

Sopris Elementary PTA Events and Fundraisers!

The SES PTA focuses on five programs in furtherance of its mission:

1. **Friday Night Movies**
2. **The FUNd Run**
3. **The Spring Carnival Silent Auction**
4. **“Box Tops” Collection, and**
5. **Supporting Teachers during parent/teacher conferences.**

Friday Night Movies:

The SES PTA arranges for movies to be shown on the “big screen” (in the school cafeteria) five to six times a year on Friday Nights. Dinner is provided to all attending students. Kids get to enjoy dinner, beverages and popcorn, while hanging out with friends in their PJs. Volunteering parents get to meet one another while supervising the event. And non-volunteering parents get a few hours to enjoy a night out, and a chance to support teacher field trip and special needs requests. Everybody wins.

Entry (including dinner) is \$10 per student. Drop off and pick-ups are at the back entrance to the cafeteria (near the school bus pickup).

Proceeds from each Friday Night Movie support a “sponsoring” grade level (K through 5). Examples of past Movie Night project funding include:

A Fourth Grade Field trip to Jump House™

A Kindergarten Field trip to the GWS Community Center

An all- Second Grade field trip to Aspen Mountain.

A Fifth Grade field trip to view the construction of the GWS bridge.

Parent volunteers are ALWAYS needed. Volunteering is an easy, “no-brainer” way to show your kid you care, help out the school, and meet your kid’s friends as well as other parents and students at Sopris Elementary. Most of our new PTA volunteers have their first SES PTA interaction volunteering at a Friday Night Movie.

To volunteer, connect with one of our [officers](http://ses.rfsd.k12.co.us/pta/officers.html) [<http://ses.rfsd.k12.co.us/pta/officers.html>], or email us at soprispta@gmail.com.

The FUNd Run:

The SES PTA's annual fall fundraising race event happens during a school day on Sopris Elementary's athletic field. Students enjoy an outdoor run, then an after party and awards.

The students ask friends and family to sponsor them based on how many “laps” they run. Sponsor sheets are sent home well in advance in students’ homework folders. Through sponsor support and student’s running, Sopris Elementary earns money for field trips and teach special requests.

Great prizes go to the top earning individual student, and the top earning class, and every participating student receives a Sopris Elementary School water bottle! Proceeds go support and strengthen the SES PTA’s operating budget for the upcoming school year.

The Spring Carnival Silent Auction:

Every spring on “Carnival Day,” the Kiwanis club sponsors a barbecue lunch for students and staff and the Glenwood Springs High School Cheerleaders put on a “Carnival” for Sopris students complete with games, events, prizes, and a dunk tank.

The SES PTA participates in this great event by running a silent auction. Each class assembles a themed “basket” made up of donations from students and their parents. The baskets are then auctioned off at the Carnival. Themes can include “Outdoors,” “Day at the Beach,” “Arts & Crafts,” “Fishing,” and so on.

The Silent Auction proceeds are then donated to the school in support of a specific “large-ticket” school resource item requested by the school administration. In 2017, the SE PTA gathered funds directed toward the purchase of an interactive Weather Station intended for the upgraded school playground built in the summer of 2017.

“Box Tops” Collections:

From boxtops4education.com:

“General Mills wanted to create a program to help support education and benefit America’s schools – and so, Box Tops for Education™ was born. ...

By 1998, more than 30,000 schools were clipping Box Tops and earning cash to buy the things they needed: books, computers, playground equipment and more.

Over the next four years, the Box Tops for Education™ program doubled... By 2004, over 82,000 schools across the nation participated in Box Tops, earning more than \$100 million.

In 2006, for the first time, non-food brands began to participate ...By 2010, schools across the nation had earned over \$320 million.

Today, America’s schools have earned over \$800 million, and you can find Box Tops on hundreds of products throughout the grocery store.”

The SES PTA runs a boxtops collections program for the school in coordination with the administration and teachers.

Teacher Support during Parent/Teacher Conferences:

During Parent/Teacher conferences, teaches meet with parents non-stop. The SES PTA helps support teachers during these days (and reminds them how much we appreciate them) by organizing volunteers to make food for the teachers to eat and snack on throughout the day.

PAST SES PTA Events:

Fur and Feathers 5k Family Fun Run (Fall 2015):

In the fall of 2015, the newly organized SES PTA and the GSES PTA joined together to create the “Fur and Feathers 5k Family Fun Run.” This “costumes-are-encouraged” fun and health-focused fundraising event consisted of a 5k run/walk from the Sopris Elementary School to the Glenwood Springs Elementary School, open to participants from both school (the “Fur” stood for the GSES Bears, and the “Feathers” stood for the Sopris Elementary Eagles).

Proceeds went to support essential school programs and classroom needs and technology.

In 2015, over 160 community members ran, walked, strolled and jogged the course, helping to raise over \$5000 for school programs at both Sopris Elementary and Glenwood Springs Elementary School!

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Other Volunteer Opportunities at Sopris (Coming Soon)

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