

# BLES PTO MEETING

**Welcome and thank you for joining us.**



We are excited to:

- ★ Present the 2024-2025 PTO Executive Board
- ★ Learn about BLES PTO Events and Opportunities
- ★ Understand how the PTO assists our school each year
  - ★ Sign up for committees!

# Thank you Volunteers!



# 2024-2025 Executive Board

**This year's officer candidates is for:**

2 Co-Presidents: Tali Boots and Pam Bloch

5 Vice Presidents: Casey Case, Nancy Lopez, María Martínez, and Sohini Whatley

Treasurer: Sarah Yang & Erin King

Secretaries: Tiffanie Forté & Megan Rohall

# Co- President



## Candidate: Tali Boots

Tali Boots has 2 kiddos, a rising 6th grader and rising 4th grader at BLES. She is currently serving her 3rd year on the PTO board.

She helped bring Room Parents back to BLES and enjoys seeing all the kids excited at the after-school events.

Being a part of BLES has been a wonderful part of parenthood and she hopes more parents(especially dads!) will become involved in volunteering and serving on the PTO board.

Tali also owns her own business as a mental health therapist in Berkeley Lake.

# Co-President



## Candidate: Pam Bloch

Pam Bloch has a rising 6<sup>th</sup> grader and 3<sup>rd</sup> grader at BLES. She began with PTO as a member of the Yearbook Committee and has served as both secretary and Co-President with the board. She has just completed a two year term on the State School Superintendent's Advisory Council for

When she is not chasing after her children and husband, she can be found working for UGA Extension as the 4-H Agent for Gwinnett County or enjoying baking and crafting.

# Vice President



## Candidate: Casey Case

Casey is a stay-at-home mom with 3 daughters: a rising 6th grader, a rising 4th, and 1 future Berkeley Bear. She serves as the secretary for her neighborhood's HOA Board and is looking forward to the opportunity to serve the community through the PTO Board as well. She, along with Tali Boots, brought Room Parents back to BLES and enjoys seeing all the kids excited at the after school events we host at the school, especially Bear Scare!

When she is able to find some time between kids activities and keeping the house running, Casey enjoys sewing, long walks with the family dog (Sonny), and reading.



# Vice President

## Candidate: Nancy Lopez



Nancy has a daughter who is a rising 3<sup>rd</sup> grader and son going into 4<sup>th</sup> grade. She is the CEO of tree service company in Forsyth County and works at GASP.

This will be Nancy's 2nd year serving on PTO and she is excited to get started.

She enjoys spending time in nature, cooking, and reading.

# Vice President



## Candidate: Sohini Whatley

Sohini has a son at BLES and has volunteered since he started Kindergarten. She loves being the room parent, assisting the PTO with events as well as heading up staff and teacher appreciation activities. Sohini is an avid reader, loves to sew and do arts and crafts.



# Vice President



## Candidate: Maria Gabriela Martinez

Maria Gabriella Martinez is from a small town in Venezuela called Machiquede Perija and moved to the US in 2021. Maria is happy and excited to join the PTO! Over the last few years, she has helped with numerous projects and activities at BLES. She loves being a part of her kid's school and using her skills to help decorate and coordinate events and activities. She is excited to bring her vast knowledge to the BLES community and work together to create more fun and enjoyment for the kids.

# Communications Secretary



## Candidate: Megan Rohall

Megan has two sweet boys in Berkeley Lake Elementary. Tommy is 8 and finishing out the year in Ms. Speese's 2nd grade class and Danny is rounding out his first grade year at BLES in Ms. Tran's class.

Megan is a 4's/Pre-K teacher at Christ the King Lutheran Church and has enjoyed her first year as a board member for the PTO. She also runs the PTO social media pages for Facebook and Instagram. In whatever free time she can squeak out, she enjoys reading, swimming at the pool with her family, listening to music and most especially writing.

# Recording Secretary



## Candidate: Tiffanie Forté

Hello, Berkeley Lake Elementary community! I'm thrilled to join you with a splash of energy and over 17 years of project management and customer relationship expertise under my belt. My journey includes dynamic roles at Intuit and Verizon Wireless, where I honed my skills in turning complex challenges into streamlined successes, always with a zest for innovation and efficiency.

Why do I love BLES? It's simple: the diversity is fantastic, and the enthusiasm among the teachers and staff is contagious! Seeing my child thrive academically and socially here has been a joy, and I'm excited to bring my project savvy to the Parent Teacher Organization. Together, let's make BLES even more amazing for our kids and community!

# Treasurer



## Candidate: Sarah Yang

Sarah Yang has a rising 6<sup>th</sup> grader and 2<sup>nd</sup> grader at BLES and has been a PTO volunteer for the past five years. She has served as the PTO treasurer for the past 4 years.

She speaks Spanish and Korean and currently works as an optometrist couple days a week. She enjoys running, tennis and watching movies with her husband.

# Junior Treasurer



## Candidate: Erin King

Erin has two kids, one rising 5th grader and one rising 1st. This is her 2nd full year as spiritwear chair at BLES and she has now also taken a role as one of the VPs.

She worked in restaurants for over 20 years and currently is a stay at home mom who still loves cooking and gardening.

# 2024-2025 Executive Board Slate

To Vote to approve this year:





# BLES & PTO Events

→ May-July:

- ◆ School Supply Kit Orders

→ August:

- ◆ Room Parents sign up  
8/1
- ◆ PTO Volunteer Meeting  
8/12
- ◆ Curriculum Night 8/20 &  
8/22

→ September:

- ◆ Fall Fundraiser 9/3-9/17
- ◆ International Night 9/27

→ October:

- ◆ Field Day 10/7-10/9
- ◆ Bear Scare 10/18

→ November:

- ◆ STEM Night 11/8

→ December:

- ◆ Candlelight Luncheon  
12/4-12/6

→ January:

- ◆ Literacy Night 1/30

→ February:

- ◆ School Dance 2/21

→ March:

- ◆ Bingo 3/13
- ◆ Boosterthon 3/24-4/3

→ April

- ◆ Fun Run 4/4
- ◆ Family Fun Night 4/25
- ◆ Yearbook designed and printed

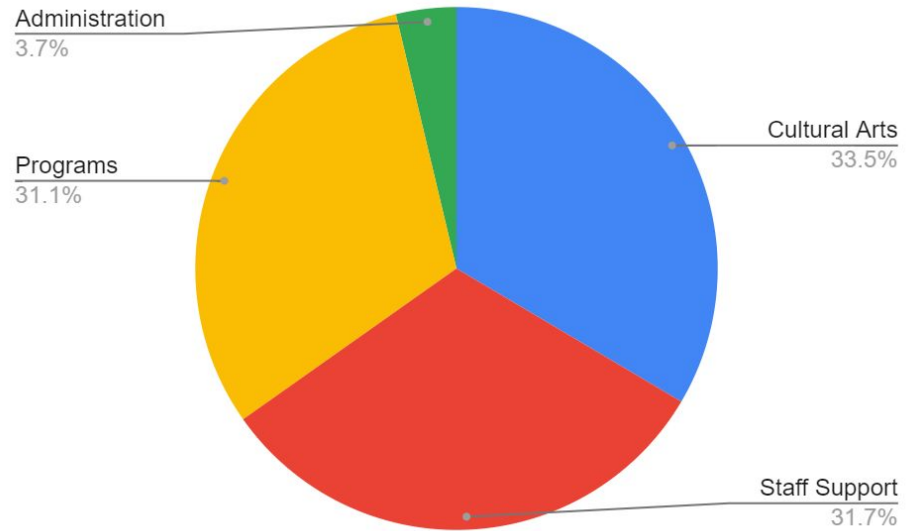
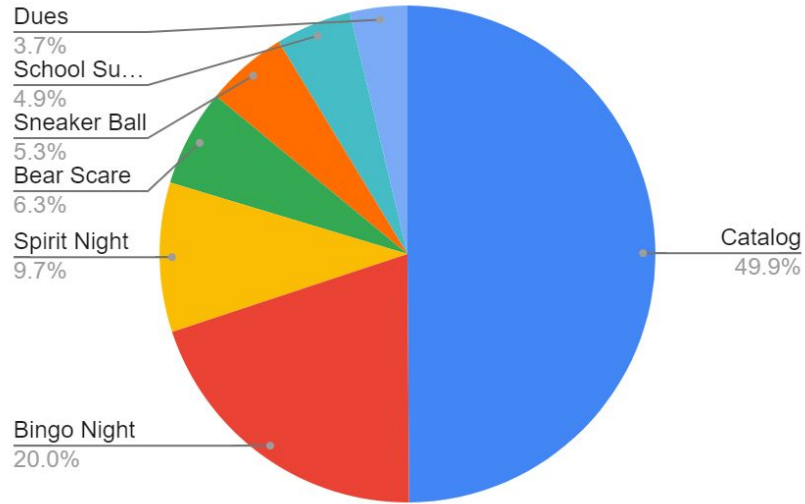
→ May

- ◆ Teacher Appreciation
- ◆ 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion 5/15 &  
15/16
- ◆ 5th grade Walk 5/19
- ◆ 5th Grade Fun Day 5/22

# How PTO Helps BLES

- Funded In-School Field Trips throughout the year (\$6,500)
- Beginning of the year breakfast and End of year catered lunch for teachers and staff (\$2729)
- Reimbursements for teachers (total \$3072)
- Appreciation gifts to Custodians, Bus Drivers, and Administrative Support Staff (\$1540)
- Donated \$25 gift cards to families in need, up to \$250 this year
- Sponsored the Field Day popsicles
- Funded the Live Animal Show at STEM Night
- Paid for decorations for 5th grade graduation & gifts for the graduates
- Hosted a Silent Disco and snow cone truck for 5th Grade Fun Day. (\$2400)

# Income/Expenses



# PTO Ideas

How did last year go for everyone? What went well and what do we need to continue to improve on?

# Committees Needed!

## ★ Committee Heads Needed:

- Volunteer coordinator
- Field day
- 5th grade promotion
- Website guru
- Room parents
- 5th grade fun day

## ★ Worker bee committees:

- Field day
- Field Day shirts
- Boosterthon Fall fundraiser (pick ups)
- Candlelight
- Dance
- Bingo
- Photo keepsake
- 5th grade promotion
- 5th grade fun day
- Spirit wear sales
- Bulletin board help

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Thank you for coming!  
We look forward to working  
with you in the  
2024-2025 year!

