



## Looking to Engage with the School?

From time to time you likely see an announcement in the 12th St. newsletter about an upcoming PEP meeting, a PEP sponsored activity, or that PEP is seeking volunteers to help run an upcoming event. Kalamazoo Christian PEP is a wonderful organization to have here at school as it further adds to the experience for students, families, and staff.

PEP, Parents and Educators Partnering Together, is a group of parents and staff representatives who seek to provide fun events for our students and families throughout the year. These events include the mother/son event, donuts and cider, the carnival, father/daughter dance, muffins with moms, dads and donuts, and many more. PEP also seeks to support and encourage staff by, among other items, providing meals during conferences, showing appreciation during Teacher Appreciation Week, and helping to coordinate room parents.

There are various ways you can support PEP and its function throughout the year. One way is to attend PEP meetings and help with the organization of the various events that occur throughout the year. Keep your eye out for the scheduled meetings in the 12th St newsletter for when upcoming meetings will be. Another way to help would be to volunteer at events that require additional support. Some of the PEP sponsored activities require many hands to help run a successful event. And finally, a third way would be to attend and engage in the different events that PEP puts on. These are great community building events that allow students and families to connect and have fun together.

The next big event is the carnival, scheduled for Friday, February 3! This has been a wonderful event for families to partake in as they enjoy a fun filled night together here at school. A sign up genius will be available for individuals to volunteer as it will take many hands to help make this event successful. We would love to see your family there, and if able, have you volunteer that evening as well!

To further keep updated on PEP related items, feel free to join the Facebook group "Kalamazoo Christian PEP".

-Tyler Van Schepen, Elementary Principal