

San Tan Scorpions 2017-2018 PTO Welcome Packet

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Dear San Tan Elementary Families,

From the Desk of
Mr. Mercado

I am excited to start another AMAZING year at San Tan Elementary. This is my fourth year as your principal and I believe we will do some great things this year. Last year we had many positive events in and out of our school. This year I am eager to begin where we left off last year.

Our school is a Leader in Me School and we are in our third year of our journey. The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People is the framework of our school. San Tan Elementary uses the language of leadership with every student every day. The Leader in Me is Franklin Covey's whole school transformational process that teaches 21st Century leadership skills to students and creates a culture of student empowerment based on the idea that every child can be a leader. We believe that having common language across our K-6 system will make us an even better school for our students, staff, and community. If you are interested in learning more about this exciting journey, feel free to visit www.theleaderinme.org.

At San Tan Elementary we strive to make connections that are meaningful with every student and family. Our school mission is to Unite, Learn, Lead, and Inspire. We believe with your support and partnership, anything is possible. I am excited to work with our amazing group of PTO members this year. These volunteer parents are extremely dedicated to ensure that your family has the best experiences at San Tan. Our PTO meets on a monthly basis to plan, organize, and serve in numerous ways to support our school initiatives. The meetings are open to the public and dates will be published in numerous areas.

We ask for your partnership this year with our Annual Fundraiser. Last year PTO, Site Council, and the Administrative team decided not to continue with the traditional fundraising that schools typically do each year like.....cookie dough, fun run, holiday wrapping/ornaments, etc. Most of the companies give a school approximately 20%-30% back to the school. We decided to ask families for a one-time \$50.00 donation to PTO to support our school. 100% of these funds go directly back into the classrooms and school. Last year we purchased needed items for every grade level to make learning more engaging and meaningful. PTO is considered a non-profit with the IRS and you will receive a tax deductible receipt. We will continue to have occasional restaurant nights to get out and meet other families. We do not consider these fundraisers. Please consider supporting our one-time Annual Fundraiser of \$50.00 this year!

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year at San Tan Elementary!
Let's make it GREAT!

Thank you!
Ray Mercado - Principal

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Meet your
Executive Board!

Dear San Tan Scorpion Parents,

The 2017-2018 PTO Executive Board is very excited about this school year. We look forward to working with you, the San Tan teachers and staff, and the San Tan administration to make this San Tan 's best year yet!

Brooke Garrett is our PTO President. She has 5 children, one at Higley High, one at Sossaman, and 3 girls in 1st, 3rd, and 6th grade this year. She absolutely loves the community, and staff at San Tan Elementary! She is excited about the growth our school has seen in the last several years and the progress that has been made in making San Tan such an amazing place! Prior to having children, Brooke was a 2nd grade teacher. This is Brooke's 2nd year as PTO President and she's hoping that the learning curve from last year will be a benefit to making this year even better! She loves working with all the parents, staff, fellow PTO board members and business community partners and seeing so much good in our community!

Misty Campeau is the Vice President of Fundraising. She has five kids, 2 which attend San Tan Elementary (4th & 6th), one 8th grader at Sossaman and two at Higley High (11th & 12th). She has been a part of the San Tan community for 16 years. Misty has been on the PTO board for the last 5 years as Vice President of Fundraising and President. Outside of PTO she enjoys running her business as an esthetician and spray tanning.

Helen Babcock is the Vice President of Activities. She is a former San Tan teacher, and now the proud parent of three Scorpions! Mackenzie is a fifth grader, Cate a third grader, and Addison a first grader. This is her second year as a San Tan PTO Board Member and she is looking forward to working with our amazing staff and families to create great activities for all to share in this year!

Jessica Pace is our Treasurer this year. She is new to the PTO Board and is excited to serve. Jessica has three daughters, including a 5th grader and a 2nd grader. She has a degree in math education and has been a math tutor for 9 years.

Jenn Zaur is our PTO Secretary. This is her second year as a PTO Board member. Jenn has four children, three who are at San Tan (5th, 2nd, and Kindergarten) and one in preschool. Jenn was an elementary teacher for 12 years and is now a university professor working with future teachers. She looks forward to sharing ideas from both a teacher and parent perspective this year.

Katie St. Clair is the PTO's Parent Liaison. She has two children at San Tan in third and fifth grade. She is a former elementary school teacher, preschool teacher, and will also be substituting at San Tan this year. She enjoys being involved at her children's school, and becoming friends with many of the families in the community. She is excited for another successful year of events at San Tan!

Alyssa Strohmaier is the Teacher-Parent Liaison for this school year! This is her fourth year teaching 2nd grade at San Tan. Alyssa has been in Arizona for the last four years and couldn't imagine living anywhere else! She is super excited to be apart of our wonderful PTO for the 2nd year and is looking forward to making this year even better than the last!

The PTO Board looks forward to working with all of our scorpion families. We hope you will join us at several of our activities, fundraising opportunities, and school events. There will be many chances for you to get involved!

You can keep up with what is going on with our PTO by checking out our website:
www.scorpions.digitalpto.com or emailing us at santanscorpionpto@gmail.com

Sincerely,
San Tan PTO Board
2017-2018



San Tan Elementary PTO End of Year Recap 2016-2017

What did PTO earn during the 2016-2017 school year?

Fundraising Donation Drive ~ \$21,500
School Carnival (Straight to grade levels) ~ \$4900
Restaurant Nights ~ \$1900
Fry's Community Rewards ~ \$2400
Box Tops ~ \$3,000

What did PTO purchase with the money raised?

Leader in Me license and support materials
Classroom Supplies (Paper, dry erase markers, Notebooks, folders, etc.)
Reading programs (Ticket to Read, Starfall, Scholastic News, Story Works, etc.)
Math supplementals (Manipulatives, Mountain Math, Engage NY, etc.)
AIMSWeb
Art Masterpiece materials
Technology (wireless mics, whiteboards, communication radios, laminator, etc.)
Books for classroom libraries and literature studies
Education games and learning materials
School beautification (mural, classroom rugs, paint, materials to display work)
Health Office supplies
San Tan event calendars for all families
STEAM Night and Literacy Night supplies

How else do PTO support the San Tan Community?

Hosted the Daddy & Daughter Dance and Mother Son Game Night
Hosted Cookies and Milk with Santa
Hosted the Donuts with Dad and Munchkins with Mom
Provided a San Tan Calendar to every family attending San Tan Elementary
Hosted the Teacher of the Year Table for San Tan Elementary

How did PTO support our Teachers?

Welcome back supply bags and luncheon for all teachers
Organized lunches for teachers and staff during conferences
Purchased Staff T-shirts
Hosted teacher and staff holiday luncheon and celebration
Hosted a week-long Teacher Appreciation celebration

2017-2018 Fundraising

Based on feedback we received from families and the success of our fundraising during the 2016-2017 school year, San Tan elementary will once again be going with an alternative route to fundraising. Instead of the traditional model of having numerous large school-wide fundraisers our PTO, principal and teachers will ask for a flat tax-deductible donation from each family in the school to help support the school and classrooms. Unlike traditional fundraisers, 100% of the money from your donations will be directed to the school and classrooms in order to support instruction. A presentation will be provided to parents with items of need for the school. Some of examples of items that might be purchased with your family's donation are: Classroom manipulatives, literacy sets, computer software, projectors, classroom speakers, classroom supplies, and professional development for San Tan teachers and staff.

Thank you,
Ray Mercado - Principal
Misty Campeau-Vice President of Fundraising

Fundraising Goal

Our goal is to raise \$22,000 through your tax-deductible donations. We hope you and your family will help us meet our goal. If we are unable to meet our goal, we will explore other options for fundraising.

Amount Donated from each family	Amount San Tan will raise to go directly back into the classrooms and school
\$20.00	\$ 11,000
\$30.00	\$ 16,500
\$50.00	\$ 27,500

Any family who donates \$100 or more by August 31st, 2017 will be entered into a raffle for a prize of \$100 cash(donated by one of our business partners). Please see the next page for information on how to donate!

Fundraising Goal

Our goal is to raise \$22,000 through your tax-deductible donations for supplies and resources. 100% of your tax-deductible donation will go straight back to San Tan. If each family donates \$50.00 we will reach that goal. We hope you and your family will help us meet our goal.

To make your tax-deductible donation, please fill out the information below and make your payment using one of the options below.

Parent's Name	Classroom Teacher(s)

Donation Amount: _____

Donations of \$100 or more that are made by August 31st will be entered into a raffle for a \$100 cash prize (donated by one of our business partners).

To pay by **credit card**:

1. Visit the PTO table at Meet the Teacher
2. Visit the PTO table at Curriculum Night
3. Visit the PTO website at www.scorpions.digitalpto.com. Click on the Fundraiser tab and make your donation via PayPal.

To pay with **cash**:

1. Visit the PTO table at Meet the Teacher
2. Visit the PTO table at Curriculum Night
3. Return this form to your child's teacher or the front office with an envelope labeled PTO Fundraising Donation.

San Tan PTO does not accept checks. If you are unable to donate at this time, but would like to in the future, please visit our PTO website at www.scorpions.digitalpto.com or contact Misty Campeau, VP of Fundraising at m2campeau@cox.net or santanscorpionpto@gmail.com. A tax donation letter will be sent home with your child.

Support San Tan with your everyday shopping!!!!



Did you know that Fry's gives San Tan money every time you shop?! All you need to do is scan your Fry's V.I.P. card. If you are already enrolled in this program, please make sure to renew every school year. If you are new to this program, please follow a few easy steps below.

Go to <https://www.frysfood.com/>

Sign-in or register

Click on "community" located at the top of the page

Click on "New! Community Rewards Program"

Existing members: click "Enroll Now"

New members: click "click here to create one"

Did you know that Amazon has a program called AmazonSmile? The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organizations selected by customers. When purchasing on Amazon, follow the steps below:

Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/30-0117054>, or go to <http://smile.amazon.com> and search San Tan Boosters Parent Teacher Organization. Login with your normal Amazon Login and Password. You will still have your Amazon Prime capabilities. Just Login through Amazon Smile each time to get credit.



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Box Tops!!!!



Please collect Box Tops throughout the year. There will be a collection each month and the classroom who collects the most box tops will receive a prize. Your child's teacher will be sending home a form each month that you can attach your box tops to. Thank you for your support.

2017-2018 Box Top Collection Monthly Deadlines

Friday, August 25th

September 29th

October 27th

December 1st

January 26th

February 23rd

March 30th

April 27th

May 18th

The Labels for Education program will be ended. Please send in any labels you have by August 31st so that we can redeem the points before the program ends.



If you know of another convenience fundraising program, please share it with us at santanscorpionpto@gmail.com!

A few more important details!

To stay up to date with PTO happenings, please register on our website at www.scorpions.digitalpto.com/join or visit us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SanTanScorpionsPTO/>.

Volunteer opportunities are endless!

Log-in to Digital PTO at www.scorpions.digitalpto.com/volunteer or email us at santanscorpionpto@gmail.com to sign up for events

Did you know our school T-Shirts are available for purchase online?!

Go to www.scorpions.digitalpto.com/t-shirts



Executive Board

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