

3 Ways to Support Teaching & Learning at A2 STEAM @ Northside 2022-2023



1.) DONATE FUNDS: Give towards the fall PTO Drive: This annual drive for PTO donations kicks off our year and is our anchor fundraiser. It will raise approximately half of the \$20,000 in PTO funds that go to support our school community including field trips and Project-Based Learning (PBL) experiences.

Whether your family can afford \$5, \$50, or \$150, **ALL contributions are genuinely valued.** If you can afford to give more, please consider doing so as these funds benefit our collective A2 STEAM community.

Some of the ways our school community depends upon you:

- Assemblies and educational enrichment
- Field trips
- Expo materials
- Classroom supplies for grade level and specials staff
- Art and makerspace consumables
- PBL (Project-Based Learning) experiences
- School culture and community development
- March is reading (and Art!) month
- National African American Parent Involvement Day
- Disability Awareness Day.
- Staff recognition including but not limited to Staff Appreciation Week, Helping Hands and more!

Donations accepted:

1. **By Check or cash:** Return the included small envelope with cash or a check to any teacher or in the front office drop-box. Make checks payable to “**A2 STEAM at Northside PTO.**”
2. **Online via credit card at:** <https://a2steam.square.site/>

**Note, A2STEAM @ Northside School PTO is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit.*



2.) DONATE YOUR TIME:

- A) Come to our PTO Community meetings to share your voice and find out what's going on! Our first meeting this year is **Monday, September 19, 2022 at 7pm**
(Case-Sensitive) **Zoom link:** <https://bit.ly/PTO2022-23> , **Passcode:** A2steam
- B) There are many ways you can help from an hour here or there to being a Room Parent to leading an event like a middle school dance! Check out (click on) the **Parent Opportunities** chart.
- C) To volunteer inside the building, you must do the following:
 1. Download, print, and turn in **this form** to the A2 STEAM office. ***Note:** if you have already turned one in **AFTER May 1, 2022**, you do **NOT** need to fill it out until again next school year. Only paper forms are accepted.
 2. After your form has been processed, schedule a specific time and day with a teacher or staff member to volunteer in the building.



3.) SIGN UP FOR STORE REWARDS: Many local stores (Busch's, Arbor Farms, the Little Seedling, and Kroger) as well as Amazon Smile, will donate a percentage of your purchase back to A2 STEAM @ Northside. Instructions on how to sign up are on the next page.. It's an **easy and free** way to support the school! See below.

Store Rewards Instructions for A2 STEAM @ Northside

There are many stores that offer rewards in cash for our school! This process is **FREE** for you and can have a tremendous return to the PTO. Follow the instructions for the stores you use.

Note: many of the accounts are linked to the PTO's legal name of **Northside Elementary or Northside School PTO**, so don't worry if they don't say A2 STEAM in the title.

Amazon Smile

Instead of shopping at www.amazon.com, start at smile.amazon.com. You can easily set Northside School PTO in Ann Arbor (aka A2 STEAM) as your charity via <https://smile.amazon.com>. Amazon Smile is everything you love about Amazon.com, with a donation back to the school of 0.5% of your purchases. You can also build your shopping cart at Amazon.com, then switch to smile.amazon.com for checkout.

Busch's

1. Get a Busch's MyWay card in any Busch's store for free. Accounts can also be started online at www.buschs.com/MyWay
2. Enroll in Cash for Education by logging in online at www.buschs.com/MyWay and log into your online account. Click on the drop down menu that reads the name of the account owner. A drop down tab will list 6 options, with Cash for Education in the 5th spot. In the Quarter 3 Dropdown menu to select organization, scroll to NORTHSIDE SCHOOL PTO. Click Add to Future Quarters and then ADD. Every time you shop at Busch's, use your MyWay card **and Busch's will write us a check every quarter!**
3. Enrollment is quarterly for each calendar year and will need to be redone on January 1st each year.. You can set all 4 quarters to NORTHSIDE SCHOOL PTO on January 1st.

Kroger

Please enroll and choose Northside, then use your Kroger Plus Card to earn money for the school.

1. Get a Kroger Plus Card if you do not already have one from any Kroger location for free
2. Go to www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow/ and follow the prompts. Once logged in, follow the instructions and select Northside Elementary P.T.O. on Barton Drive.
3. Shop at Kroger and **a percentage of your purchases will be returned directly to the school!**

Arbor Farms

When checking out, just tell the cashier you want to support "Northside School." It's that simple! Arbor Farms will donate 3% of the purchase total. Your grocery receipt will have your school's name at the top, and **they send a donation check when the school's balance reaches \$100!**

Mabel's Labels

Win-Win - help your child's items return home and support the PTO at the same time! Start your shopping at <http://campaigns.mabelslabels.com> and type in "A2" and we will come up.