

FYI:

- For this 2017-2018 school year, the PTA will be emailing out our newsletter the first Tuesday of every month. As always, you may keep up with us via the Small School calendar: (<https://sites.google.com/site/dorasmallschool/home/calendar>) and the Small School PTA Facebook Page: (<https://www.facebook.com/SmallPTA>).
- Need to contact the PTA? We'd love to hear from you on Facebook or via email: dorasmallpta@gmail.com.

December PTA Events:

Wednesday 11/29 – Thursday 12/14: Small School CBD Coffee Sale

- Offering 3 Small School blends- light, dark, & decaf- in 12 oz. bags- ground or whole bean- for \$11 each
- Pay by check ("Small School PTA") & either give it to the Front Office or return it in your red tote
- **Delivery is Wednesday 12/22** if ≤4 bags; for >4 bags, please pick up in lobby at the end of the day

Thursday 12/07: Nonesuch Book Sale & Bake Sale

- 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm @ Nonesuch Books: 50 Market Street, South Portland
- 20% of book store sale proceeds (excluding gift cards) go to Small School
- 100% of bake sale proceeds go to Small School
- Complimentary gift wrapping available

Wednesday 12/13: Monthly PTA Meeting

- 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm @ the Dora L. Small School Art Room
- Childcare and pizza available in the gym!

October/November PTA Highlight Reel:

- **(Ongoing) Greening Update:** To wrap up the gardening season, the 4th graders walked down to the beach & collected a huge truckload of seaweed to spread on the raised veggie beds on the side of the school. In the spring, the 4th graders will weed & plant the veggie gardens that will be cared for by volunteers over the summer and then by the upcoming 4th graders next fall. The beachscape gardens at the front of the school received a fresh load of sand, some new perennials, & a couple new large boulders to spruce up the entrance to the school.
- **10/04: Small School Jog-A-Thon:** This year was a HUGE success, raising \$2800 (compared to last year's \$1500)!
- **10/24 - 10/25: 13th Annual Harvest Feast:** During this two-day event, our 4th graders harvested the veggies they cared for throughout the fall. They prepared homemade pasta, marinara sauce, pesto, apple crisp, & pressed cider & served our 5th graders. About 140 volunteers and students participated in this hugely successful event!
- **10/27: Movie Night:** Despite initial technical glitches, the PTA's complimentary showing of "The Emoji Movie" raised \$323 and garnered tons of laughs! What's better than watching a funny movie in your pajamas?!



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December PTA Volunteer Opportunities:

****Please note that ALL volunteer postings already have an assigned leader; all Small School is looking for is a bit of your time! When you sign up for a post (done via the volunteer form that was sent home in totes), your contact information will be shared with the lead organizer of that particular activity who will contact you to coordinate and discuss your participation.*

(Ongoing) Library Helper:

Frequency: As available Once a week or every other week

Description: Help with book shelving in the library

Time Commitment: As available; email Anne Mason (masonan@spsd.org) directly to coordinate

(Ongoing) Tote Stuffing:

Frequency: As available

Description: Help stuff students' weekly totes with school info

Time Commitment: Wednesdays @ 9:30 am for about an hour

(Ongoing) Greening Committee:

Frequency: As available

Description: Help organize & care for the school's gardens

Time Commitment: Wednesdays @ 9:30 am for about an hour

(Ongoing) Clynk:

Description: Take a Clynk bag from the PTA table in the lobby & return your cans/bottles to a Clynk recycling center for funds to be credited to Small School

(Ongoing) Friday Popcorn Popper:

Frequency: Looking for volunteers to commit to one Friday a month

Description: Pop popcorn & distribute to classrooms before dismissal (you will work with another parent and will be trained/partnered with an experienced popper)

Time Commitment: Friday afternoons from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

(Ongoing) Morning Safety Patrol:

Frequency: As available

Description: Mr. Stoner's new program which aims to welcome students and keep them safe during morning drop-off

Time Commitment: 8:20 am – 9:20 am

Thursday 12/07: Nonesuch Bake Sale Donations & Bake Sale Helpers

Frequency: One-time event

Description: Donate your yummiest baked goodies to raise money for Small School or staff the sale by representing Small School and/or gift wrapping purchases

Time Commitment (BAKING): Baking time + drop off goodies right at Nonesuch after 4:30 pm on 12/07

Time Commitment (STAFFING SALE): 12/7 from 5:00 am – 7:00 pm

Thursday 12/22: Coffee Sale Delivery:

Frequency: One-time event

Description: Looking for 2 volunteers to help the PTA distribute coffee orders to classrooms

Time Commitment: 1:00 pm for about 45 min



Wishing you the happiest of holidays!