Welcome to the Moyer PTO!



In this packet you will find information to get you acquainted with our awesome PTO! We encourage you to get involved – it is a great way to meet other parents and have fun while making a positive impact for your student.

At Moyer, everyone is a part of the PTO! We want all of our families to be included, there are no dues to pay, we just ask you to be sure to visit our website and create an account for full access to all of the member services. Membership Toolkit is our web tool that gives you access to everything you need in one easy place! You can sign up to volunteer, check out upcoming events, link to the school directory, have access to the PTO directory, and more! Please check often throughout the school year; it is the best place to find PTO information.

Sign-Up on our Moyer PTO Website!

New Parents

Visit: https://moyerpto.membershiptoolkit.com/login to create your account!

New Parents with their newly created accounts AND Returning Parents

- Visit https://moyerpto.membershiptoolkit.com/open forms to update your account including your child's:
 - Grade
 - Teacher
 - T-shirt size so they can receive free Moyer Spirit Wear!
- Update your directory publish preferences.
 - Your contact information is private by default. You must opt in to share your information in the directory, and you have complete control over what information you share. Shared information is available to all active PTO members. You can change your preferences anytime.

Moyer PTO Board 2025-2026

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Stay Connected!

If you have any questions, or would like any more information, please reach out to us via email at ruthmoyerpto@gmail.com. This email account is checked throughout the year on a regular basis. You can also find us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/RuthMoyerPTO and connect with fellow PTO members on our Facebook Mustang Parents/Guardians Q&A page at https://www.facebook.com/groups/1160522867862214.

Want to get involved? We Need Volunteers!

We want you! There are many ways to volunteer, both in and out of the classroom. Please take a moment to consider helping out in the classroom or elsewhere. If you would be interested in helping out or chairing, please let us know! Below you will find some of our current opportunities to get involved:

Classroom Volunteering: Lyndsay Barto - (859) 380-0323 School Event Volunteering: Mary Scott - (502) 693 0713

In Class Volunteer Opportunities

ROOM PARENTS (In the Classroom): Each class can have two volunteers for room parents. As room parents you will be responsible for planning (and attending) the classroom parties, which includes snacks, games, and activities as well as coordinating other parent volunteers to help. The parties will be for Halloween on Friday, October 31st and a Winter Celebration on Friday, December 19th. The room parents also collect funds from classroom parents to purchase holiday, birthday and end-of-the-year gifts to spoil the teachers. If you have any questions about this program, please contact the Room Parents Chair, Lyndsay Barto, at lmhasson2@gmail.com.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT (Spring): What's JA, you say? It's Junior Achievement, which enhances kids' understanding about the way our communities work in terms of money and cooperation. It's laying the foundation for financial capability, career and work readiness, and business ownership to jumpstart our kids' early success in life. Our amazing parent volunteers teach five one-hour sessions in the spring that foster entrepreneurship and financial literacy. They help to bring the content to life by applying their own relevant personal experiences through age-appropriate lessons. This year's topics per grade level include the following: K: JA Ourselves,1st Grade: JA Our Families, 2nd Grade: JA Our Community, 3rd Grade: JA Our City, 4th Grade: JA Our Region, and 5th Grade: JA Our Nation. Remember, volunteering for JA pays. Well, not money, but you'll earn fame, glory, and eternal gratitude from Moyer and the Chair Coordinator. If you have any questions about this program, please contact our JA Partner Nora Gonzales at nora.gonzales@ja.org.

MUSTANGS CARE (Winter): Mustangs Care is Moyer PTO's disability awareness and inclusion program. It will take place the week of February 23-27, 2025. Parent volunteers lead a 45-minute lesson in the classroom. The time commitment is minimal and flexible. The volunteer can schedule the 45-minute lesson for a day and time that works for you and the teacher. Volunteers will spend about 1 hour reviewing the lesson plan and videos in advance. The time commitment is minimal, but the impact you can have on the minds and ears of our kids is HUGE! The activities and videos in the lesson plans spark some amazing conversations in the classroom about accepting differences and being intentional about inclusion in the classroom, playground, and other areas of life. If you have any questions about this program, please contact the Mustangs Care chairs Jaclyn Zenni at jaclyn.zenni@kenton.kyschools.us or Heidi Kohake at heidi.kohake@gmail.com.

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Schoolwide Volunteer Activities

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL CELEBRATION (August 13): Help decorate Moyer before the first day of school. The chair will assemble a team of 15-20 volunteers to chalk the names of all the Moyer kiddos on the front sidewalk the night before school. Chalk is provided by the PTO.

CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS (All year): Help organize the calendar of volunteers that serve lunch once a month.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT CHAIR (All Year): As the JA Chair you will work as the liaison between the parent volunteer instructors who will be teaching the JA content in the classroom and our JA partner, Nora Gonzales. You will assist in getting volunteer roles filled and coordinating details between the teachers and volunteers.

SPIRIT WEAR (Fall sales event): Help pick out the spirit wear, market it through Peter's weekly updates, and distribute the purchased items to buyers.

YEARBOOK (All year; focus is the end of the year): Solicit pictures of our Mustangs that show off how wonderful they are and, under the Yearbook Chair, set and layout the yearbook.

FOURTH GRADE PARENT REPRESENTATIVES (Spring): Two-year commitment. Four parents work together to prepare the reception for our outgoing fifth graders to celebrate their leaving Moyer and moving up. This alleviates the pressure for the fifth grade parents and allows them to enjoy graduation. These parents will then prepare the slide show the following year for the fifth-grade ceremony in 2026.

KENTUCKY KIDS DAY (September 30): Celebrate Kentucky, the people in it, and the things that make us unique. You will help plan a fun, unique activity for the entire school. In the past, volunteers have been responsible for hanging pre-made posters around the school, purchasing a cookie for each child (paid for by the PTO), and planning a fun event in the lawn (typically KY related activity stations, photos with Mighty Mike, and music).

PICTURE DAY (September 25): Help the Lifetouch staff get the best pictures possible of our Mustangs!

PARENTS IN PE (Fall): Help Mr. H prepare for the fun events and exercise that takes place when parents join their kids in PE class.

GRANDPARENT'S DAY (Fall): Organize and execute three mornings in September as we open the doors of Moyer to welcome Grandparents into the building for a breakfast treat and conversation with their Moyer grandkids.

BOOKFAIR (Fall and Spring): Help kids shop and buy books during the Fall and Spring book fair.

MOYER'S GOT TALENT (Spring): Corral our Mustangs' talents into a phenomenal showcase of dancing, singing, tumbling, and more at Highland High School's Performing Arts Center!

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK (Spring): Our teachers and staff are the best, and during this week, we make sure they know it.

TESTING TREAT BAGS (Spring): Purchase, assemble, and deliver the school test treat baggies for all our kiddos working and doing their best to shine on these state-mandated tests.

FLYING PIG 26TH MILE (Spring): Our Mustangs run the Flying Pig Marathon in one-mile increments, culminating in a one-mile run the weekend of the marathon. Volunteers help sign out Mustangs up, organize and meet for some fun runs, and help out on the day of the event.

MUSTANG GAMES (Last week of school): Lead the games and activities on the most-fun day of school.

SANTA HOUSE 2025



Saturday, November 8, 10am-4pm

For fifty years, Ruth Moyer PTO has sponsored Santa House, Moyer's biggest FUNdraiser! During Santa House we transform Moyer into a Winter Wonderland! There are games, crafts, pictures with Santa, food for sale, and shopping. Help is needed from each Moyer family in order to make Santa House a success and to carry on this unmatched tradition. Money raised from Santa House allows the PTO to purchase the awesome "extras" that state and local taxes do not cover.

Each Moyer family is asked to participate and be a part of the magic!

Be on the lookout for information about volunteer and donation opportunities.

Here are quick descriptions of the activities at Santa House:

Blitzen's Bakery - Fresh baked cookies, pies, cakes, brownies, and other treats are for sale in our bakery.

Breakfast with Santa - Join Santa for a yummy breakfast.

<u>Children's Gift Shop</u> – Let your children enter a magical place where they can shop with NO ADULTS allowed. Guided by one of Santa's Elves, children can shop for gifts for the entire family.

Comet's Crafts - Create some Christmas magic of your very own. All crafts are \$1-\$5.

<u>Santa's Elves</u> – Fifth graders are invited to participate in this time-honored tradition by volunteering for a shift during Santa House to help children shop in the gift shop, create crafts, and more.

<u>Mistletoe Market</u> - Shop local homemade items in our market. **Donations from any small business greatly appreciated. <u>Gingerbread Houses</u> – Drop off your little one for a fun-filled time decorating their own Gingerbread House with a special visit from Mrs. Claus.

<u>Major Raffle</u> – Purchase a \$1 ticket from a Moyer student and have the opportunity to win \$1,000! Each student is asked to sell 10 tickets at \$1 each, prior to Santa House.

North Pole Café – Feed your appetite after all your hard play. The food here is always satisfying.

Pictures with Santa – It wouldn't be Santa House without getting a picture with the big man himself!

Reindeer Games – In one of our most popular attractions, kids of all ages can play in our games area and try their luck at the festival style games, slide down the bouncy house, or play in the gaga pit.

<u>Big Ticket Raffle</u>– Place a bid for items donated by individuals or businesses, sports memorabilia and tickets, vacation destinations, gift cards, and more.

<u>Silent Auction</u> - Bid on unique experiences that your students can participate in with different faculty around the school. Family Sponsorships – Become a Santa House Family Sponsor.

Community Sponsorships – We are blessed by our numerous community sponsors who donate to Moyer!

Interested in getting involved?

**We are currently seeking Co- Chairs for several positions to shadow current chairs.

Please reach out to the Santa House co-chairs to get involved**

Summer Balser - <u>summer.balser1997@gmail.com</u> Lelia Wendel - <u>lelia.wendel@gmail.com</u> Kendal Fields - <u>kendalmariefields@gmail.com</u>

FUNdraising at the Ranch!

Make money for Moyer just by shopping and dining like normal! Last year we raised \$4,700 through our Kroger and Mustangs Midweek Meal partnerships.





KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS: Every time you shop using your registered Kroger Plus Card, Kroger donates money to Moyer for FREE! If you haven't already, take a few minutes to sign up.



- 1. Log into your online Kroger account at www.kroger.com, click on "My Account" under your profile and then click on "Community Rewards"
- 2. Search for Ruth Moyer Elementary or use organization number **KP936**. Once found, click "Enroll"
- 3. You can also go directly to www.krogercommunityrewards.com to link your account

MUSTANGS MIDWEEK MEAL (Formerly What's for Dinner Wednesdays): On select weeknights throughout the school year, Moyer partners with a local favorite restaurant that gives a percentage of sales back to Moyer PTO. Check out the PTO website, social media, or flyer in your child's backpack for upcoming dates and details. It's a win-win – you get a break from cooking, and Moyer gets FREE money!

*Remember, all funds raised go directly to support vital Ruth Moyer initiatives and engaging student events, including teacher grants. Questions about fundraising? Contact Samantha Riley, VP Fundraising, at samanthadhart@gmail.com

Moyer PTO Funded Programs

Each year, Moyer PTO is able to provide over \$60,000 in programming and services for our students and staff, including:

Kentucky Kids Day
Grandparents Day
Family Directory
Birthday Ice Creams
Moyer Spirit Wear
Flying Pig Relay
Back-to-School Night
First/Last Day of School
Staff Appreciation Week
Fifth Grade Celebration
Mustangs Care Program
K-PREP Testing Treats
Teacher Grants
Kindergarten Circus

Moyer's Got Talent
Taste of Moyer
Fine Arts Supplies
Maker Space Supplies
Author Visits
Madcap Puppet Theater
Mustang Games (Field Day)
Spelling Bee
Technology Purchases
Parents in P.E.
All-Sports Day T-Shirts
Family Fun Night
Skate Night
Parents' Night Out
...and much more

In past years, we were also able to provide over \$100,000 in additional support to our school, students and staff. These funds helped us send the fifth graders to Conner Prairie, bring a Sensory Room to Moyer, install a beautiful piece of artwork that highlights the global representation of Moyer students and staff, upgrade the gymnasium A/V system to allow full-scale performances on both sides of our stage and upgrading the landscaping of the MES front lawn.

Looking ahead, we are in the early planning stages of supporting playground renovations!