

Hello MRCS Families!!

Now that we are in our second month of school, the MRCS PTO Board would like to say hello!! We know this year is different and will be full of change, but your PTO is here to help make it feel as normal as possible.

For those who may not know, the PTO is an organization of parents, teachers and MRCS staff. Our goal is to foster a nurturing and caring environment that strives for continued parent involvement in helping to build a better educational environment for our children. We also promote a school community between our teachers, administrators and families. **We have no dues...everyone is a member!**

While this year will be a little different, our goals still remain the same. We will be focusing a majority of our efforts on promoting school community, even though we are apart to start. Look for us to schedule some fun virtual events, conduct some "fun for the whole family" contests that will get you away from your computers (with prizes!!!) and do some fun promotions on Facebook such as "Recipe Wednesdays" parent tips.

Our membership meetings are held every other month beginning in November. You can find the dates on the MRCS website. They will be held virtually through Zoom and meeting information will be sent through Parent Square. While we have some PTO items we will need to take care of at these meetings, we are looking to focus these meetings on sharing parent resources. We are researching different speakers and topics to cover that could most benefit our families. If you have any suggestions on speakers or topics, please email them to [PTOMRCS@gmail.com](mailto:PTOMRCS@gmail.com) or message them to us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/mrcseriepto](https://www.facebook.com/mrcseriepto).

We know times are hard for our families this year, so we are limiting our fundraising activities this year. There will be no major fundraiser, but we will still do some of the smaller things our families have come to know and love such as discount cards and a spirit wear sale. We will also continue things like Boxtops and Apples for Students.

Our PTO provides information through Parent Square, the MRCS website, Facebook ([www.facebook.com/mrcseriepto](https://www.facebook.com/mrcseriepto)), and membership meetings. Please check them frequently to keep up to date and please attend membership meetings when you can. We are looking forward to another successful year! This will be a year to remember for all of us!

### The 2020-2021 MRCS PTO Board

Michele Luthringer - President, Jamie Czech - Treasurer, Courtney Thompson - Secretary