



CARMELO PARENT ORGANIZATION (CPO)

CPO is a formal parent club founded in 1995. They have monthly meetings at Carmelo school. Free childcare is always provided.

CPO Objectives are:

To assist CCDC in meeting students' needs

- A. Indoor/outdoor materials & equipment
- B. "Discretionary" emergency funds
- C. Early/strong sense of belonging

To meet parents' needs

- D. Strengthening parenting skills
- E. Sense of community/fun

To reassess parents' needs

CPO Activities are:

To meet material/discretionary needs (Fundraising)

- a. eSCRIP sales
- b. Book Fair (fall/spring)
- F. Trike-A-Thon
- G. FOCUS Phone-A-Thon
- H. T-Shirt/sweatshirt sales

To build a sense of belonging/community

- a. Back-to-School BBQ
- b. Parent Coffees
- c. Autumn Feast
- d. Winter Sing-A-Long
- e. Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- f. End of the Year Picnic
- g. Monthly CPO meeting

To strengthen parenting skills

- a. Offer parenting series with instructor
- b. Offer classroom parent round tables



CPO Officers and Committee Chairs:

CPO President

Attends monthly meetings, sets the agenda and presides over the meeting. This person is the liaison between CPO and school administration, as well as representing the organization externally if the need arises. Writes a monthly column for the school newsletter

CPO Secretary

Attends monthly CPO meetings, records and distributes minutes.

CPO Treasurer

Attends monthly CPO meetings, keeps financial records, creates and distributes financial statements, is responsible for all bank transactions.

Trike-A-Thon

This fundraiser (similar to a Walk-A-Thon) is a Carmelo tradition. All the children participate by riding their bikes or trikes in laps on the blacktop. This event is a lot of fun and a big revenue generator.

eSCRIP

Participating stores donate money to CCDC. It costs shoppers nothing to use. We need individuals to promote eSCRIP and to do the bank transactions. This fund-raiser has enormous potential and the best part is that the money received is from our community.

Hospitality

This committee organizes food needed for events such as the Autumn Feast, Teacher Appreciation Luncheon and graduation.

Book Fair

We host two Scholastic Book Fairs each year, one in the fall and one in spring. They are held over a period of one week and the proceeds are used to buy books for our school libraries. The Chairperson organizes the event, interfaces with Scholastic and arranges the schedule of volunteers. Volunteers help with setting-up and cashing out purchases.

T-Shirt/Sweatshirt Sales

Our own students design the artwork for our Carmelo Kids T-shirts. Each year we use a different design that generally one of our students has drawn. We need one or two people who can coordinate the design and production of T-shirts and process orders.