

October 3, 2017

Good evening, Titan parents!

Recently your child came home with an envelope and a letter from our Parent/Teacher Organization or PTO. Our PTO strives to support the students and teachers both monetarily and also with manpower and volunteers. At this time, 65 memberships have been turned for this school year, 31 of which are SLMS staff members. Thirty-one or roughly 45% of the staff has joined PTO, and 3.4% of the families have joined PTO. Please take a moment today to join our PTO. Ask your child about the envelope that was given to him/her last week, or ask them to pick up another one from the front office, and bring it home. You may also visit the PTO webpage at www.slmspto.org/membership for more information. **I challenge all families to support their childrens' education by both joining PTO and volunteering time at school through our [VIPS program](#) (Volunteers in Public Schools).**

I also invite you to come to our **Coffee with the Principal** this **Friday, October 6th, at 9:30 AM**. It will be a great opportunity for us to connect more deeply, hear more what's going on at school, and how you can get plugged in to help make things happen. PTO board members will be present, as well, and they can answer questions, get you set up to volunteer, and also help you join PTO.

Last, **the deadline for updating your child's information online through Skyward Family Access has been extended one last time to this Sunday, October 8th**. Approximately 50% of our families have completed this process already. Thank you for helping to take care of this by October 8th so that we minimize the number of paper packets that we must copy, collate, distribute, collect, and enter on our end. **This will be a great time and resource saver if all families would complete this process online.**

I look forward to seeing your membership in PTO, seeing you volunteer at school, seeing you at the Coffee with the principal on Friday, and seeing your child's information updated electronically. Thank you for your support!

Have a great week!

Keith Fickel, Principal