



Conant Elementary PTO 2026-2027 Welcome Letter!

Welcome to Conant Elementary! The Conant PTO is thrilled to welcome our new and returning families. As a parent volunteer group, we work to enrich our students' academic experience and build a vibrant school community. Getting involved makes a huge difference for all of us! The PTO funds essential programs and events that the school cannot provide on its own.

What We Do? We host fun, memorable events throughout the year, including our Fun Run fundraiser, Variety Show, Family Dance, End-of-Year Carnival, and so much more! We also fund school assemblies and support our amazing teachers and staff, including hosting Teacher Appreciation Week.

PTO COMMITTEES AND VOLUNTEERING

Whether you have time to volunteer once a week, every few months, or want to join a committee, we'd love to have you onboard—our PTO runs on parent power. Head over to our [PTO Volunteer page](#) on our website to sign up!

What Your Support Funds?	Why Get Involved?
Events & Traditions Cub Carnival, Fun Run, Popcorn Days, & Assemblies	Connect Meet other parents & build a strong community
School & Classroom Upgrades School enhancements, tech, & classroom resources	Engage Volunteer & help create student and family programs
Community & Staff Support Teacher Appreciation Week & community-building events	Stay Informed Keep up with school news & make your voice heard

Pay Dues Online: [Click here to pay via Zeffy](#)

SCHOOL CALENDAR DOWNLOAD LINKS

Want a stress-free way to have all our PTO events loaded to your calendar? Subscribe to our PTO Events calendar:

- [Google Calendar Subscription Link](#)
- [iCal Subscription Link](#) - *works best if you copy the link and manually add it to your iphone calendar as a new subscription.*

Subscribe to the full Conant School calendar: [Conant Calendar via BHS](#)

The **district calendar** can be downloaded online: [Click Here](#)

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Attendance Line: (248) 341-7010

School Website: <https://conant.bloomfield.org/>

PTO Website: [PTO Website](#)

Join the PTO Email Distribution List: Subscribe to our weekly [Newsletter - here!](#)

Full Day Schedule	Half Day Schedule
• Doors open at 9:00 AM • Class starts at 9:05 AM • Pack a snack, home lunch, or select a school lunch. ○ We are a nut free school ○ Lunch 11:15-1:15 PM • Pick up is at 4:00 PM	• Doors open at 9:00 AM • Class starts at 9:05 AM • Pack a snack, no lunch. ○ We are a nut free school • No specials on a half-day • Pick-up is at 12:20

KidzZone (Latch Key): A separate registration is required every year - fills up fast! [Click here for KidzZone Website](#)

- Hours: 7-9AM; 4-6PM
- **Safety Note:** The school is locked at all hours. You will need to ring the doorbell, and the office staff will allow you to enter.

Volunteer Background Checks: To keep our students safe, school policy requires all volunteers, including anyone attending a PTO meeting or assisting at school events, to complete a State of Michigan background check (via the Michigan State Police ICHAT system) prior to serving.

- **How It Works:** It is a name-based background check using individual identifiers.
- **Frequency:** Must be completed annually for the current school year. Please make sure to fill out your form before volunteering this year! [Complete the annual form here!](#)

Visitor Aware Security System: Our district uses Visitor Aware for fast, secure school check-ins. [More Information Here!](#)

- **Pre-Register Online:** Upload your ID ahead of time to skip the full scan at the desk. You only need to do this once, even for multiple schools. [Pre-register here!](#)
- **Arriving at School:** Show a valid state-issued photo ID. It checks instantly against national safety databases.
- **Wear Your Badge:** Place your printed visitor pass on your shirt and wear it the entire time you are in the building.
- **One & Done:** You only need to fill out the form once. If you have children at multiple district schools, your information automatically saves across all buildings.

SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS AND MEET-THE-TEACHER NIGHT

School Supplies

- **Grade-Level Lists:** New supply lists are posted on the school website, <https://conant.bloomfield.org/families>, under supplies, or the PTO website and Facebook pages each summer.
- **How to Shop:** Use our **PTO Amazon Storefront** link! It makes shopping easy, delivers directly to your door, and a portion of every purchase goes back to the PTO as an affiliate donation. [Get your supplies here!](#)
- **Class Community:** Check your supply list to see if you need to label items. (Grade-level exceptions may apply).
- **Drop-Off Options:** Bring your supplies to "Meet the Teacher" night (see below for more details) or send them in on the first day of school.

Meet the Teacher Night

- **When:** The Thursday evening before school starts (look for official times from the school).
- **Teacher Assignments:** Posted in the **Parent Portal** the day before the event.
- **Welcome Email:** Your child's teacher will typically send an introductory email before the event.

CLASSROOM PARTIES/ROOM PARENTS

1. **Class Parties:** Halloween, Winter, Valentine's Day, and End of Year (4 per year).
2. **Sign-Up:** Express interest during **Curriculum Night** and/or watch for an email from your teacher. Each class usually has **3–5 room parents** who split up the duties.
3. **Responsibilities:** Plan parties with the teacher's input and preferences, manage parent donations, purchase supplies, handle food/snacks (checking for allergies with the teacher), decorate your classroom and assist with party cleanup.
4. **Orientation:** The principal will host a meeting with all room parents to walk through school policies and procedures.
5. **Support:** A PTO coordinator will send an introductory email to all the room parents and will be available to help room parents with room party information.

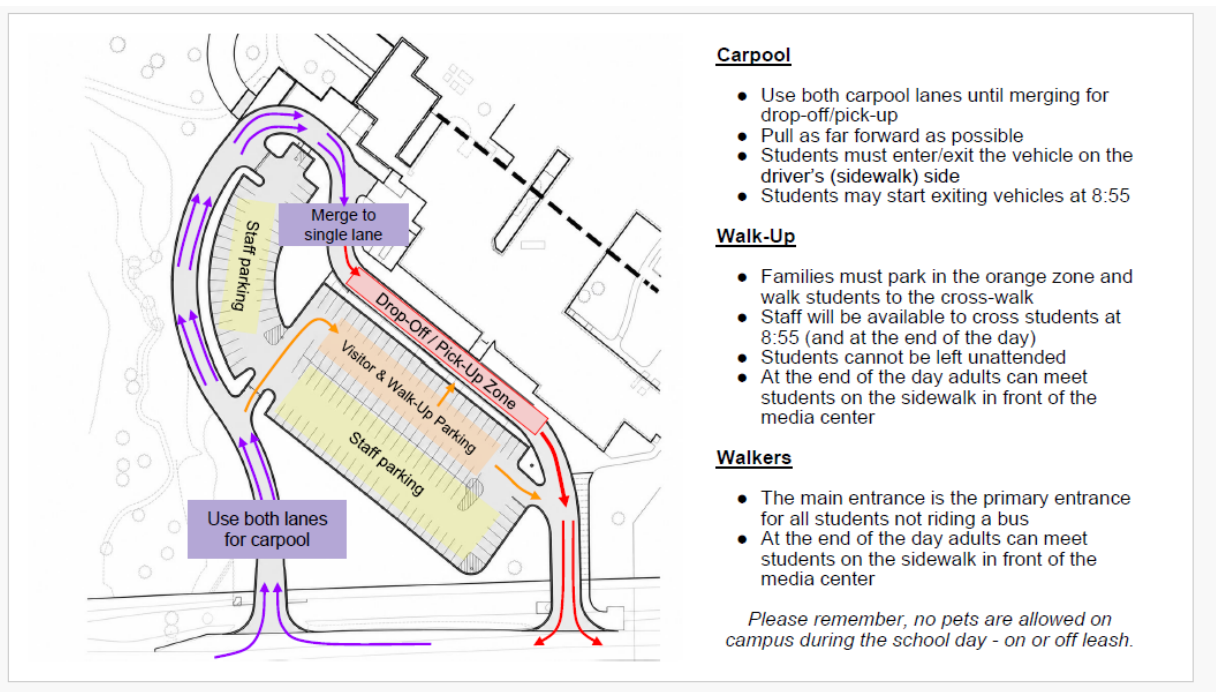
CONANT ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Our parking lot gets very busy! Please review these procedures to help choose the best option for your schedule and keep our students and staff safe. Please follow any directions sent directly from the principal.

Main Entrance & Student Entry: All students - both walkers and carpool drop-offs - will enter the school through the main entrance doors. **Bus students** will enter through the side bus door near the kindergarten wing.

Carpool Line: See below for the current carpool layout as of 8/23/26. Look for upcoming communications via school emails, newsletters, and social media.

Walkers & Park-and-Walk: Designed for parents who want to park and walk their child to the building instead of waiting in the carpool line. Please use the designated walker parking area and walking path leading to the school.



Bus Transportation

- **Sign-Up:** Select the bus option on your annual summer email registration.
- **Routes & Tracking:** Bus routes will be available alongside teacher assignments in the Parent Portal. You can track the bus using the [StopFinder](#) app (registration links will be sent directly by the district).
- **Questions?** Contact the Transportation Department at **248-341-6290**.
More info: <https://www.bloomfield.org/current-families/transportation>

Dismissal Changes/Leave School Early

- **Process:** For any changes to your child's normal routine, complete a yellow "**School Dismissal Form**" and place it in your child's folder. Pads are provided to new families during Kindergarten orientation. Replacements are available at the front desk.

CONANT APPS, PLATFORMS & SOCIAL MEDIA

Bloomfield Hills Recreation Events & Activity Registration [Formerly known as Community Pass]

- **Use for:** Registering for after-school programs, summer camps, and "schools out" camps.
Link: [BH Recreation Events - Registration](#)

Parent Portal

- **Use for:** Viewing student enrollment details, schedules, bus information, report cards, and updating contact info.
- **Important:** Always update contact details here, not in Remind. Changes take up to 24 hours to sync.
- **Link:** [Parent Portal](#)

Messages XR (Replacing Remind App)

- **Use for:** District and school communications, including urgent updates, snow days, and emergency closures.
- **How it works:** Contact info syncs automatically from the Parent Portal. Use the same email address on file with BHS to login
- **Link:** [login page](#) (former app- [Remind](#))

Teacher Communication

- **Weekly Updates:** Teachers communicate weekly via email or Messages XR App.
- **Welcome Email:** Expect a welcome email during the week before school starts.
- **More Info:** Additional classroom details will be shared on Curriculum Night.

SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

Connect with the Conant PTO!

- **Facebook Page:** Join our private group, Conant Cubs PTO, to ask questions and stay updated on PTO events. [Conant Cubs PTO FB group](#)
- **Grade-Specific Facebook Groups:** You should also join grade-specific Facebook groups. Links for current grade-level specific pages can be found on the PTO Website.
- **Instagram Profile:** Follow Conant Cubs PTO for fundraiser flyers, kickback updates, and videos of fun school events. [Conant Cubs PTO IG profile](#).

Note: We prioritize students, staff, and family safety and are mindful of all content posted. All groups are private and only allow Parent/Guardian membership.

PTO MEETING CALENDAR - 2026-2027

All PTO Meetings for the 2026-2027 school year will take place on Wednesdays. Meetings are subject to change. Please check [our PTO website](#) for the most updated information.

Dates	Time	Location	Notes
9/16/2026	9:15-9:30 AM - PTO Intro & Mingle 9:30-10:30 AM - PTO Meeting	Preschool	
10/7/2026	6:00-6:30 PM– PTO Intro & Mingle 6:30-8:00 PM – PTO Meeting	STEAM	Guest Speaker: Rick West
11/11/2026	9:30 AM -10:30 AM	Preschool	
12/9/2026	9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	Preschool	
1/13/2026	9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	Preschool	
2/17/2026	9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	Preschool	
3/17/2026	9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	Preschool	
4/7/2026	6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	STEAM	Guest Speaker Rick West
5/12/2026	9:30 AM -10:30 AM	Preschool	
6/9/2026	9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	Preschool	Final PTO Meeting of the year.

CONANT PTO EXECUTIVE BOARD 2026-2027

Presidents: Jessica Zumchak & Amanda Laurich
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CONANT & PTO ANNUAL EVENTS AT-A-GLANCE

Please visit our website at conantcubspto.org and subscribe to our PTO events calendar to always have the most up-to-date info! Unless otherwise stated, events will be held at Conant Elementary School.

Event	What It's All About
Curriculum Night	Parents-only evening to meet teachers & learn about curriculum.
Breakfast with Buddies	Before-school breakfast for kids and a special family guest.
Happy Feet	Friday lap-running club for DK–2nd grade to earn charm necklaces.
Popcorn Days	\$1 popcorn treats that directly fund our monthly teacher raffles.
Teacher Wishlist Raffles	Classroom supply drawings funded by Popcorn Days.
Variety Show	Evening showcase for student talent.
Teacher Appreciation	A dedicated week to celebrate and pamper our hard-working staff
Art Show	Evening gallery displaying artwork from every Conant student.
Science Day	Action-packed half day of hands-on science experiments.
Book Fair	Week-long Scholastic book sale for students.
Fun Run	Major PTO fundraiser where kids run laps for pledges (Families welcome!).
Change Wars	Friendly class competition using coins to raise money for school and/or charity.
Field Day	Epic outdoor games and relays with Mr. Hohnke.
Cub Carnival	Huge end of year bash with food trucks, inflatables, dunk tank, & DJ.
5th Fun Fest, Graduation & Clap Out	Celebratory send-off parade for our graduating students.
Volunteer Breakfast	PTO-hosted breakfast (last PTO Meeting) to thank all of our parent helpers.