



Spring 2019

Welcome to our new PCO Steering Committee Chair!

Hello! My name is Anna Floerke Scheid and I am the new PCO Steering Committee Chair. I have three kids at ECS s in grades 5, 2, and K, and I work full-time as a professor at Duquesne University. Together with other members of the Steering Committee I'm exploring ways to make PCO communication more effective, and to that end I'm hoping to connect with as many ECS parents, teachers, and administrators as possible, especially as the school grows and changes over the next year. If you would like to contact me, email parents@ecspco.org.



STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

May 6-10

The PCO is planning a week of gratitude for everyone that works with our students. We will need support from our families to make the week a success!

CONTRIBUTE to the Staff Appreciation Fund (\$10-15/ student suggested). The Fund will cover gifts (ECS t-shirts), luncheon catering, snacks for the bus drivers and other treats to show our gratitude.

SEND A NOTE a simple thank you note from your family to your teacher can go a long way to make their day!

LUNCHEONS will be on May 9 at both schools. <http://tinyurl.com/pco2019>

VOLUNTEER watch the Monday Blast and Facebook to sign up to contribute to breakfast, luncheon desserts and lend helping hands to help pull off a great week! ROOM PARENTS will be in touch too!

EMAIL Erika Bruce at staffappreciation@ecspco.org with questions.

*Contributions to the PCO Staff Appreciation
Week can be made at ecspco.org*

WIGLE WHISKEY GET-TOGETHER: BOOZE FOR BREWS

The #1 Staff request on surveys is better coffee. Join us for an adults-only happy hour to benefit the coffee supply in our staff's lounges. 10% of drink and bottle sales will go directly to buy tasty beans! **April 26th 6-9pm** at the Wigle Whiskey Distillery in the Strip District. Watch for more information!

CANNED FOOD DRIVE A SUCCESS! BETWEEN CASH AND GOODS, ECS COLLECTED AN EQUIVILANT OF 7,861 CANS FOR THE GREATER PITTSBURGH COMMUNITY FOOD BANK! THANK YOU!

YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

This year we have had the opportunity to help the specialists with some extra funds raised during the last Blooming Bash event. So far, we have funded the Seussical Jr. Curriculum Showkit for grades 6 & 7 (\$600), the Three B's: Bach, Beethoven and Bingen Instrumental pieces for the spring instrumental concert (\$410), A new and better speaker for school performances and events (\$600), and an outdoor Rail Yard system for PE (\$600). Thank you very much for all your generous donations, because of you we are able fund these great and enriching projects for our kids and the school.

EARTH NITE MAY 3

Earth Nite is ECS's signature event! Join current ECS families and alumni for carnival games, live music, night hikes, face painting, art, bake sale, uniform sale, food trucks, and more! Support the PCO by donating to and shopping at the Uniform Re-Use Market and donating to the bake sale. Plus, enjoy a special pop-up Spring Fair Trade Market! Volunteers needed.

Do you have an incoming kindergarten student?

If so, save the date for Saturday May 18 for a playdate at the Pittsburgh Toy Lending Library! Get added to the email list to learn more about this event and then make connections for casual playground get-togethers by emailing Lauren at laurenkaye82@gmail.com

Just in time for summer camp season!

Emily Press Labels

We partner with Emily Press Labels to offer customized iron-on or stick-on labels for clothing, shoes, lunchboxes, books, water bottles and more! When you shop through the following link, we earn a 20% commission from every sale. www.emilypress.com/ecs

Volunteer Spotlight

Don't forget the PCO is you. All parents of ECS students are automatically members of the PCO. Every PCO event or initiative is run by parent volunteers. If there is something you want (a new community building event?), an idea you have, (a cool fundraising opportunity?), or something you want changed (a different timeframe, format, or structure for something PCO does?), please consider yourself invited and warmly welcomed to shape the PCO into the organization you want it to be!

Fall Festival Committee Chair and Volunteers still needed or this event will be CANCELLED! Step up today!

Be a **Welcome Committee** Host on the 1st day of school (August 21 1st-8th grades, August 23 kindergarten).

Do you live close to the new middle school? If so, the **Staff Appreciation Committee** would love to have you on board! We need occasional physical in- school help.

Watch the **Monday Blast** for other volunteer needs and contact volunteer@ecspco.org if you're interested in volunteering generally or for a specific event.



Kennywood Day is a special day beloved by our kids because everywhere you turn there's a friend from school and we get the chance to see each other one more time before families go their separate ways for the summer. The PCO secures a pavillion behind the Jack Rabbit where families can mingle, eat, and relax. The PCO will be selling **discounted single day tickets** that can be used on Kennywood Day as well as other days during the season (note that some days incur extra fees). Watch the Monday Blast for ticket sale dates and pricing information.