# Welcome to <u>your</u> Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO)



## Together, we can do "Asa-amazing" things!

**President:** Nicole Spaulding

**Secretary:** Britt Cline

**Treasurer**: Heather Hogan

#### *Our Goals: 2023-24*

- 1. INSPIRE our children's play via creative additions to the playground. Big changes may be in the works, in the meantime things like a mud kitchen, a theater stage, a ball wall, or art stations could help stretch their imaginations (as well as their legs!)
- 2. GROW a love of nature and a legacy of community caring via the addition of garden beds on the school grounds.

  These can be incorporated into learning objectives at all grade levels and help fight food insecurity in our community.
- 3. **CONNECT Asa to UMaine** via a program (Asa Sleuths\*) that arranges regular visits from scientists, artists, engineers, writers, etc. These visitors will help our students unravel the world's mysteries while also supporting teachers in curriculum areas of their choosing.

\*Did you know...a group of black bears is called a sleuth (or sloth)?

### <u>How you can help!</u>

As parents ourselves, we understand how busy you are and want to assure you that helping doesn't require a major time commitment! You can help by:

- Donating homemade or store-bought snacks and drinks for our monthly coffee cart. We send out a SignUp Genius link via Facebook and email with a list of options.
- Making crafts for our annual Holiday Craft Fair (as few as 20 items!) We have lots of ideas and can provide kits!
- Sending emails and/or making phone calls to solicit donations for our annual silent auction.
- Photocopying fliers advertising fundraisers and events.
- Volunteering your time at one of our events. Volunteer training is required watch for emails from Allison Woodard early in the year.
- Providing your expertise, time, or enthusiasm as we pursue our <u>three</u> <u>overarching goals</u>...it takes a village!
- If you have absolutely no time, but you still want to help, please consider a monetary donation.

#### <u>Ways to Donate</u>

The PTO is always accepting donations and we are grateful for donations big and small. **Donations are 100% tax deductible**. You can donate using any of the options below:

 Via PayPal. Point your smartphone camera at the code below and click on the link that pops up.



Scan. Pay. Go.

- Write a check. Checks should be made payable to Asa C. Adams PTO.
- Donate your cans and bottles. Drop them off at Hannaford CLYNK machines or at Burby and Bates in Orono. Don't forget to mention you want your bottle money donated to the Asa C. Adams PTO.
- Attend our restaurant fundraisers!
   Enjoy a night off from cooking and a portion of your bill will go directly to us!

#### <u>Why a PTO?</u>

A parent-teacher organization (PTO) promotes parent-teacher collaboration and provides support for our teaching staff.
Your PTO provides opportunities to:

- **Build** a sense of community through family-focused events.
- **Organize** collaborative projects that strengthen the educational and social experience for our children.
- Support our wonderful teaching staff.



We are <u>your</u> PTO – join us this year, as we aim to "INSPIRE, GROW, and CONNECT"!

#### Let's be in touch!

We will keep you informed of opportunities to volunteer or donate via email, our Facebook page, and handouts sent home with your children.

To help us reach you:

Join our mailing list - <a href="mail">Email</a>: <a href="mail">asaadamspto@rsu26.org</a>

and follow us on Facebook - Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/AsaAdamsPTO/

You can also check out our website - Website: Scan the QR code below to visit our website



or reach us at the school -

#### **Address:**

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