

KPTO Activities and Opportunities for the School Year!

Fall Fundraisers!

They were a great success!!

We earned over \$7800 to benefit KCS students.

Entertainment Fundraiser: \$2680
Chip Shoppe \$5146

Congratulations to the 10 students who sold at least 25 items and will be going on a limo ride!

Thanks to all our families for supporting our students!

Did you know?

The profits from our Box Top collections go directly to purchasing school supplies.

Keep collecting Campbell's Soup Labels (we need the barcode), Kemps and Land O Lakes Milk Lids, and Box Tops.

Krista Gasparini is our new collections coordinator.

*Please check out the KPTO website to contact Krista or any of our committee chairs**

<http://www.kaleidoscopecharterschool.org/kptocoms.php>

Fall Festival!

WOW, What a Success!!

We had 200 students playing games, making crafts, eating fun snacks, and posing for pictures! Everyone had a great time. A special thank you to all of our volunteers. It takes a lot of people to pull off an after school event like this, and it went smoothly thanks to the efforts of our volunteers. The girls of the Rockin' Rogers Royalty were on hand as well to help wherever they were needed. Thanks for the help, girls!

Our own 7th and 8th grade volunteers played a very important part in the festivities too. They got right in there with the younger students to help them build snowmen, tie presents, and supervise them getting back and forth to the bathrooms and their classrooms. They also ran almost all of our games, and the younger kids really loved playing with Big Kids. The leadership qualities our middle school students exhibited during the Fall Festival was truly impressive!

Pizza Friday & School Spirit Days

Students enjoy having delivery pizza as a fun option for lunch twice a month. This is an ongoing fundraiser, normally held the 1st & 3rd Fridays of each month.

Restaurant Night

For Grandparents' Day, we partnered with *Space Aliens* to offer our first restaurant night. Families brought our flyers to Space Aliens, had a great meal (Have you tried those Baked Potatoes?!), and KPTO earned \$200 in profit. Our goal is to schedule restaurant nights in conjunction with certain school events. The profits we earn go directly to support our school.

Spring Fling!

Mark your calendars - this year's Spring Fling will be on **April 15th**.

Check the KPTO website often to see how you can be a part of the festivities!
<http://www.kaleidoscopecharterschool.org/kptocoms.php>

Kaleidoscope Gear

We have a new logo this year and it's time to show it off! First Choice Uniforms, run by KCS family Chris & Dawn Heine, is our new vendor. We have T-shirts to sell for \$10. Soon, we will have a full line of apparel, including sweat shirts, pants, hats and bling shirts. Please contact us at kpto@kcsmn.org to order Kaleidoscope Gear. (Profits from this fundraiser are earmarked to improve our playground)

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 CONTACT Julie and let her know you are interested!

What do we do with the Fundraiser Money?

We are always open to requests from teachers to help improve our programs here at KCS. Teachers come to us with requests, they explain how their request will directly benefit our students, and we review the request and make a decision at our next KPTO meeting. We granted several requests last year that we are all enjoying now:

- *baseball backstop and basketball hoops
- *art supplies, including the white display walls used for the Evening Of Fine Arts art presentation
- *flag in front of the school (student council and KPTO shared this cost)
- *3rd and 4th grade recycling program
- *Middle School Student of the Month program

This year we have donated toward the Archery Program for PE, purchased food to feed the ducks & geese, and purchased bells for Polar Express. There are currently several requests pending which will be discussed at the December 14th KPTO meeting.

In addition to money requests, we give \$200 to teachers to purchase whatever they need for their classroom. Teachers have purchased reading programs, class sets of books, history DVD's, math manipulatives, science equipment and incentives.

We received great feedback about our Fall Fundraisers during our last KPTO meeting. We've decided to have the Entertainment Happenings Books available at our KPTO table during Open House next fall instead of sending them home. Families can just stop by and pick one up for themselves, or several to sell to family and friends. We've also decided to bring back the Butterbraids we sold last year. The Chip Shoppe was a big money maker for us this year, particularly with the middle school students who were very motivated by the prizes and limo ride, but we still have families who missed the Butterbraids. We are discussing the best ways to make both options available for families next year.

We've also received inquiries about a cash donation option for families who want to support our school, but who would like to opt out of the fundraisers. Several families chose to do just that this year and we appreciated it very much! We will make a cash donation form available on our website for next year.