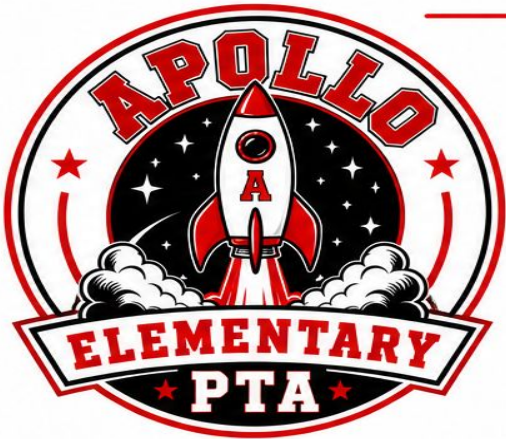


— Welcome to Our —

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



★ APOLLO ELEMENTARY PTA ★



WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

6:30 PM



IN PERSON:
Apollo Elementary School
Library

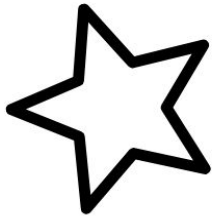


VIA ZOOM:
Link will be provided
the day of the meeting



LAUNCHING SUCCESS TOGETHER!

AGENDA



- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. President's Report**
- 3. Secretary Report**
- 4. Treasurer Report**
- 5. Teacher Liaison Report**
- 6. Directors Report**
- 7. Standing Committee's Reports**
- 8. New Business**
- 9. Adjorn**



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Review & Vote

1. **Standing Rules**
2. **Mission and Goals**
3. **Treasurer Vote**

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

RACHEL AND MICHELLE

OPEN POSITIONS

- CO-DIRECTOR OF EVENTS
- CO-DIRECTOR OF FUNDRAISING
- DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS (2)
- MEMBERSHIP CHAIRS (2)
- OUTREACH CHAIRS (2)
- PASSIVE FUNDRAISING CHAIR
- SPIRIT WEAR CHAIR
- TALENT SHOW COMMITTEE (3)
- REFLECTIONS COMMITTEE (1)
- MATH IN ACTION COMMITTEE (2)
- SPELLING BEE COMMITTEE
- YEARBOOK COMMITTEE

SECRETARY REPORT

ISABEL

Sep 3, 2026 @ 6:30 pm via Library/Zoom

Attendees: Shannon Crane, Allison Vukelich, Claudia Romo, Nancy Yeung, Rachel Larson, Kristi Giessler, Michelle Chou

General Meeting Minutes

President's Report

- Approved [Standing Rules](#), [Codes of Conduct](#), [Mission Statement](#)
- Alecia Hawthorne replacing Haya Dredge as Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

- Board approved budget for 26-27
- Spring Fundraiser raised about \$60K
- Increased budgets for teacher grants, counselor, staff appreciation

Events & Programs

- Oct. 2: Popcorn Friday
- Oct. 16: Fall Festival (6-8 pm)
- Oct. 26-30: Book Fair
- Multicultural Night Committee – contact Nancy Yeung
- Family Picnic → Family Yoga Night
- Winter Festival → Winter Dance
- STEAM Fair in April

Fundraising

- Alecia and Michelle C. leading the Fall and Spring fundraisers

TREASURER'S REPORT

ALECIA

Current Treasurer's Report

1. Proposed Budget Review & Vote

2. Treasurers Report Year-to-date 2026

3. Current Bank Balances

Bank Account Overview		
Funds Available At Start Of Year: \$164,588.30		
Account	Last reconciled	Balance
Bank of America - Checking	08/31/2026	\$113,479.11
Bank of America - MM	08/31/2026	\$30,535.92
Paypal	08/31/2026	\$16,850.21
Amazon Gift Card Donation	08/31/2026	\$633.96
Total		\$161,499.20

FY2026 vs. FY2025 Budget Comparison

Apollo Elementary PTA — comparing the FY2025–26 and FY2026–27 Budget Reports

BEGINNING BALANCE

FY25 **\$133,169** → FY26 **\$164,588**

+\$31,419 ▲

TOTAL BUDGETED INCOME

FY25 **\$60,705** → FY26 **\$63,055**

+\$2,350 ▲

TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES

FY25 **\$77,959** → FY26 **\$93,209**

+\$15,250 ▲

NET BUDGET RESULT

FY25 **−\$17,254** → FY26 **−\$30,154**

−\$12,900 ▼

Budget Category	FY25 Net	FY26 Net	Change
1 General Funds	−\$484	−\$584	−\$100
2 Fundraising	\$48,350	\$48,800	+\$450
3 F.A.C.E. Programs	−\$5,250	−\$10,600	−\$5,350
4 Family Services & Outreach	−\$3,900	−\$3,500	+\$400
5 Curriculum	−\$24,550	−\$29,800	−\$5,250
6 Service & Leadership	−\$5,700	−\$7,300	−\$1,600
7 Student Enrichment	−\$20,500	−\$23,250	−\$2,750
8 Administrative	−\$5,220	−\$3,920	+\$1,300
GRAND TOTAL (Net)	−\$17,254	−\$30,154	−\$12,900

WHAT'S DRIVING THE CHANGE

▼ Curriculum +\$5,250

– grade-level allotments raised to \$1,800; added a Counseling specialist; grants nearly tripled

▼ F.A.C.E. Programs +\$5,350

– new Winter Festival, TBD Events, and an expanded Spirit Wear budget

▼ Student Enrichment +\$2,750

– Fifth Grade Camp cost rose \$3,000

▼ Service & Leadership +\$1,600

– Staff Appreciation up \$1,000; new one-time Staff T-Shirts line

▲ Partly offset: Admin +\$1,300 & Fundraising +\$450

– lower tax-prep fees and event costs

Despite the larger planned deficit, FY26 starts with a \$31,419 higher balance — the projected year-end balance still grows, from \$115,915 (FY25) to \$134,434 (FY26).

TEACHER LIAISON REPORT

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

1. PROGRAMS – RACHEL M AND MICHELLE K

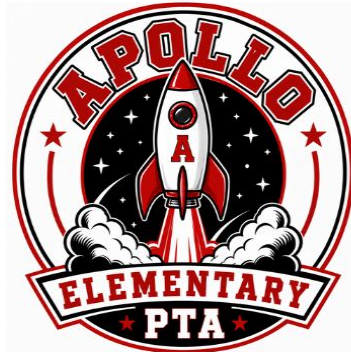
4. COMMUNICATIONS – RACHEL M AND ISABEL

2. EVENTS – KRISTI GEISSLER

5. VOLUNTEERS – RACHEL L.

3. FUNDRAISING – ALECIA

6. STANDING COMMITTEES – TEAM



FALL SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

THAIS, RACHEL M, AND CANDACE

October 26th-30th

- **OPEN** after school
Wednesday the 28th

March 1st-5th

- Will be **OPEN** during
**Literacy Night, which
is March 3rd**

Questions Email:
bookfair@apollopta.org

FALL

SPRING



READ AT HOME

JAMES

December 8th and June 7th

Students who complete their reading logs (1,000 minutes for TK-2, 1,500 minutes for 3-5) will be able to pick out a free book from the PTA at the end of the semester.

Fall Read at Home log sheets will be distributed to teachers the week of September 28th, completed logs due December 6th.

Questions Email:
rah@apollopta.org

REFLECTIONS

Young artists get involved through their local PTA or PTSA. A student may submit an entry in any of six arts areas. Only original works of art are accepted. The six art areas are:

Literature – works of fiction, nonfiction, poetry, prose, drama, short stories and lyrics.

Music Composition – original musical composition, with or without words.

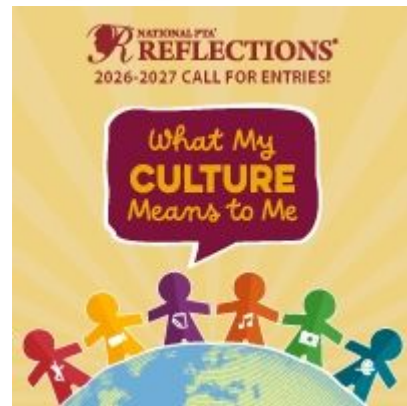
Photography: color or black and white, included techniques: photogram, negative sandwich, and multiple exposure.

Visual Arts: drawing, painting in tempera, oil, acrylic, watercolor & t-shirt paints, computer generated art, two-dimensional collage, printmaking, needlework & leather tooling.

Film/Video: original works, with or without sound, of animation, narrative, documentary, experimental or music video/film.

Choreography/Dance: originally choreographed dance composition.

Submissions due to PTA in late Autumn.



Questions Email:
reflections@apollopta.org

STAFF APPRECIATION

**MICHELLE C.
& Natalie**



Teacher's First Day Back Breakfast



Meet The Teacher grab & go lunch

We learned this round that with student increase there was also a staff increase that we were not aware of yet. So we have taken note and will adjust for the next event. Numbers increased from about 70 to about 90. Good that we approved for more in the budget! Will need to navigate budget a little more mindfully with the increase.

I wanted to do a monthly “PTA Touch” but not sure if it will be feasible, and would love to hear if anyone has budget friendly ideas?

Future Events:

November 4th - Soup Lunch

**May 3rd-7th - Staff & Teacher
Appreciation Week**

June 14th - Last Day of School Lunch

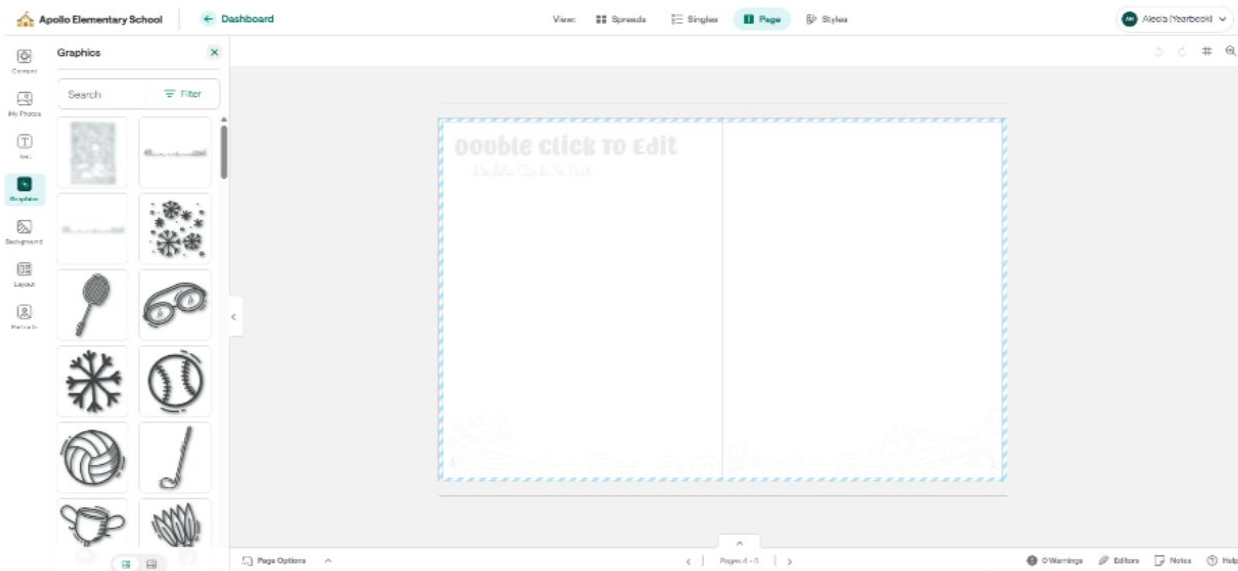
Questions Email:
staffappreciation@apollopta.org

YEARBOOK - OPEN

- **DO YOUR KIDS LOVE THE YEARBOOK?**
- **DO YOU LOVE CREATING SHUTTERFLY ALBUMS?**
- **WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER ON YOUR OWN TIME?**
- **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO TAKE ALL THE PHOTOS!!
PHOTOS WILL BE UPLOADED TO A SHARED
FOLDER.**
- **THE YEARBOOK COVER AND THEME HAVE
ALREADY BEEN SELECTED FOR THIS YEAR:**



Treering Editing Software



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Apollo PTA offers convenient school supply kits that include the exact classroom supplies requested by each grade level. Simply order online, and your student's kit will be waiting at school when the year begins.

- **Last Year's Sales: 191 kits**
- **Fundraising Payout: \$106.00**
- **Loyalty Donation: 5 kits donated by the vendor**
- **Current Year Plan: Continuing the partnership with 1st Day School Supplies as vendor for school supply kits**

2026-27 Apollo School Supplies

Last Call for School Supplies Kit Orders!



ORDER NOW

<http://1stdayschoolsupplies.com/gs/110879>

- Saves you time
- The exact school supplies teacher requested
- Option to purchase quality headphones.
- Kits will be delivered directly to classroom



Don't miss out! Be sure to place your order by June 30th to have your school supplies ready for the new school year.

FALL FESTIVAL

KRISTI, AMANDA, AND SCHELENE

October 16th @ 6:00pm

- Save the date - October 16th from 6-8 pm.
- Bringing the festival back to the school
- Canned food drive with items to be donated to Issaquah Food bank
- Available for purchase - Hot food, hot beverages
- Activities - Face painting, carnival games, pumpkin painting, coloring station, pumpkin tic-tac-toe and more!
- Volunteer Sign ups coming soon this week, stay tuned!

Email inquiries:

fallfestival@apollopta.org



WINTER FESTIVAL

KRISTI, AMANDA, AND SCHELENE

January 15th, 2027

Theme:
Winter Wonderland Dance

Early ideas:
Family winter ball/dance
DJ
Hot cocoa bar
Cupcakes for sale or cupcake walk
Photo booth



POPCORN FRIDAYS

BRANDY AND SHANNON

**October 2nd, February 26th,
and May or June TBD**



Questions Email:
popcorn@apollopta.org

FAMILY YOGA NIGHT

CLAUDIA

Family Yoga Night

Led by **Shruthi Desai**, Apollo parent, PTA volunteer, and kids' yoga educator. This family-friendly evening is an opportunity to move, connect, and enjoy a mindful activity together.

Please bring:

A yoga mat or a large towel or blanket that is comfortable to sit and move on and water.



Family YOGA NIGHT



Come practice yoga with your child.
A fun and relaxing evening to connect with other Apollo families.

 **September 25**

 **6:30 – 7:30 PM**

BRING:

-  Yoga mat
-  Water bottle
-  Comfortable clothes



Meet the Instructor



Scan to learn more about the instructor.

 No yoga experience needed!

 apollopta.org

 Apollo PTA Facebook

 @apolloelementarypta

STEAM FAIR

MICHELLE C, RACHEL M, AND ISABEL

April 2nd, 2027

- Rachel & Isabel contacted vendors about potentially changing the STEAM Fair to December:
 - 8 yes (some prefer Dec)
 - 2 no
 - waiting on 6
- Potential themes
- [Registration page](#) ready



Questions Email:
steamfair@apollopta.org

TALENT SHOW – OPEN

MULTICULTURAL NIGHT

NANCY

May 14th, 2027

MCN

*Flyers will be sent out by end of week. Looking for parents that would like to join the MCN committee. Help plan and organize the event from start to finish.

*Food Trucks: Several requests submitted

*Submitted Facility request

*My goal: Finding quality culturally diverse groups that our students and families may not see as often.



FUNDRAISING

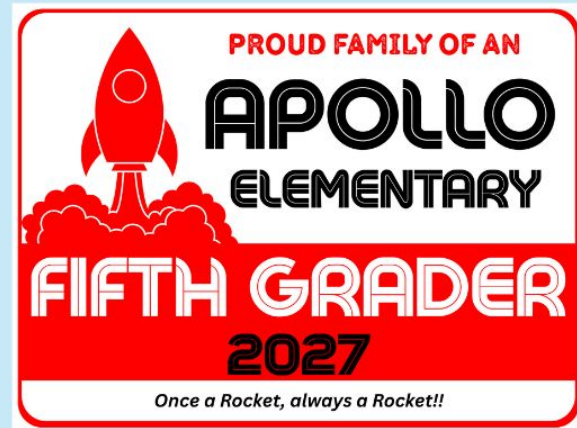
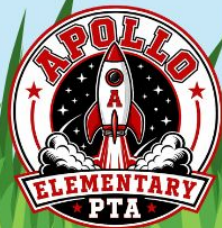
Order by
October
18th!!!

Celebrate your
5th grader
with an
Apollo yard sign!
\$15

Order your sign on the PTA
website

Deadline to place orders is
October 18!

You will get an email in
November with pick-up info



FUNDRAISING



Fall Fundraiser:

- October 12-23
- Goal: \$10,000
- Small prize to each student and school wide PJ Day if goal is met



Spring Fundraiser:

- April 20-May 4
- Fun Run: May 7th
- Goal: \$30,000
- Daily raffles, class prizes, announcements, etc.

No passive fundraisers currently planned

COMMUNICATIONS – OPEN

- ❖ Isabel and Rachel M have been doing communications for now

SOCIAL MEDIA:



Facebook: Apollo Elementary PTA



Instagram: @apolloelementarypta

SCHOOL BULLETIN:



Weekly on Thursdays

- Give Kim bulletin information by wednesday

PTA Website:



Update home page

PTA Newsletter:



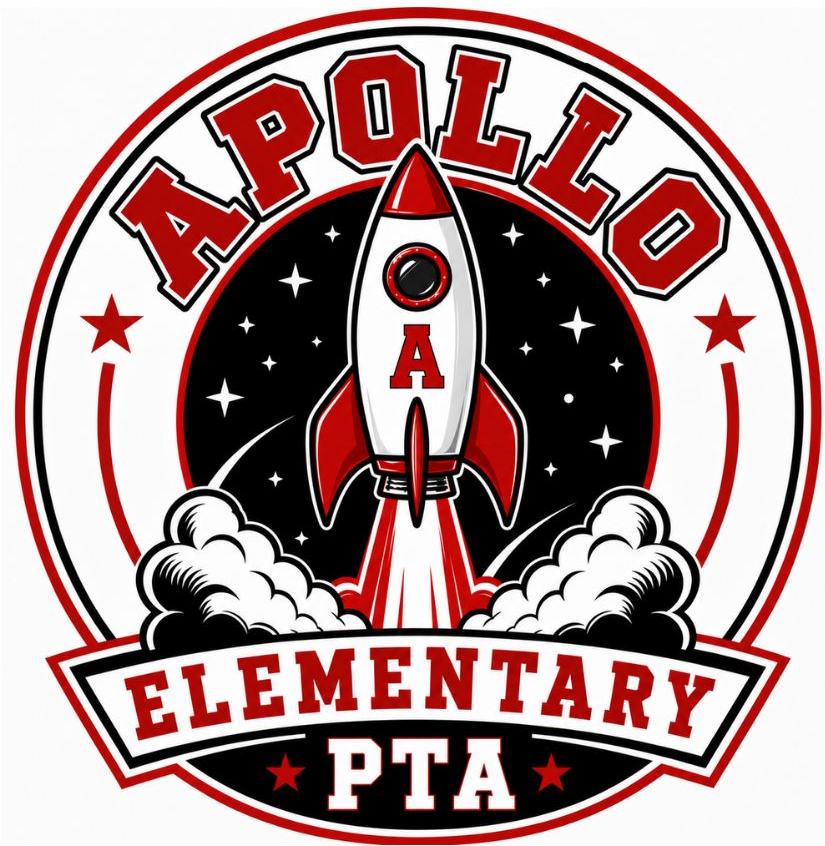
Twice a month

WHATSAPP:



Group chats for updates

- Claudia is in charge of the Spanish and English Whatsapp



STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP – OPEN

Current Memberships

- Community: 1
- Family: 110
- Incomplete: 1
- Scholarship: 1
- Staff: 19



ART DOCENT

JESSICA



- Only 19 volunteers so far! Need help from teacher liaison to share the QR code to sign up! I need a list of teachers & student head count, including TK to estimate supplies.
- 1st & 4th have an art teacher this year, so volunteers don't teach the lesson just support. All others will use the provided lessons.
- System is the same as last year: All lessons provided by month and bins filled with supplies they need. They need to coordinate with their teacher days/times and reserve art room.
- 3rd grade clay lessons: reaching out to Beth to see if she can teach, need reminders for paperwork/restrictions from the PTA?
- 4th grade drums? Seems like they didn't use supplies I purchased last year? Need contact of teacher to see if they are doing this lesson this year
- This will be my last year as art docent chair, so if someone wants to take over and learn from me this year, let me know!

OUTREACH – OPEN

OUTREACH PROGRAMS:

Power Pack Pickups start in September

- We'll need helping hands all year long!
- Pickups will take place every other week on Wednesdays, from 12:30-2:30 pm
- First pickup-September 2nd

Classroom snacks will be delivered once a month



Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank

POWER PACKS



SPECIAL EDUCATION – OPEN

District-wide PTSA focused on Special Education

building community

❑ IEP, 504, ECE, LAP, ACT...

empowering families

❑ Navigating general ed classroom...

advocating for ISD students

✓ You are in the right place!



Parents / Guardians
Community Members

Share experiences &
resources

Unify for action

Stay informed



Students

Share your unique
perspective

Build relationships

Motivate & lead your
allies!



Faculty / Staff

Share on-ground insights

Build bridges

Shape better outcomes for
all

Join
Today!



Meetups | Socials – **see website for dates!**

ISD Special Education Committees

Everyone in community is welcome!

Visit our **Website:**

issaquahspecialeducationptsa.org

Join our **Facebook Group:**

Issaquah Special Education PTSA 2.6.13

Email us at:

hello@issaquahspecialeducation.org

ADVOCACY

Key Dates:

ALLISON

PTA Washington has a paid lobbyist

website for voters guide and info

Give voter guide to families before legislative meeting.

-Supporting all students to make meaningful change.

special Ed- falling short. Any parents interested in learning more about special education?

Lawmakers to see system for special Ed not working- looking for more funding

-October 20 from 7-9 PM at Central Issaquah

Need more para educators- shortage

Need more training for student with co-morbidities (ADHD and dysgraphia, etc)

Looking for more parental support

-Personal Electronics, cell phones and social media

“Wait until 8th” pledge being supported by the district.

-Intentional technology and Screen time?

Schools beyond screens advocated to roll back screen time and Ed tech at Seattle

-Parent WISER

District Book club meeting 10/5 and 10/6. “Never Enough” by Jennifer Breheny Wallace

Optional Apollo parent book club “Dopamine Kids” by Michaela Doucette, PhD

- [Legislative Assembly](#) October 16th-17th, 2026
- [Focus Day](#), February 15th, 2026
- [Focus on Advocacy Week](#), Feb 15th-19th, 2026

FACE & DEI

CLAUDIA

Summer Playdate

August 12, 2026 | Apollo

Event Highlights

- PTA Welcome Table: snacks, spin-the-wheel game, and PTA information
- Play Area: giant bubbles, hopscotch, jump ropes, and playground activities
- Music: family-friendly playlist
- Community Partner: Kona Ice donated 20% of event sales to the PTA

Summer Playdate: Lessons Learned

- ISD custodial service cost: **\$200**
- Confirm the event date before the school year ends in June, whenever possible.
- Staff the PTA Welcome Table with two PTA members throughout the event.
- Have a microphone available for a brief welcome at the beginning.
- Overall, the event was easy to execute and ran smoothly.

School Tour

August 19 & 20, 2026 | 5:00 p.m.

Event Highlights

- Welcomed incoming Apollo families and provided an overview of the school.
- Families were divided into three tour groups, led by Julie, Alex, and Claudia Romo.
- Tours included classroom locations, key Apollo information, and time for family questions.
- Each tour concluded at the playground.
- The PTA provided snacks and information for families.

School Tour: Lessons Learned

- Set up the PTA table at the playground, where the tour ends.
- The three-group format worked very well.
- A microphone was not needed for this event.

Meet the Teacher

August 26, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.

Event Highlights

- Students and families met their teacher, visited the classroom, and participated in a classroom activity.
- The PTA hosted a table at the playground with information, snacks, prizes, and Spirit Wear for sale.
- A scavenger hunt ended at the PTA table, encouraging families to visit and connect with the PTA.

Meet the Teacher: Lessons Learned

- Facility request fee: **\$150** for tables (PTA set up the tables)
- Clearly separate and label the snack, scavenger hunt prize, PTA information, and Spirit Wear sales areas.
- Promote Spirit Wear in advance on the event flyer as “**Spirit Wear for Sale.**”

FACE & DEI

CLAUDIA

Tears and Cheers

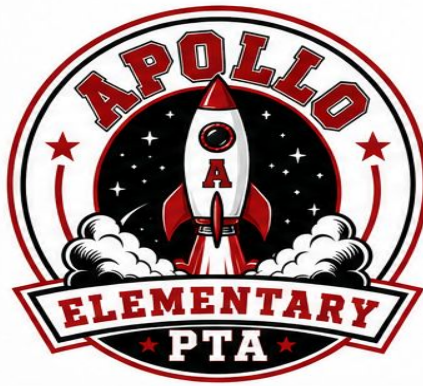
September 1, 2026 | 9:00 a.m.

PTA hosted a table with coffee and donuts to cheer on kindergarten parents after dropping off their children on the first day of school.

Lesson Learned: Purchase three dozen donuts instead of four.

NEW BUSINESS





MEETING **ADJOURNED**

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