



September 2020

Dear Stony Brook Families,

On behalf of the Stony Brook Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO), we would like to welcome everyone to the 2020-2021 school year! Welcome back to all of our returning families and sincere greetings to all the new families joining Stony Brook Elementary School for the first time this year. The PTO is a parent and teacher volunteer organization that supports the school by organizing events and coordinating volunteers for various programs, and by providing financial assistance and funding for activities like the following:

- School field trips
- Assemblies
- Small Teacher Grants (Classroom materials and teacher initiatives)
- New books
- Events to build a strong school community

Through the support of our Stony Brook families each year, we typically raise funds through and hold events like the following:

- Book fairs (twice per year)
- Trunk or Treat
- Family Fun Nights (twice per year)
- Pennington Quality Market Doughnut Fundraiser
- Purse Bingo
- Stony Brook All-Star Apparel and Merchandise
- Trenton Thunder Minor League Baseball Night
- Science Fair
- Barnes and Noble Night
- Whooo's Reading
- And so much more!

Here are some easy ways to support our school from afar:

Amazon Smile. Amazon will donate a portion of your purchase to the Stony Brook PTO each time you shop! Be sure to enable Amazon Smile on your mobile devices via the Amazon shopping app and your computer. Search for the “**Stony Brook Parent Teacher Organization in Pennington, New Jersey**” when visiting smile.amazon.com

Stop and Shop Shoppers Card. Login to your Stop and Shop Shoppers card account online and add Stony Brook Elementary as the school you would like to support with your purchases!

Box Tops. Download the box tops app for your phone and take pictures of the receipts (electronic or paper) and upload them to the box top app. Select Stony Brook Elementary School, Pennington, NJ as your school to support! There are some physical box tops on items you may purchase at the store. Please save those and send them in; however, most box tops are now in a virtual format.

Donation Matching from Employers. If you make a donation via Membership Tool Kit (see below for more information), your employer may match your contribution. Please be sure to check with your employer to see if they match donations for non-profit organizations!

This year the PTO will meet virtually once a month, usually on a Wednesday evening. Links to PTO meetings will be distributed in advance. Meeting dates are located in the calendar on Stony Brook's Membership Toolkit site (see below for more information) and will be held at 7:30pm.

To stay current with all PTO and school information, **please be sure to sign up for Membership Toolkit and create a new account if your child is in Pre-K, Kindergarten, or is a new student to the school. For current students in grades 1-5, please update your Membership Toolkit information from last year.** This site is a central resource for everything related to the PTO: Our events, fundraisers, etc. You can also purchase school-branded apparel and merchandise, and make a donation to the PTO through Membership Toolkit. Please visit the following site to sign up or update your account:
<https://stonybrookelementarypto.membershiptoolkit.com>

Please also consider joining us on our private Stony Brook PTO Facebook page to stay current on school and PTO news: www.facebook.com/groups/stonybrookpto/

Though this school year will look a little different than previous years, now is an important time to continue to support our community, our school, and our children. At Stony Brook our All-Stars strive to be the best they can be, and the PTO directly assists this mission. This year we welcome new and established families in attending meetings and becoming involved in our school community. As the year progresses you will hear about several ways to provide support to the PTO, both through financial means and volunteer initiatives. We are stronger together and we look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,

The Stony Brook PTO Executive Board:

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