



# THE COLFAX COMMUNICATOR

*The official newsletter of Colfax K-8 PTO*

## A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colfax K-8 Community,

Last year at this time the PTO and our generous Community worked to get an air purifier in every classroom in the school. Those efforts should not be forgotten as we start this school year in a better place. There is much to look forward to, including the return of many in-person activities such as recess on both playgrounds, organized sports, and field trips (the PTO has raised enough money to help offset the cost of a trip for each grade this year!).

This year has also seen a welcome increase in Community engagement, as we have two more board members than last year – welcome Sarah Grubb (Special Events) and Kelly Anderson (Fundraising)! Several parents have also stepped up to support us in a variety of ways. For example, Bee Schindler has created a new Twitter handle for the PTO – follow us @Colfax\_8.

Look for a number of great PTO-sponsored events this year, including the new Fall Fest, ice skating in the winter, and the return of the Carnival in the Spring. Please email Sarah Grubb at [events@colfaxpto.org](mailto:events@colfaxpto.org) if you have ideas or want to help out with any of the events.

We can always use more help at the school, so please reach out to Joe Moore at [volunteers@colfaxpto.org](mailto:volunteers@colfaxpto.org) if you're interested.

The PTO looks forward to working with Dr. Woods, the teachers, and staff to make this a great school year. We serve to help in any way you can. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please feel free to contact me at [president@colfaxpto.org](mailto:president@colfaxpto.org).

Have a great year!

Sincerely,

Dave Lebel

PTO President

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# COLFAX COMMUNITY MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

## CAROLINE DAVID

Beginning this month, we will again begin spotlighting a Colfax community member who goes above and beyond to make Colfax what it is! Nominations may be for teachers, administrators, staff, parents, business owners, or other community members. Please use the QR code to the right or the link that will be provided in the weekly email to submit your nomination for the next Colfax Community Member Spotlight. This month's nominee is Caroline David!



Caroline is a community volunteer who helps maintain the beautiful grounds at Colfax. She plants, waters, fertilizes and manages many aspects of the flowers. She works with Farmer Ian to help the greenery at Colfax shine. She does all of this out of the kindness of her heart; she doesn't have any children at Colfax. She truly makes the school grounds beautiful, and we are so grateful to her!

THANK  
YOU

## COLFAX DIRECTORY



We are collecting information for the 2022-2023 Colfax Directory. Please use the QR Code to have your family's information included in this year's directory!

### STAY INFORMED

#### PTO WEBSITE, EMAIL & DIRECTORY SIGN-UPS

<http://www.colfaxpto.org>

#### PTO FACEBOOK

[facebook.com/pghcolfax](https://www.facebook.com/pghcolfax)

#### PTO TWITTER

@Colfax\_8

#### PPS FACEBOOK

[facebook.com/PittsburghPublicSchools](https://www.facebook.com/PittsburghPublicSchools)

#### COLFAX FACEBOOK

[facebook.com/ColfaxK8](https://www.facebook.com/ColfaxK8)

#### COLFAX TWITTER

@PPSColfax

#### PPS TWITTER

@PPSNews

#### PPS CALENDAR

<http://pghschools.org>



# FALL 2022 SPIRITWEAR SALE

This fall's spiritwear pre-sale was a rousing success, raising over \$1300 for PTO initiatives! Spiritwear items will be delivered later this month! We can't see you Colfax Cobras sporting new gear around town! Send us your photo and you might see them in upcoming emails or newsletters! Special thanks to our fundraising team of Lisa Guizzetti Zur and Kelly Anderson for organizing this fall's pre-sale!



## CONFERENCE LUNCH

The PTO provided lunch for the staff during this year's in person conference day!



## FALL FEST RETURNS TO COLFAX

Tuesday, October 11 marked the return of the Colfax Fall Fest. We had perfect weather and a terrific turnout for this amazingly successful event. A huge thank you to the wonderful planning and coordination of Sarah Grubb and all of the volunteers who pitched in with setup, cleanup, food service, crafts, games and pumpkin patch duties. We look forward our next Colfax PTO community event: Ice Skating Night!





# CX SPORTS



## INTRAMURAL SPORTS UPDATE

This fall, cross country and flag football are both being offered as middle level sports options.

Cross country meets were held Monday, October 3 and Tuesday, October 4, and the championship is Wednesday, October 19.

The flag football team will potentially have a sectionals game on October 18.

Thank you to the Colfax staff for making sports happen this year for our Colfax Cobras!



### 2022-2023 PTO BOARD

**PRESIDENT:** David Lebel

**TREASURER:** Ross Ingram

**ASSISTANT TREASURER:** Ashley Ingram

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Robin Taylor

**FUNDRAISING:** Lisa Guizzetti Zur & Kelly Anderson

**SECRETARY:** Ross McGowan

**SPECIAL EVENTS:** Sarah Grubb

**VOLUNTEERS:** Joe Moore



## BLUE SLIDE PLAYDATE

The PTO started off this year with the annual kindergarten and new student playdate at Blue Slide Park in August! Families enjoyed playing and getting to know each other in preparation for the 2022-2023 school year! We know it's going to be a great one!

# DR. WOODS'S

Dear Colfax Families,

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