

3 Ways to Support Teaching & Learning at A2STEAM @ Northside



1.) DONATE FUNDS: Give towards the fall PTO Dues: This (optional) annual drive for PTO dues 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 field trips at A2STEAM. Part of creating Project-Based Learning (PBL) with real-world application means stepping outside the walls of our building. This requires funding not only for the off-campus activity itself, but also for equitable transportation to get there. We want to continue to offer these unique, PBL field trips that help our kids explore and contribute to their surrounding community!

Appr. Field Trip Breakdown: K-2: \$25/student Grades 3-5: \$40/student Grades 6-8: \$60/student*

**Additional funding is necessary for the 8th grade multi-night trip. 8th grade families can expect to hear more about payment and fundraising for the end-of-year trip as the year soon.*

Whether your family can afford \$15, \$50, or \$125, ALL contributions are genuinely valued. If you can afford to give more, please consider doing so as these funds benefit the collective A2STEAM community. (Please note - there are two other family facing fundraisers throughout the year* - the Arts Showcase in February and the Color Run in May.) These fundraisers support the remainder of the field trip funds and the following ways the PTO works to provide **equitable support** for A2STEAM's PBL programs and school-wide activities. **Social activities will collect entry donations and/or sell food ONLY to cover the cost of the events.*

Appr. costs for additional ways our school community depends upon you!

- Assemblies and other educational enrichment (\$2,350)
- Expo Materials (\$2,300)
- Classroom Supplies for grade level and specials staff (\$4,750)
- Art and Makerspace Consumables (\$800)
- School Culture and Community Development (\$500)
- Awareness Campaigns (\$1,575) like March is Reading (and Art!) month, National African American Parent Involvement Day, and Disability Awareness Day. Staff Recognition (\$700) including but not limited to Staff Appreciation Week. Helping Hands (\$500) and more!

There are two ways to make your fall PTO contribution/donation:

1. **Donate by check or cash:** Bring cash or a check to the PTO drop box in the front office. We have envelopes in the office. Make checks payable to "A2 STEAM at Northside School PTO."
2. **Donate online via credit card at:** <https://squareup.com/store/a2steamppto>

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



2.) DONATE YOUR TIME: We are also asking each family who is able to invest 10 volunteer hours at the school as well. **Where can you serve?** There are so many ways to get involved and make an impact! To check out some of the needs at A2STEAM this year, or to share your area(s) of interest, or expertise, please fill out this year's Time & Talent Survey at http://bit.ly/Time_Talent2019



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 A2STEAM @ Northside. Follow the instructions in this packet to sign up. It's an **easy and free** way to support the school!

Store Rewards Instructions for A2STEAM @ Northside

There are many stores that offer rewards 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, so no worries that they don't say A2STEAM in the title.

Amazon Smile

Instead of shopping at www.amazon.com, use smile.amazon.com. You can easily set Northside Elementary in Ann Arbor (aka A2STEAM) as your charity via <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-2525269>. 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, New Process

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 in on January 1, 2020. You can set all 4 quarters to NORTHSIDE SCHOOL PTO on 1/1/2020.

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 PTO 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.

The Little Seedling

When checking out, let the Little Seedling associate know that you'd like your purchase to support "A2STEAM @ Northside School" and they'll note it in their system. Again, it's really simple. The hardest part is just remembering to tell the team member when you're making your purchase!



2019-2020 A2STEAM Schoolwide Events Calendar

Curriculum Night	Y5/K-Grade 5: Thursday, September 12th 6:00-7:30pm Grades 6-8: Tuesday, September 17th 6:00-8:00pm
Picture Day	Thursday, September 12th
Middle School Dance	Friday, October 18th 3:30-5:00pm
We Are A2 STEAM: Family Potluck	Friday, October 18th 5:30-7:30pm
Parent/Family-Teacher Conferences	Thursday, October 24th - Whole-School Conference Night *Classroom teachers will invite families to meet before mid-Nov
Fall Expo, grades 6-8	Monday, November 4th, 5:00-7:00pm
Fall Expo, K-5	Thursday, December 12th, 5:00-7:00pm
Snowball Dance, K-5 families	Friday, January 24th, 6:30-8:00pm
Middle School Dance	Friday, February 7th, 3:30-5:30pm
Art Showcase	Friday, February 28th, 6:00-8:00pm
Spring Expo, K-5	Thursday, March 26th, 5:00-7:00pm
Staff Appreciation Week	May 4th-8th
Spring Expo, grades 6-8	Monday, May 4th, 5:00-7:00pm
Color Fun Run	Friday, May 22nd
Ice Cream Social	Tuesday, June 9th 5:30-7:30pm

PTO/Community meetings: Oct. 11, Nov. 15, Jan. 17, March 13, April 24, May 29, 8:20-9:20am, in the MPR
Early Release @ 12:52pm:* Sept. 25, Oct. 23, Feb. 25 (May 7th is a full-day for A2 STEAM)

*View the complete AAPS Calendar at www.a2schools.org/calendar

Instrumental Music performances

Orchestra Concert Grades 7-8	Thursday, November 14, 7:00pm
Band Concert Grades 7-8	Tuesday, November 19, 7:00pm
Band/Orchestra Concert Grade 6	Thursday, January 30, 7:00pm
Band Collage Concert Grades 7-8	Thursday, February 20, 7:00pm
Orchestra Night Grades 7-8	Thursday, February 27, 7:00pm *This event is held at Hill Auditorium
Band/Orchestra/Vocal Music Concert, Grade 5	Tuesday, May 12, 7:00pm
Orchestra Concert Grades 6-8	Thursday, May 14, 7:00pm
Picnic Pops Concert - 8th Grade Band	Saturday, May 16, time TBA
Band Concert Grades 6-8	Monday, May 18, 7:00pm