

San Tan Scorpions 2018-2019 PTO Welcome Packet

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From the Desk of
Mr. Mercado

Dear San Tan Elementary Families,

Thank you for choosing San Tan for your family's educational experience for the 2018-2019 school year. We realize you have many choices in the area, and we appreciate you choosing to be a Scorpion. This is my fifth year at San Tan Elementary, and each year I feel more and more excited about what we accomplish. We are a Leader in Me School and are in our fourth year of this exciting 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 PTO this year. These volunteers are extremely dedicated and ensure that your family has the best experience 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 for families and the community.

Annual School Fundraiser Information.....please consider supporting our school by donating \$50.00 per family. This is optional, and we hope you will partner with us to provide additional resources for our school. PTO, Site Council, and the Administrative team have 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% of raised funds 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. Teachers provide a wish list of items to purchase for their classroom to make learning more engaging and meaningful. This year we want to continue to provide resources to the classroom as well as add shade structures to our primary and intermediate playgrounds. If you donate to our PTO, you will receive a tax-deductible receipt from a non-profit organization. We will continue to have restaurant nights as an opportunity to have families and friends connect outside of school. Please consider supporting our annual school-wide fundraiser this year! I also have heard that many employers will match your donations, so please ask your employer if they will match your donation. Thank you!



We look forward to working with you to make this year an AMAZING year for our Scorpions!

Ray Mercado - Principal



Meet your
Executive Board!

Dear San Tan Scorpion Parents,

The 2018-2019 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, two at Sossaman, and 2 girls in 2nd and 4th 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 3rd 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, and her baby will be a 5th grader at San Tan this year! She also has one child at Sossaman, two children at Higley and one in college! She has been a part of the San Tan community for 17 years. Misty has been on the PTO board for the last 6 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 6th grader, Cate a 4th grader, and Addison a 2nd grader. This is her third 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!

Ashley Schenk is our treasurer. Ashley was born and raised in Idaho Falls Idaho and has lived in Arizona for almost 7 years. She has five kids ages 15 to 3. Ashley loves nothing more than spending time with her family. The Schenk's have been at San Tan for three years now and Ashley is so excited to get to know more of the teachers and staff at San tan!

Jenn Zaur is our PTO Secretary. This is her third year as a PTO Board member. Jenn has four children, three who are at San Tan (6th, 3rd and 1st) and one in Pre-K. Jenn was an elementary teacher for 12 years and is now a full-time university professor working with future teachers. She looks forward to sharing ideas from both a teacher and parent perspective this year.

Ashley Buker is the PTO's Parent Liaison. After helping out at various events and attending PTO meetings over the last two years, she decided to jump all in and is new to this year PTO board. She has a degree in early education and preschool experience. Ashley has a 3rd grade daughter. She's involved with girl scouts and loves to craft. Ashley is excited to work with parents and staff this coming year.

Christy Ludwig is our Teacher Liaison. This will be Christy's 4th year teaching sixth graders here at San Tan, and she is beyond thrilled to be the teacher liaison for our amazing PTO. Christy is a proud Arizona native, Northern Arizona University graduate, wife to the most wonderful man, mother to one adorable nine month old son, fur-mother to a lovable pup, and a huge fan of the Chicago Cubs, Chipotle, Target, and, of course, teaching at San Tan! Christy looks forward to a fantastic school year!

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
2018-2019



San Tan Elementary PTO End of Year Recap 2018-2019

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

Fundraising Donation Drive ~ \$15,200
School Carnival (Straight to grade levels) ~ \$3200
Restaurant Nights ~ \$3580
Fry's Community Rewards ~ \$1984
Box Tops ~ \$2.050

What did PTO purchase with the money raised?

Upgraded School Marquee
Curriculum Resources
Robotics Club Start Up
Technology Resources
Classroom Supplies (Paper, dry erase markers. Notebooks, folders, etc.)
Art Masterpiece materials
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

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

*The PTO budget may be reviewed at any time by the San Tan Community.

2018-2019 Fundraising

Based on feedback we received from families and the success of our fundraising during the 2018-2019 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. Mr. Mercado will talk to parents at Meet the Teacher about this approach to fundraising and the money will go directly towards the needs of the school. One of the major needs that we will be working towards purchasing are additional shade structures for the playgrounds. We appreciate your support.

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

Fundraising Goal

Our goal is to raise \$25,000 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

For each \$100 donation that is received by Friday, August 31, 2018, you will receive a raffle ticket into a drawing for TWO Disneyland One-Day Park Hopper Tickets! Please see the next page for information on how to donate!

Fundraising Goal

Our goal is to raise \$25,000 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 TWO Disneyland One-Day Park Hopper Tickets!!!!!!

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

Flip Give is a hosting website through which you can shop at a wide variety of retailers such as Target, Wal-Mart, Lowe's, Kohl's, Old Navy, Shutterfly and many more. When you do your online shopping at these retailers through the Flip Give website, San Tan will receive a percentage back based on your purchase. The percentage back varies based on the store. You can even buy gift cards. Purchasing through Flip Give is easy. Here is what you do:



1. Go to <https://www.flipgive.com/f/437249>
2. Search for the store you want to shop (Target, Walmart, Starbucks, etc.)
3. Click the "Shop Now" link for the store
4. Choose "San Tan PTO" for the menu of who to give the money back to.

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

A few more important details!

Follow us on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SanTanScorpionsPTO/> .

Or follow us on Instagram

@santanscorpionpto

Or email us at

santanscorpionpto@gmail.com

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To receive updates regarding PTO events and functions at school, either sign up at <http://scorpions.digitalpto.com/volunteer/> or fill out and return the bottom portion of this document to your child's teacher.

Child's Name: _____

Child's Teacher: _____

Email: _____

How would you like to help? _____
