



## Ellerhorst Elementary School Dads Club 2022-2023

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.

As we start the school year, we look forward to continuing many of the activities and traditions we have done in years past. Some events may still need to be modified, but we look forward to the challenge of trying new activities and events that allow all of us to create a deeper sense of community within the current COVID health regulations.

Some of the events we plan to put on this year include:

Back to School Clean-Up Day

Back to School Ice Cream Social

Outdoor Movie Nights

Haunted Hallway Halloween Festival

Spring Carnival and/or Family Pasta Feed Night and silent auction

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 items to be used in the classrooms.

We generally meet at the Bear Claw Bakery and Cafe – 2340 San Pablo Ave in Pinole - 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.

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 on September 6<sup>th</sup> to help guide the discussion, plan events, and talk about how we can all best support the school during this upcoming 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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