



Ellerhorst Elementary School Dads Club 2020-2021

Dear Ellerhorst Elementary School Family,

The Ellerhorst Dads Club is a group of enthusiastic Dads, stepdads, uncles, grandfathers, big brothers, guardians, etc. that is an extension of the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) here at Ellerhorst. Membership is open to all men who play an important role in the lives of Ellerhorst students. Many of the members are tradesman with construction knowledge, while others are accountants, businessmen, police officers. We hold various events throughout the year that both enriches our children's school experiences as well as increases family involvement in student life. Through many of these events, we are also able to raise funds for the school and classrooms.

The start of this school year is certainly shaping up to be interesting, challenging, and hopefully positive for all of us. The Dad's Club is definitely looking forward to supporting the school and the students in any way we can in these unique times. While many of our normal events may be changed or revised to meet the changing requirements we currently live in, that doesn't mean we can't continue to plan and do new events (or update existing ones) to positively contribute to the school in a safe and effective manner.

Some of the events normally put on by the Dad's Club include:

Back to School Ice Cream Social

Monthly Movie Nights held in the multi-purpose room

Family Pasta Feed Night and silent auction

Open House BBQ

Haunted Hallway/Multi-Purpose Room Halloween Festival

In addition to events and fundraising, we also carry out projects around the school to help ensure the safety of school grounds and to make improvements to our children's learning environment. This includes items such as hanging artwork, fixing banners, minor landscaping improvements/maintenance, and purchase of music editing/composing software.

We generally meet at a local restaurant in Pinole; but will be holding Zoom meetings instead on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm, during the school year. The meetings usually run between 1-1 1/2 hours depending on the current agenda. We plan events, discuss school topics, and enjoy camaraderie, food, and beverages remotely.

Some of the benefits of joining and participating in Dads Club are that your kids will benefit when they see you involved in their school, you will meet new friends, other parents, and we also generally have a fair amount of fun in doing all these events!

Please join us for our next meeting to help guide the discussion, plan events, and talk about how we can all best support the school during this unique school year. Please contact me if you would like more information and/or if you are interested being included on future emails and event notifications.

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