



# PTO Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

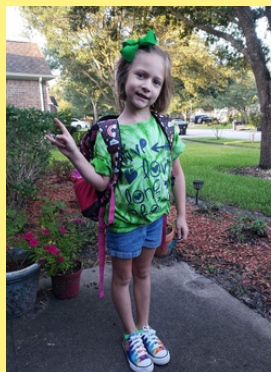
LIZ CHASTAIN

Happy September Longhorn Families! August was a busy month for our PTO committees! Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers that made everything possible! Our Spirit Wear team got our kids going with their start of year Spirit items! Our Teacher Appreciation (TA) team, with the sponsorship of Educational Products, Inc. (EPI, school supplies), gave the staff a fantastic luncheon on Meet the Teacher Day!

Thank you all who stopped by for our Boo Hoo/YaHoo Breakfast on the 1st Day of School! Thank you to the team who planned it, put it all together, and cleaned up. If you are interested in volunteering, please see page 2 for our open committees.

Our Sponsorship Team needs your help! Please direct any businesses to our [Neill PTO sponsorship link](#). If we all work together, we can reach our Sponsor goal of \$10,000!

Please join our [PTO Facebook](#) group. It is our most frequent platform for quick information sharing and a wonderful community group! Please make sure all posts and comments are kind and helpful as it's a place for staff and parents to collaborate and communicate on our common goal of caring for our kiddos!" Thank you so much!



## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- 2 [MOD PIZZA - SPIRIT NIGHT!](#)
- 23 [CHICKEN SALAD CHICK - SPIRIT NIGHT!](#)
- 27-1 [PENNY WARS FUNDRAISER](#)
- 28 [LOPEZ SPIRIT DAY!](#)

## SAVE THE DATES

- 05 [GENERAL PTO MEETING VIA ZOOM](#)
- 22 [TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT! 5-7 P.M.](#)

\*ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE FOR DATE AND TIME.



**PENNY WARS** is coming! **September 27-October 1** will be our annual Penny Wars challenge. Please visit our [website](#) for the most up-to-date information!

Put your spare change toward a great cause. Start saving your change—it can make a big difference!

**Here's how it works:** Containers for each grade are located outside the Library.

Pennies are “negative.” You put pennies and bills in OTHER grades jars. Pennies and paper bills (\$1's \$5's and \$20's) count as negative points for OTHER grades. In other words, dropping 40 pennies into another grade's container takes 40 points from their total—so save up those pennies!

Each silver coin is worth the point total of that coin—for example, a quarter is 25 points. You put these into YOUR grade's jar.

Points will be counted at the end of each day and the standings will be announced each morning. \*Prizes are to be announced.

**Points Recap:**

Adding (+) – put in YOUR grade's jar:

- 1 Nickel = 5 points
- 1 Dime = 10 points
- 1 Quarter = 25 points

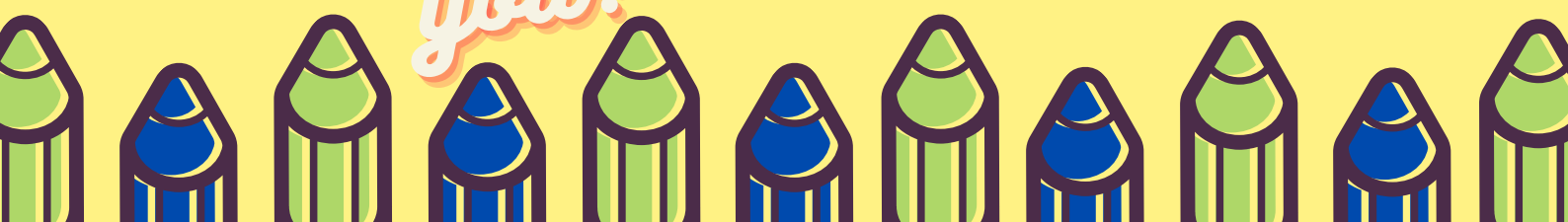
Subtracting (-) – put in OTHER grades' jars:

- 1 Penny = minus 1 point
- 1 Dollar = minus 100 points (you can put in other denominations)

## SEPTEMBER - PARENT VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT!

**Katrina Watson**  
**Quan Vuong**

*Thank you!*



## NEILL COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING DRIVE

We will be launching our Neill Community Fundraising Drive starting **September 1st - October 15th**. Your donation includes recognition on our "Wall of Support" on our webpage. Please note you may elect to make the donation anonymous.

We ask that our Neill Community make a donation of at least \$25.00. Donations should be made online. You will have the option to designate how your donation is used. You can donate towards one or more of the following funds: Teacher Appreciation, Classroom Parties, 5th Grade Graduation, or the General Fund.

Please make your donations today by visit [neillpto.org](http://neillpto.org)! Thank you!



**Thank you to Karla Arjona Real Estates Services for the PLATINUM LEVEL Sponsorship!**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

**Fundraising Committees**

- Raise Craze Team Leader & Members
  - February 1-17
- Spring Silent Auction Team Members
  - April 25-29
- Family Dance Night Team Members
  - Event Date TBD
- Sponsorship Team Members
  - Yearround

**Volunteer Committees**

- Workroom Team Members
- Class Party Team Members
- VIPS's Coordinator

Please complete our [Volunteer Form](#) online and Liz Chastain will contact you.