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STEM PTO News

Weekly PTO Newsletter

STEM Gives!

stemk12.org/stemgives/

STEM Gives is the PTO annual fundraiser. It's easy! No selling, just give! Our goal is \$75,000.

Where does the money go?

- Teacher's grants for k-12 grades (\$20K+ a year)
- Community events (Pirates Cove, Blast Off, Bubble Run, StemFest, so many events!)
- Food for teachers and staff (Staff days, PD days, Conferences)
- Staff appreciation week (Food, decorations)
- Special student activities (After prom and prom help, Senior Signs, Graduation)
- Student Programs- Science Olympiad, HS Recognition Lettering

Upcoming Events

Nov 7 Meet the PTO-
Torchy Tacos 5-7pm

Nov 9 PTO Zoom Meeting
6:30pm

Nov 16 Connection Coffee at
the Center for Strength
8-9am

Teacher Grants

Twice a year, the PTO holds teacher grants requests. These requests are items that go above and beyond the school budget. Teachers or teacher teams present requests to the PTO board who votes to approve the requests. The PTO voted to approve over \$11,000 in the fall grant cycle.

Stay tuned as we announce the approved grants! Past approved grants include: Eukeles for ES, calculators for secondary math, iPads, photography & video drone, Osmo math, wobble chairs.

Volunteer Thanks & Recongnition



Bubble Run

We can not do what we do without YOU! Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make the Bubble Run a success!



The PTO gets a lot done because of volunteers. Did you know that Kelly Murphy is not ON the PTO but coordinates monthly meals for our teachers, admin, and staff? She creates sign ups and with YOUR help, you make this possible!

Who is the PTO?

The PTO is you!

STEM PTO does not require dues. The PTO is a part of the Douglas County Foundation. We raise our funds (mostly through STEM Given Campaign). If your kid(s) to STEM- you are welcome and encouraged to attend at all PTO meetings.

Funds are used in the following ways:

- Teacher Grants- Approximately \$30k a year
- Food! New teacher day, first teacher day, PD days, conferences
- Stock the lounges and bathrooms
- Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week
- Events- most FREE of charge

We have openings in our Treasury, Communications, Hospitality, and Events roles. Email pto@stemk12.org to find out how to get involved.

Join us on Monday
At Torchys
Nov 7th 5-7pm
Low key meet & greet
Bring the family or come solo!

The flyer is set against a yellow background. At the top, it features the logo for STEM SCHOOL HIGHLANDS RANCH, which includes a stylized 'K' icon. Below the logo is an illustration of four people sitting around a table. To the right of this illustration, the text reads 'TAKE COOKING OFF YOUR LIST!' in red. The main headline is 'GET TO KNOW THE PTO AT TORCHY'S!' in large, bold, black letters. Below this is the 'TORCHYS' logo, which features a red and black torch. The date and time are listed as 'Monday, November 7th from 5-7pm!'. A red circular badge on the right side says 'MEET MEMBERS AND GET INVOLVED!'. At the bottom, there is a logo for the STEM PTO PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION, featuring a blue and yellow torch.

You belong! Get involved!

#IgniteTheSpark



Join us for Coffee Connections after drop off.

Wednesday, November 16th 8am-9am

Bring some snacks to donate to the Center.

At Center for Strength

640 Plaza Dr Suite 130

Across from MS Parking Lot

We'll also be knotting blankets as we chat. Blankets donated to the Children's Hospital

