new outdoor recess equipment at both schools and order mask lanyards (with a breakaway clasp) for all students and staff grades K-5. Seymour students will get theirs in school but Allgrove students will need to fill out a Google Form to order a FREE lanyard since the school is not comfortable handing them out due to their young age. The Google Form can be found on the PTO Facebook page, the class Facebook pages or you can request the form by emailing us. Seymour full distance learners will get their lanyards from the school, but Allgrove full distance learners will also need to fill out the Google Form.

For those of you who are new to the schools, our PTO is quite amazing! During a normal school year the PTO provides funds for so many wonderful field trips and in-school presentations. Some of the field trips in the past have included Lincoln Theater, The Bushnell, New England Air Museum, Theatreworks, the Stanley Whitman House, Ellis Island, Mashantucket Pequot Museum, and the CT Historical Society. In-school programs have included Crime Lab, Allgrove Math Night, StarLab, Animal Embassy, High Touch-High Tech, and visits by authors. Some of our social outings have been our Book Bingo, Wolf Pack hockey game and Yard Goats baseball game.

How do we raise the funds for these programs? With your help! No-Cost Fundraising (more details down below) is a great way to contribute. Clip and send in Box Tops (or new last year, scan your receipts using the Box Tops app), send in your Geissler's receipts and register your Stop and Shop card online. These stores run great school give-back programs and even with the pandemic, **we earned over \$7,000 this past year through participation in these no-cost programs!** Please see more information about these programs attached.

In the past, the PTO organized the hot lunch program at both schools but this is unfortunately on hold until further notice. We also create an Allgrove/Seymour Student Directory which we are doing digitally this year (information for this is attached), run two Scholastic Book Fairs which we are hoping to do virtually again like last spring, host a teacher and staff appreciation week and organize family social events. We are not sure what this year will look like, but we will keep everyone updated with tons of information and meeting agendas/minutes through email (if you are a member - membership form attached) and our social media pages.

Facebook - Allgrove/Seymour PTO

Instagram - @allgroveseymourpto

We hope to see everyone at our first meeting (through Zoom) on Wednesday, September 16th at 6:30pm.

Please feel free to contact us with your questions or comments at **AllgroveSeymourPTO@gmail.com**.

Sincerely,

The Allgrove/Seymour PTO Officers

Amanda Cormier and Sara Payette, Co-President's

Ashley Alexander, Vice President

Hillery Lundell and Kate DeSimone, Co-Treasurer's

Tina Lengyel, Secretary

2020-2021 Monthly Meetings

September 16, 2020	6:30pm	Virtually through Zoom
October 14, 2020	6:30pm	Virtually through Zoom
November 18, 2020	6:30pm	Virtually through Zoom
December	NO MEETING	NO MEETING
January 13, 2021	6:30pm	Virtually through Zoom
February 10, 2021	6:30pm	Virtually through Zoom
March 10, 2021	6:30pm	Virtually through Zoom
April 7, 2021	6:30pm	Virtually through Zoom
May 12, 2021	6:30pm	Virtually through Zoom
June 2, 2021	6:30pm	Virtually through Zoom

All meeting dates, times and places are subject to change.

Zoom links and any changes will be posted on the Allgrove/Seymour Facebook and Instagram pages, the principal newsletters and sent through email (if you are a member).

Did you know you can help earn money for the Allgrove/Seymour PTO and not spend any extra money?!

Geissler's generously gives back 5% of sales receipts submitted. Save & send in receipts, less than 6 months old and more than \$35, to school with your child or drop off at the Post Office or Library.

***We made over \$5,000 from Geissler receipts last school year!!**

Box Tops for Education!

Box Tops are going digital!! Traditional Box Tops are being phased out of production, but you still may continue to find them on products. You can still clip and send them in with your child to school or drop off at the Post Office or Library. For the digital Box Tops you will scan your receipts through an app which will then automatically go into our school's earnings fund!

Please download the Box Tops for Education app and start scanning those receipts so that our schools do not miss out on this "free" money!

***We made over \$700 from Box Tops last school year!!**

Stop & Shop donates money based on total sales of registered store cards from, August 7, 2020 – March 13, 2021. All you need is your Stop & Shop card number and the school ID. You can register up to **TWO** schools (Allgrove - 9193 and Seymour - 6289)!

No need to re-register if you were registered last year.

If you do not have an account, visit stopandshop.com and click "REGISTER. Follow the prompts to create your online account. Once logged in under your account click on "Rewards & Programs" to select/modify a school choice.

***We made over \$1800 from Stop & Shop last school year!!**



2020-2021 Membership Form

If you are a parent/guardian of an Allgrove and/or Seymour student and interested in becoming an Allgrove/Seymour PTO member, please complete this form and return it to school. When you become a member, you will receive, via email, meeting reminders and minutes, information about family fun outings, fundraisers and other PTO events. It also allows you to vote at our meetings on items such as funding requests and officer elections.

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Email Address: _____

(Print clearly - Email will be our primary way to communicate with our members)

Child's Name _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

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If you would like to make a donation at this time and help us jump start this year's fundraising efforts, it would be greatly appreciated!! The PTO continues to strive to provide funds for curriculum enrichment programs for students in all grades K-5.

Name _____

Donation Amount Enclosed \$ _____ OR Donation Amount Venmo \$ _____

Checks payable to Allgrove/Seymour PTO (checks or cash be attached to this form)

Venmo is also accepted - @allgroveseymourpto

Thank You for Your Support!!

Allgrove/Seymour Student Directory

For the first time ever, we are going digital!!!!!! The directory will now be FREE and since it is digital we can update it at any time as new students move in!!! The directory will only be shared with parents/guardians that fill out the google form and it will be "view only" with no capability to be shared digitally with anyone else.

All students from Allgrove and Seymour will be listed in the directory categorized by classroom. While ALL students' names will be listed in the directory, we need your permission to include addresses, phone numbers and/or email. Please complete the Google form (link listed below, digital link available in the principal newsletters and on the Allgrove/Seymour PTO Facebook and Instagram pages) as you would like to see it appear in the directory. Make sure to do a separate form for EACH child you have in Allgrove or Seymour.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdMZcRGz5xXBD5tcvbl6YajBO4P6taSXU-VMT3HQGRQFJrEbw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Why would I need/want to be part of the directory? It's a great way to connect and/or contact parents about play dates, birthday parties and coordinating class gifts for the teachers.

Home/School Communication Notepads

Price: \$2.00 each

Please complete the form below and enclose the form and payment in an envelope labeled - "PTO - Stefanie Mullane".

Cash accepted or checks can be made payable to:
"Allgrove/Seymour PTO"

Venmo is also accepted - @allgroveseymourpto

A NOTE TO SCHOOL
Date: _____
Student's First & Last Name: _____
Teacher: _____ Grade: _____
TO: Teacher Office Nurse
RE: Early Dismissal at: _____ am/pm*
 Pick-Up at End of Day*
*For the above:
 By Parent/Guardian
By: _____
 Returning to School After _____ Day(s)
Absence. Reason for Absence: _____
(Attach doctor's note as appropriate)
 Other: _____
Parent or Guardian's Signature _____

Home/School Communication Notepads

Student's Name: _____

Grade: _____

Teacher: _____

Number of Notepads: _____

Amount Enclosed (@\$2.00 each): _____

OR

Venmo (@2.00 each): _____