

ET PTO NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 8, 2026



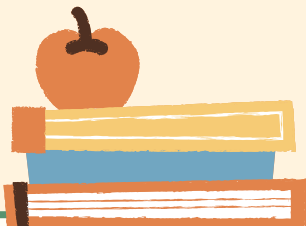
Enrich the Trails Fundraiser & Walk-A-Thon

Get ready to lace up your shoes and get your WALK on! All students, staff, and their families are invited to participate in a one mile walk through the school campus and the Saddle Ridge Neighborhood. All students and staff will walk the event on Friday, October 16, weather permitting. Students will receive their new Field Trip t-shirts the morning of the walk to wear during the event.

All students and their families are encouraged to make a donation to the Walk-A-Thon by asking family and friends for their support. We are once again teaming up with Fund Hub to make collecting donations an easy online payment process. An information packet will be sent home with students in a few weeks.

Field Trip & Fun Pass

If you haven't submitted your child's Field Trip and Fun Pass, please make the payment today. Access to our Venmo account (@RockfordEdgertonPTO) has been restored and we can once again accept payments. Cash and check payments are also accepted and they can be dropped off at the office or sent to school with your child in a labeled envelope. Please make checks payable to *Edgerton Trails PTO* and mail to 9605 Edgerton Ave NE, Rockford MI 49341.



Recess Rams

Looking to help out our school during lunchtime? We would love for you to consider signing up as a Recess Ram! We are in need of volunteers to help during lunch and recess for all grade levels. Click on the Sign Up Genius link to volunteer today!

Sign Up Link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4FA5AD2EA7F8C61-65528574-2026#/>

Password: ET2026

Mileage Club

Our Mileage Club kicks off tomorrow, Wednesday, September 9th. All 2nd-5th grade students are welcome to participate every Wednesday and earn charms. The season will wrap up on October 28th but will resume in April. We are looking for parent volunteers to help record laps for our students. If interested, please sign up with this **Sign Up Genius Link:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A4EA9A62CA5FC1-65109904-2627#/>

Upcoming Events

- **September 9:** PTO meeting at 6:00 PM in library; All is welcome!
- **September 16:** EARLY RELEASE DAY
- **September 23:** Picture Day!
- **September 25:** Popcorn Day!
- **September 30:** EARLY RELEASE DAY
- **October 1:** Enrich the Trails Fundraiser Kicks Off
- **October 14:** EARLY RELEASE DAY
- **October 15:** Enrich the Trails Fundraiser Ends
- **October 16:** Walk-A-Thon
- **October 22:** Fall Festival, 5:00=7:00 PM

Fall Festival: Trunk or Treat

Gather the family and enjoy an evening at Edgerton Trails for our annual Fall Festival! We are gearing up for a fun night featuring Trunk or Treat, a petting zoo, food trucks, and more! It's set to take place from 5:00 -7:00 PM on Thursday, October 22. In the meantime, we are collecting candy donations for the event. Candy can be dropped off at the school office during school hours starting October 1st. Thank you in advance for your support! We cannot wait to celebrate the fall season with all of our ET families!

Spirit Wear

Are you ready to show your Rockford Ram pride and support the Edgerton Trails PTO? This year, we are teaming up with Bold Brands in Rockford for all your spirit wear needs. This year, there are dozens of new styles and Rockford Rams-only apparel, as well as items that exclusively say Edgerton Trails! A portion of all items purchased will support the PTO. Here is the shopping link to check it out what's new:

<https://boldbrands.store/collections/edgerton-trails>

LOVE THE LOUNGE & Welcome Back Coffee

The PTO is inviting parents to team up with other families and neighbors to LOVE THE LOUNGE this school year. Help us treat our teachers and staff by providing a fun atmosphere in the lounge each month! In August, parents **Lindsey Johnson (PTO Board Member)**, **Liz Bechaz**, **Stephanie Hendon**, and **Jen Smith** treated the staff to a warm welcome back coffee and light breakfast bar! Coffee was generously donated by **Biggby Coffee on 10 Mile**! THANK YOU!! To sign up to Love the Lounge, click on this link: [Love The Lounge SignUp Genius](#)



New PTO Website

We are so excited to announce we have a new PTO website this year! A big THANK YOU to **Jason Litke** for helping us create and launch our website. A special THANK YOU to **Bethany Brink** for helping us with the graphic design elements of our new site! We hope you will check it out and find it useful. Here is the direct link:

<https://etepto.org>

THANK YOU, Edgerton Explorer \$1,000+ Sponsors!



EDGERTON TRAILS ELEMENTARY MEET OUR 2026/2027 PTO BOARD



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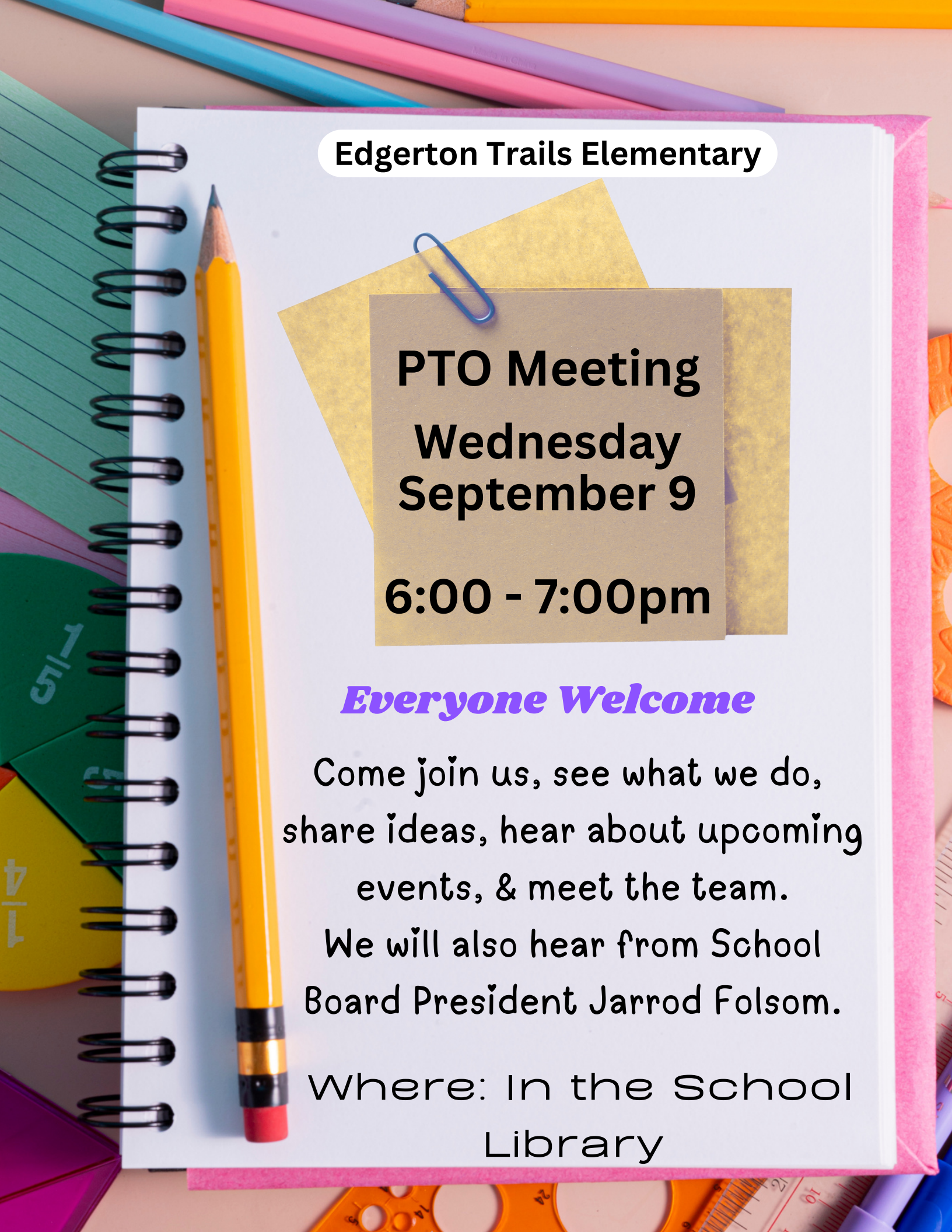


Lindsey Johnson
VP of Staff Support

Our PTO is a nonprofit organization committed to supporting our school community. We bring together parents, teachers, and community members to create an outstanding educational environment for every student.

Email: RockfordEdgertonPTO@gmail.com

Website: etepto.org



Edgerton Trails Elementary

**PTO Meeting
Wednesday
September 9**

6:00 - 7:00pm

Everyone Welcome

Come join us, see what we do,
share ideas, hear about upcoming
events, & meet the team.

We will also hear from School
Board President Jarrod Folsom.

Where: In the School
Library

WE'RE LOOKING FOR

SPONSORSHIPS

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

- The PTO at Edgerton Trails Elementary School in Rockford is looking for community support and business sponsors.
- Multiple tiers of tax deductible sponsorships available to support our students and teachers.
- Opportunities to advertise your business logo outside at the school, on field trip t-shirts, and on monthly PTO newsletters.
- Individual and family donations also welcomed.

INTERESTED? 

Attn: Cam Menzel, VP of Fundraising
RockfordEdgertonPTO@gmail.com



LOVE the Lounge

A LITTLE LOVE GOES A LONG WAY!

Let's show our Edgerton staff just how much we appreciate all that they do.



Love the Lounge is an opportunity for our Edgerton families to get involved by sponsoring a chosen month during the school year to "love on" our staff lounge by filling it with a little extra joy.



It's Easy!



SIGN UP, CHOOSE A MONTH. BRING A LITTLE LOVE. MAKE A BIG IMPACT.



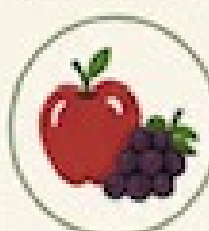
Coffee & specialty drinks



Sweet & salty treats



Snacks & goodies



Fresh fruit & healthy options



Little surprises & thoughtful touches



Or anything that brings a little happiness!



Families can team up, split the month, or make it as simple or elaborate as they'd like. There's no set amount to spend—the goal is simply to brighten our staff's day and remind them how appreciated they are!





Edgerton Trails Field Trip & Fun Pass 2026-2027



Make school year planning easy with our Field Trip & Fun Pass!

Instead of paying for multiple events and activities throughout the year, the Edgerton Trails PTO bundles many of the most popular student activities into one convenient payment. The **Field Trip & Fun Pass** helps ensure your child can participate in fun experiences all year long while saving families from keeping track of multiple payments.

The Field Trip & Fun Pass includes:

- All grade-level field trips, including transportation and admission fees
- Monthly popcorn days
- Mileage Club (Grades 2-5), our Friday running program that encourages healthy activity through collectible charms and end-of-year awards

Payment Options

Please submit payment by one of the following:

- 1 | Cash
- 2 | Check (payable to Edgerton Trails PTO)
- 3 | Venmo: @RockfordEdgertonPTO



Please label cash and check payments in an envelope with child's name, teacher, and total amount for their Field Trip & Fun Pass. Payments can be dropped off inside the school office or sent in with your student.

Please make all payments by September 30.

2026-2027 Field Trip & Fun Pass Fees

Developmental
Kindergarten (DK): \$30

Kindergarten: \$35

1st Grade: \$25

2nd Grade: \$30

3rd Grade: \$60

4th Grade: \$75

5th Grade: \$80

Want to help another student?

If you would like to sponsor a student in our school, you may donate any grade-level amount. Please note **"Sponsor"** in the memo line of your check or Venmo payment.