



Condit PTO Sponsored Activities 2019-2020

The Condit Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) supports many enriching activities that directly impact each one of our kids. Without the financial and volunteer support from the parents and many teachers, these worthwhile activities would not exist. Each of these activities requires parent volunteers: some need only 1 volunteer, others require many. Please find an activity that interests you and consider where you can give your time and talent to Condit.

Accelerated Reader (AR)- The AR program tracks a student's reading comprehension and encourages good reading habits through incentives. Once a student reads a particular book, he or she can take an AR test which quizzes comprehension. Points are earned based on test accuracy, reading difficulty, and book length. Each month, the student with the highest points will receive a trophy and yard sign. In May there will be an AR ice cream party for the entire school and winners are announced.

Chair: *Heather Baird*

Art Car- For the past two years Condit has participated in the Houston Art Car Parade in May. Students and the PTO are led by Ms. Camero in decorating the art car for the parade.

Chair: *Sneha Bhavsvar*

Boosterthon- The PTO's biggest fundraiser Boosterthon, works with the committee to help raise pledges and set up the fun run. Students raise money by pledges earned per lap they run.

Chairs: *Dana Cran and Miriam McAuliffe*

Book Fair- The PTO hosts two Book Fairs a year. The Book Fair is an opportunity for Condit families to purchase books and other items, with a portion of the proceeds given back to the Condit PTO. Volunteers are needed during the Book Fair to greet Condit shoppers and assist them in finding age-appropriate books.

Chairs: *Lauren Habiby, Leslie Sutin and Katherine Wright*

Box Tops- Box Tops are coupons with a donation value on specially marked General Mills products. Condit families and friends collect box tops and a parent volunteer records the number of coupons and mails the batch to General Mills which then sends the PTO a donation check. For each collection period, the classroom with the most coupons wins a special treat and recognition.

Chair: *Leslie Sutin and Brandi Patterson*

Condit Night Out- Join your fellow Condit families one evening per month at a local restaurant for a great dinner and fellowship. A portion of the evenings proceeds go to the Condit PTO.

Chair: *Edie Efron and Lindsay Cohen*

Directory- The PTO publishes the school directory as well as a directory smartphone app each year. Parent volunteers work with the school to collect all the necessary information, incorporate the business ads, complete the layout, and have it published. Directory messages may be purchased and included near your child's class roster.

Chairs: *Thuy Promubul and Christine Lacson*

Dad's Club- The Dad's Club organizes Sociables, poker parties and volunteer projects for Condit dads.

Chairs: *Benjamin Lavine and Steven Vaughan*

Fall Carnival- Every fall, the PTO puts on the Fall Carnival. The Carnival Committee plans the activities, ticket sales, basket raffle, food, etc. Each classroom sponsors a booth and the parents in that class run it. Classes also take collections to donate a themed basket for the basket raffle. Fall Carnival is the highlight of the fall semester and takes many parent and teacher volunteers to make it a success.

Chairs: *Meredith Vela, Rebecca Grazier & Debbie Karakowsky*

Field Day- Field Day is a time for the students to engage in friendly competition. The entire school is divided into two teams— green and white—and classes participate in outdoor races or challenges. The Field Day committee organizes the activities before and during Field Day, and many parent volunteers are needed to run the events during Field Day to ensure the kids have a fun and safe experience.

Chairs: *Jean Lee & Kelly Chapin*

Fifth Grade Graduation- Near the end of the year, the 5th graders are involved in special activities to celebrate the end of elementary school. Along with the 5th grade parents, the PTO financially supports and coordinates a year-end activity/field trip, commemorative t-shirts, a community service project, and the graduation ceremony.

Chairs: *Meredith Vela, Alicia Escamilla & Kara Stauffer*

Gala- A fun evening for parents and teachers that helps raise money through ticket sales and auction items donated to the school.

Green Generations- Condit Green Generations is a parent and student volunteer-led group working to promote environment awareness and sustainability as well as school-wide beautification, including creating green spaces both indoors and outdoors, for student instruction and growth.

Chairs: *Esperanza Vaughan and Dora Pulido*

Hospitality-The Hospitality committee provides refreshments to various events throughout the year such as Volunteer Breakfast, Fitness with Fathers, Breakfast with Mom and others. Parent volunteers purchase and serve the refreshments.

Chairs: *Alli Feinstein, Liz Rubinsky and Laura Canhuati*

International Fest-The Condit Family is proud to have students that represent over 50 countries. The PTO organizes a fun family event that includes a parade of students representing their heritage, cultural entertainment and a variety of food trucks with international foods.

Chairs: *Alicia Escamilla and Mona Sharique*

Interior Display-The PTO updates the interior displays and bulletin boards. Parent volunteers use their time and creativity to keep this space relevant and interesting.

Chairs: *Mackenzie Knape & Jackie Collins*

Kickball Tournament 4th vs. 5th- Each spring the kickball tournament is a highly anticipated event by the 4th and 5th graders. Parents volunteer to help set up and run the tournament with Coach Johnson on a Friday after school.

Chairs: *Kelly Chapin and Jill Weston*

Kinder Summer Socials- The PTO sponsors socials in the summer for incoming kindergarteners and their families.

Chairs: *Leah Rabe and Katherine Wright*

Kindergarten & 1st Grade Social- Many new families join the Condit community at the Kindergarten and 1st grade levels. The PTO sponsors a grade level prior to the start of the school year to provide an opportunity for families to get to know each other.

Chairs: *Jean Lee, Leslie Sutin and Leah Rabe*

Membership- The Membership committee tracks the PTO membership and contact information.

Chairs: *Holly Koehn and Amanda Callaci*

Name That Book- Student teams read and study books to compete against area schools in reading comprehension. Parent volunteer coaches work with the students to secure the team and prepare for the competition. Condit typically has two teams: one for grades Kindergarten-2nd, and one for grades 3rd through 5th.

Chairs: K-2nd *Catherine Cao*, 3rd–5th: *Christine Lacson*

Odyssey of the Mind- Student teams work together to solve problems geared to stretch their creativity, teamwork skills, and knowledge. Teams compete against area schools, and if successful, can advance to regional, state, and national competitions. Parent coaches cannot actually participate in the problem solving, only guide the students forward.

Chair: *Zar Zar Pe*

Reach for the Stars- This is the fundraising committee for the Condit PTO and has two primary sources of donations: Condit families and local businesses. The families of current Condit students are asked to donate to the PTO to fund the many PTO-sponsored extracurricular activities. Local businesses are offered advertising opportunities in our directory, newsletter, and other venues in exchange for a donation.

Chairs: Family- *Jean Lee and Business- Jennifer Friedberg*

Recycle Committee- The PTO works with the student “Green Team” and the 5th grade science teacher Ms. Cornejo to recycle and keep Condit Green.

Chair: *Rachel Auwater*

School Spirit Store- On scheduled school days the school store is open for students to buy school-related items such as pens, pencils, t-shirts, cups, hats, etc. The store is staffed by parent volunteers.

Chair: *Peggy Chang, Jean Lee and Kelly Chapin*

School Supplies- Pre-packaged school supplies for the following school year may be purchased through the PTO in the spring for the following year or at the Snow Cone Social prior to the first day of school. This provides consistency of supplies and convenience for

families as they prepare for the next year. Throughout the year the committee also makes sure teachers are stocked with supplies they need.

Chairs: *Rebecca Grazier, Paula Hertel and Jean Lee*

Science Box- Each month, parent volunteers present a “science box” topic to every classroom in the school. Each box contains a lesson and hands-on examples for better student understanding. Volunteers needed for each grade level.

Chair: *Margorie Hong and Jami Fowler*

Science Fair- Each spring the PTO coordinates the judging of the 3rd-5th grade science fair projects. Many volunteers are needed to judge the individual and group entries.

Chair: *Chandra Attayi*

Shared Decision Making Committee (SDMC)-The SDMC provides an opportunity for school, staff, and community leaders to meet monthly in order to assist in the development of school policies and programs.

Chairs: *Shana Halverson and Staci Sederis*

Shelter in Place- The PTO provides basic safety supplies in the classrooms, including water and snacks, for use in the unlikely event of a delay in dismissal or HISD ordered shelter-in-place situation.

Chair:

Snow Cones- After school on most Fridays (except rainy days or early dismissal days), the PTO sells snow cones or candy.

Chair: *Rebecca Rezy-Newton*

Snow Cone Social- The PTO coordinates this event the week before school starts. Students meet their teachers, collect school supplies, sign up for the PTO, and enjoy a cold snow cone while visiting with school friends.

Chairs: *Anne Stober and Jessica Hassid*

Sociables- The purpose of this program is to foster an even stronger community within Condit through parent hosted parties and events while at the same time raise money for Condit.

Chairs: *Ashley Heacock and Cynthia Gowda*

Staff Appreciation- Each month, the PTO hosts a faculty and staff breakfast or luncheon to show our appreciation for the wonderful job they do each day. Parent volunteers organize each meal and provide purchased or homemade dishes. The staff looks forward to these events each month!

Chair: *Lindsay Cohen, Nicole Dobbs and Alli Feinstein*

Student Enrichment-This committee organizes special speakers or events that benefit all kids of all grade levels.

Chair: *Ashley Heacock*

University Interscholastic League (UIL)- The University Interscholastic League exists to provide educational extracurricular academic, athletic, and music contests. The UIL was created by The University of Texas at Austin in 1910 and has grown into the largest inter-school organization of its kind in the world. UIL provides academic competitions in many areas at the elementary level such as essay writing, debate, and number sense.

Chair: *Amy Hassan*

Website Content Manager- Maintains and updates information on ConditPTO.org. This position works closely with the VP of Internal Communications and all committee heads to post the upcoming dates and activities to keep the website current.

Chair: *Rebecca Grazier*

Website Technical Architect- Responsible for the technical aspects of ConditPTO.org including navigation, html maintenance, new pages and organization, enhancements & images of the site. This position manages the relationship with DigitalPTO including our site licenses & usage reports. This position explores new technology available to the PTO and makes recommendation for improvements as needed.

Chair: *Peggy Chang*

Yearbook- A color yearbook is published each year documenting the many fun activities and student pictures. Parent volunteers and teachers take pictures throughout the year and the collection is compiled into a wonderful memory book.

Chairs: *Dolfin Leung, Rachel Miller, Rachel Auwater and Linnie Roth*