

**Devon Dispatch**  
PTO NEWSLETTER  
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## SAVE THE DATE

- 9/11** – PTO Meeting 9:30am – 11:00 am;  
Curriculum Night for Grades 1 & 2 at 7pm-8:30pm (for parents only)
- 9/19** - Curriculum Night for Grades 3 & 4 at 7pm-8:30pm (for parents only)
- 9/23** - Picture Day
- 9/26** - Mother/Son Movie Night at 6:30pm
- 9/30** - No School

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the start of the new year and thank you for keeping up with Devon News by reading the 2019-20 Devon Dispatch. It has been a wonderful start to the year. I have enjoyed hearing many accounts of summer relaxation, sports, play, travel, reading and learning from our students.

We are pleased to welcome 63 new students in grades 1-4 and 70 Kindergartners to Devon. When families register, we ask them to complete a Home Language Survey. Our families report over 20 different languages spoken in homes. The diversity of our student body is one of our strengths and our students have much to share with and to learn from each other.

You may have noticed that we still have some work going on at Devon in the area behind the cafeteria. Over the summer, we added new boilers and the related electrical work is expected to finish shortly. We also had electrical enhancements made to classrooms to lay the foundation for building-wide air conditioning. At the time of this writing, temperatures have been comfortable. That said, it is good to know that we will have air conditioning in the future.

Many thanks to families who attended our PTO's Back to School Social. We appreciate your flexibility as we shifted the date to accommodate those who also wished to attend a T/E Middle School event. Our students had great fun on the playground and fields and enjoyed the water ice. It was a fantastic way to kick-off the new school year and to involve all students and families.

In the coming weeks, we invite you to attend our Curriculum Nights for Grades 1-4. Parents of students in Grades 1 and 2 are invited to attend between 7:00-8:15 on Wednesday, September 11. Parents of students in Grades 3 and 4 are invited to attend between 7:00-8:15 on Thursday, September 18. Each evening will begin in the cafeteria with a brief presentation by the Special Area and Support teachers, the PTO, and

me. Then, parents are invited to visit classrooms, meet teachers, and learn about the programs for the coming year. These are exciting nights for all involved. Our teachers look forward to discussing your child with you as the year progresses. So that they may be discreet and focused on your child, we ask that you please reach out to teachers and schedule alternate occasions for questions, information, ideas, or concerns specific to your child.

All signs point to a positive year. I look forward to partnering with you as we work to help our students reach their personal bests.

Sincerely,

Todd Parker

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

[Click Here](#) to see the open PTO leadership positions for the 2019-2020 school year. Thank you to everyone that has volunteered! We still have a few leadership positions available, especially for Arts Express Week (an important part of Devon's Cultural Arts program). Can't commit to leadership? Stay tuned for so many other ways to be involved throughout the year!

If you are interested in any of these or would like to learn more information, please feel free to reach out to PTO President Amy Lange at (404)702-0737 or [aeikonopka@hotmail.com](mailto:aeikonopka@hotmail.com).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**PTO Meeting:** You are needed to make this school year Devon's best yet!

**When:** This Wednesday 9/11 9:30am – 11:00am

**Where:** Devon's Large Meeting Room.

**What is the PTO?** Devon's Parent Teacher Organization is a non-profit with the goal to promote a closer relationship, interest, and understanding between the home and faculty of Devon School for the benefit and enrichment of each child.

**Is the PTO Meeting for Event Leaders & the PTO Board?** No, PTO meetings are for everyone! If you are a Devon Parent, you belong. The more opinions, feedback and ideas that are shared, the greater benefit for each and every child.

**Is there a PTO membership fee?** Nope!

**Do I have to volunteer to attend the PTO meetings?** No. Volunteering is optional. Every person has a different capacity to give and be involved. And your capacity to volunteer will change from one year to the next. Determine what you can joyfully give and carry on the tradition of volunteerism at Devon while setting a great example for our kids.

**What if I'm really busy?** Devon's PTO is made up of men and women who have a wide range of daily commitments. Some work 60 hours a week, some are semi-retired. But most juggle work, bills, household chores, kids, sports and homework, just like you! Parents caring for toddlers & babies bring them along to meetings.

**How does attending PTO meetings benefit my child?** So many of the wonderful activities and programs your child enjoys at Devon is because of the PTO! Also, research shows that parental involvement within a child's school increases their academic achievements and decreases behavior issues. Not only does being involved put you in direct communication with other parents and staff, it shows your child that you are interested and invested in their educational experience.

**When is the next PTO meeting?** [Click Here](#) to see the meeting schedule for the year

**What if I can't make the meeting?** reach out to PTO President Amy Lange at [aekonopka@hotmail.com](mailto:aekonopka@hotmail.com) with your ideas, feedback or comments

### **Mother/Son Movie Night**

Please join us for a Private, pre-screening of "Abominable" (the night before it's release)!

**When:** Thursday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:30pm

**Where:** Anthony Wayne Theater 109 W. Lancaster Ave, Wayne

Tickets will not be sold at the door. Please [click here](#) for a flyer with more information and how to RSVP (due 9/20). Plan to dine before the show? Select restaurants will generously donate 15% to Devon Elementary PTO (see [flyer](#) for details).

\*\*This event is an answer to the Sweetheart Dance, however all are invited without discrimination

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

\*New Online Directory Coming Soon!\*

The new online directory, MySchoolAnywhere, is transitioning to Membership Toolkit. MySchoolAnywhere will be available for viewing, but no new additions or changes can be made. On 9/15/19 we will fully transition to the new platform, Membership Toolkit. Please stay tuned for more information on how to create an account.

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Join FLITE for golf! Or just join us for dinner! Monday, September 23rd:** Please join us for dinner or golf and a good cause on September 23 at Saint Davids Golf Club. Register for golf or dinner via the link below. There will be opportunities to purchase many interesting items at our Silent Auction as well. Net proceeds help fund FLITE's academic program for children in need in the T/E School District.

Hope to see you there. <https://www.flite-pa.org/news-and-events/golf/>

**Tredyffrin Police Department [19th](#) Annual Citizen's Police Academy:** Great opportunity to learn about how the Tredyffrin Police Department functions and the vast array of services it provides. Space is limited. Deadline to register is 9/13/2019. [Click here](#) for more information.

**Curb My Clutter Event:** TE has partnered with Curb My Clutter, a curbside electronic & clothing collection that will pick up, reuse and/or recycle for free!

[click here](#) for flyer

**New Experiences for Children at Willistown Conservation Trust,** [click here](#) for more information. Rushton Nature Keepers provides kids with high quality, one-of-a-kind experiences in nature that span four conservation themes: **birds and wildlife, sustainable farming, healthy habitat, and watersheds.**

## QUICK LINKS

[Devon School Website](#)

[Devon PTO Website](#)

[TE School District Website](#)

[T/E Community Info](#)

[Volunteer Clearance Info](#)

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