



Sopris Elementary PTA Events and Fundraisers!

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

1. **The FUNd Run**
2. **The Spring Carnival Silent Auction**
3. **Friday Night Movies**
4. **Supporting after school events (concerts, “art night,” etc.), and**
5. **Supporting Teachers during parent/teacher conferences.**

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 usually go support the PTA's largest campaign of the year and also to strengthen the SES PTA's operating budget and teacher grants program.

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 and the surrounding neighborhood, complete with games, events, prizes, and a dunk tank.

The SES PTA participates in this great event by promoting it in the community, securing donations, and 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. Individual donations are also solicited from local businesses and parents.

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 SES PTA gathered funds directed toward the purchase of an interactive Weather Station intended for the upgraded school playground built in the summer of 2017. In 2018, SES PTA funded a speaker series for all-school assemblies for the 2018-2019 school year.

Friday Night Movies:

The SES PTA arranges for movies to be shown on the “big screen” four to five times a year on Friday Nights. Dinner and popcorn is provided to all attending students. Kids get to hang out with friends from other classes and grade levels, 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 field trips and special needs requests. Everybody wins.

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

Proceeds from each Friday Night Movie support a “sponsoring” grade level’s field trips or special requests (Preschool 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.

Supporting after school events (concerts, “art night,” etc.)

Throughout the year there are a few, special, after-school events that bring together our entire community. These include “Art Night,” “Literacy Night,” and Music Concerts. These events bring parents and students together in a relaxed atmosphere that transform our school into an art gallery or a concert hall.

It is a natural fit for SES PTA to seek to enhance these events, to emphasize our school community. The PTA facilitates potlucks, donates food, and organizes bake sales to make these event something special, and to make sure families that don’t have time to get dinner before the event have something to eat. Thanks in advance for helping with these events, and if you enjoy the food and sweets provided, thank your SES PTA!

Teacher Support during Parent/Teacher Conferences:

During Parent/Teacher conferences, teachers 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:* The 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). 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!