

***DID YOU PARTICIPATE IN THE FOLLOWING PTO PROGRAMS:  
COOKIE DOUGH, ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS, EXTRAVAGANZA,  
RESTAURANT NIGHTS, GROCERY STORE NO COST  
FUNDRAISERS?***

Cookie – I did not participate – I heard cookie dough was not good

No, but I've done other things with the PTO and individual teachers throughout the year. I did attend Extravaganza, bought cookie dough and bought Entertainment Book.

Yes, except Extravaganza – too expensive.

Cookie Dough- Aprende already sells this, Ent. Books-purchases/don't use, Grocery Store-sending \$ to Aprende

Yes, Extravaganza-why not thru PTO?

Yes, Extravaganza expensive

Cookie Dough

Yes, Extravaganza fundraiser fine – dislike that it took away Carnival and that it is run through foundation.

Cookie dough not very good. Did not participate in the Extravaganza because it was on a school night. Too hard to get out without the kids.

Can't do cookie dough – family allergies. Ent. Books not great option. Liked catalogue fund raising much better.

Extravaganza – not clear on what it was actually for. Also, I prefer a Family event. Not just adult for a PTO event. Preferred the Carnival so everyone can go.

Yes, I like cookie dough sale.

Yes, cookie dough sale

No, I will not sell to neighbors or friends (most who have kids also selling) & family live out of state. Extravaganza too expensive. Restaurant nights too busy to go on school nights.

Yes, on cookie dough, ent. Books & grocery stores. No, on everything else – Extravaganza is not in my budget; others difficult to schedule

Don't use Ent. Books. Prefer events where children attend. Extravaganza did not offer that.

Cookie dough & Ent. Books. Cookie dough I would not do again – getting old

Yes, even volunteered

Cookie dough, no interest or it is an extra expense we can't afford

Not enough time to make it to these events

Grocery store = we are part of Upromise program for 529 fund

Where was Carnival? We want that back. We went to Family Fun Night and had a wonderful time with our kids. Extravaganza – way too expensive and no kids allowed – you've made some great childhood memories there!

Some – Extravaganza was too expensive & it was a very cliché thing. Did not want cookie dough

Did not participate in the Grocery Store No Cost Fundraiser because my cards are already linked to another school which I wish continue supporting.

I participated in all but Extravaganza due to economy/financial strain. Considering the economy, I did wonder if attendance would be affected. It was also on a school night. Weekends are better.

Participated in all except Extravaganza, didn't attend but it sure was a success

Some – can't do everything or would break the bank. Extravaganza – hard to do on weeknight with kids.

Extravaganza did not attend.

All but Extravaganza – during these economy downfalls, we should really reconsider cost, & importance.

Yes, but not the Cielo Extravaganza.

We live out of the area and don't know many people where we live but this will soon change. We are moving in the area and will start the fundraising.

Yes, except the Extravaganza – too pricey at the moment

Cookie dough & Ent. Books

Seems like all the schools do them at the same time. Hard to sell.

I really don't like the cookie dough, fattening and overpriced. I buy 2 tubs just so my kids feel we've participated. I buy one Ent. Book each year. No on Restaurant night.

Yes, the only fundraiser I was unable to participate in was the Extravaganza

My family rarely eats out, so no on Restaurant nights. Grocery store – yes. This is easy! Yes on Ent. Books but I only buy one for our family. Tubs of cookie dough is fattening, unhealthy & overpriced but I buy 2-3 tubs to support PTO.

Cookie dough, Ent. Books, & Grocery store

My high school student does Cookie dough 2-3 wks before Cielo. It's hard to find a place to store cookie dough.

I did not buy the Ent. Books because we don't use them enough. It seems like so many others sell cookie dough. I did buy this year but probably won't next.

Yes, I didn't participate in all because I have children at other schools.

Cookie Dough

Ent. Books – everybody sells these. Cookie dough – others I couldn't = 2 jobs.

Cookie dough & Ent. Books. Everything is what everyone else is selling. There are not many options. The Extravaganza was a HORRIBLE Price!

Cookie dough sits there in the fridge forever – would rather give school \$20 bucks. Ent. Books – buy it use 1 thing & never open it again...maybe we'll try this year to be better. Cookie dough not a favorite. Ent. Books never used it 4 yrs in a row! Restaurant nights & Grocery Store instant gratification/transfer of funds.

Extravaganza – what was this? The black tie event? Did not go. Started too early for me to get gussied up from work.

Not certain if Preschool is involved with these fundraisers. Cookie dough – wasn't informed about this. Extravaganza – no, only invited my husband.

Most, yes. Extravaganza was on weeknight. Don't shop at stores participating in this.

I would like to but we are working parents. Extravaganza, was upset that there was no Carnival this year! The kids always had so much fun!

Yes, could not do every Restaurant Night. Prefer one that do take away, hard to get out on weeknights. Cookie Dough hard to store – expensive, only 40% return now? Not even 3lb. tubs anymore.

I participated in all of them except the Cookie dough sale.

I participated in the events I gave a 1. (Extravaganza, Restaurant Nights, Grocery Store) The other 2 I did not participate in because I don't like selling door to door, and that stuff is so overpriced. I don't even want or use the book or cookie dough. Too many other groups & schools selling stuff.

Yes, however, I really dislike purchasing items I do not need. I wish the PTO would support one large fundraiser during the year, such as the Extravaganza, and eliminate all the other junk the parents are asked to

purchase. I like the Grocery Store Fundraisers, however, there needs to be better communication about the programs.

Yes, for all but not Grocery Store (no reason why)

Yes, except for Ent. Books

I participated in 3 of the above (Extravaganza, Restaurant Nights, Grocery Store)

Yes, I try to support the school

Don't like entertainment book sales, too close to cookie dough also

Yes, to all except Grocery Store – I shop @ Trader Joe's & Costco primarily

One for a while

I don't like the taste of the cookies so we don't participate in the Cookie dough sale. We did participate in all the other fund raisers.

All except the Ent. Books

Yes – The extravaganza was a huge money maker for sunshades & safety equip. for Cielo & there will likely be \$ left even after we get all the shades purchased ☺ Like cookie dough, too!

As much as possible. Ent. Books – my order was lost, never processed. (new this year to Cielo)

Not in Restaurant Night or Grocery Store. I would rather give a small cash donation instead of 10-20% of my dinner bill to PTO. Grocery is already linked to our preschool.

Yes, only in the Cookie Dough

Yes, Cookie dough, Ent. Books, Extravaganza No, Restaurant Nights, usually eat at home with little kids. Grocery store – couldn't remember to link card & fundraiser – at Target: did not want to open a credit card to do so! Not a good idea.

***ARE THERE ANY FUNRAISING PROGRAMS THAT YOU HAVE HEARD OF THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST?***

I already suggested the Extravaganza.

The sit on your butt fundraiser. I believe Waggoner PTO has done this in the past. Ask each family to donate \$50 to the PTO in lieu of any fundraisers. If 400 families donated \$50 each we would net \$20K – almost the entire annual budget.

Magazine sales, school carnival

Would like to see the Carnival come back – have set \$ to enter – kids can participate with their families

Bobbie's Flowers (monthly flower arrangement for 1 year \$20 – Cielo gets \$10)

I like the reading for \$ idea

Stay at home fundraiser. Waggoner elementary does. Way better than unhealthy cookie dough.

“Stay at home” fundraiser (Waggoner)

Gold Canyon Candles.

No Cost Fundraiser thru Fry's Gift Card program

Read a thon: People donate a certain amount per book read by the kids or a lump sum. Kids could have their own sign up sheet for sponsors. They could also be sponsored for laps run at the turkey Trot. Sell Turkey Trot T-shirts. 50/50 raffles at different events.

Green cleaning products – lots of people are interested in them for health benefits & 1 local person does fundraisers

Dougnut sell, there are only a few locations for Krispy Crème & many people love these dougnuts.

Stay at home fundraiser – Waggoner/KMS donate \$50/family no other funraising at all!

Carnival

Something the kids can actually do... bake sale, walk-a-thon sponsored per mile or ½ mile. Kids would love to do something too raise \$ for their teachers!

What about Box Tops? Or [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com)

Carwash

Sit on Butt Fundraiser

I suggest an amusement party (merry-go-round)

School Carnival

How about workshops with children for parents. I'd pay to learn how to help my child at home in all areas. You have great teachers who can probably do it for a fee.

Yes, later.

I think we should limit fundraisers to the most profitable – not do so many. Families cannot afford to do all.

Just donating a certain amount in the beginning of the year so we don't have to buy stuff.

I know one Kyrene school did a read a thon and made a lot of money without spending too much.

Prizes for classes who bring in the most box tops per month. Walmart will take your plastic shopping bags & give you \$5 per 65 gal. bag.

At Waggoner – they once a year ask for parents to donate for the school & don't have so many things throughout the year for trying to raise money & that way people really can help out.

Spring Carnival – bring it back!

Carnivals @ the school, Gold Canyon Candles, Gift Wrap

Jamba Juice

Something different would be nice for next year. The wrapping paper was nice that we had a few years back. Everyone enjoys the Carnival too.

Skateland

Carnival

The Carnival was a wonderful one. This year wasn't that great. Up until 4ys ago it was awesome.

No, but if the Extravaganza could have been on a night during the weekend it would be easier to attend. And, if we didn't have to dress up (casual dress) would have been more appealing.

Our church does grade level bake sales and they are so much fun!

***WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FUNDRAISER/EVENT AT CIELO?***

Sock Hop is fun. Extravaganza could be more fun if it wasn't so exclusive. The price probably kept many people from coming.

Family Fun Nights – get to see everyone & have fun.

Cookie dough sale & grocery store fundraisers

Carnival – it is a family event.

Carnival – the entire family can enjoy – if baskets are sold the school can make \$\$\$

Carnival traditionally great fun for students & parents; raises decent money for PTO & Cielo directly

Spring Carnival or Fall Festival (ours this year was too short & too crowded & not enough activity) it's fun & gets the whole family involved. Carole Ray Ranch Elementary in Gilbert has a fantastic Fall Festival.

Family Fun Nights

Restaurant nights because you get to go out & eat.

Grocery store no cost fundraisers. Once we have signed it keeps working. No out of pocket money in these times. Summer movie fun – good value – kids and adults enjoy.

Extravaganza able to meet other families dressed up

Macayo's night – got to socialize, Carnival – safe environment for kids.

Cookie dough sale because cookie dough is good that other grocery stores.

Probably cookie dough because we used it at home.

My favorite is cookie dough sale

School Carnival. Gives kids a chance to have fun with parents & teachers as well as raise funds.

Family fun night. We always go and spend lots of \$ because we are having fun together.

Grocery store – I hate selling things.

Cookie dough because cookies are fabulous

Don't have one

Family nights

Cookie dough because it's easy to sell & the kids love the cookies

Carnival & Family Fun Nights – this builds wonderful memories for kids of all ages, not too mention have a great evening for your entire family

Restaurant nights are favorite because my kids get to see all of their friends.

Restaurant nights!

Restaurant nights & Carnivals are my fave since you can enjoy them as a family.

Cookie dough

Family Fun Night because it's a low key family oriented event. It doesn't make a ton of \$ but is fun.

Carnival

Carnival – kids enjoy

Cookie dough – sells well

My favorite was the Family Fun Night because it was fun seeing my son enjoy the different activities and games with friends.

Restaurant Nights – everybody wins. Family Fun Nights – fun.

Cookie dough it's easy to sell

The Family Fun Nights are super – we always donate and participate but I don't know how much money is made.

Family Fun Night = Family

Cookie dough & Ent. Books

The Grocery store and Target store fundraisers – it's a quick and easy way to help the school each time I shop.

Sorry to have missed the Extravaganza night, I heard it was cool. My favorite is Family Fun Night which I assume generates money.

Entertainment Books, it's easy and I use the books.

Cookie dough – easy to sell people like to buy it

Cookie dough

I love the Carnival.

The Carnival 4yrs ago, fun & well planned. Good raffle. Included everyone.

Grocery store no cost fundraisers – because it's not something you have to think about and is at no cost.

Cookie dough

Family Fun Night

Carnival

Family Fun Nite & Carnivals

Ent. Books pays for itself

None in particular – all great. However, I heard the Extravaganza was a HUGE hit – unfortunately, we were not able to attend.

The Extravaganza was great! We also enjoy the Restaurant Nights.

Extravaganza, the Sock Hop – fun, community

Extravaganza, - a fun night for adults! No selling of unneeded items.

Extravaganza

Cookie dough because its around the holidays. Extravaganza because it really brought parents together well run & made a lot of \$!

Extravaganza & Restaurant Nights. It feels more like a community commitment, more involvement.

The Extravaganza was a fun night out without the kids – a great dinner, dancing & the opportunity to take a fun basket home.

Cookie dough

The Extravaganza. Finally,, an adult only event to mingle/meet other Cielo parents without running children everywhere. It is nice to have a crazy night out.

The Extravaganza was fabulous. It is so nice to have an adult only function for the parents and everyone loved the silent auction.

Restaurant nights – why not go if you can

Extravaganza – made a lot of \$ & let the parents get together without kids.

Carnival – Family enjoys

Extravaganza – attracted adults & made more money than we anticipated

Extravaganza – most fun makes most money. Marjean did a fabulous job organizing.

Extravaganza

The Extravaganza, Restaurant night and Family Fun Nights.

Carnival is great for a fun & memory making night, but Extravaganza was such a financial success that even if you couldn't go to event the \$ it raised should be celebrated b/c it's all for the kids

Extravaganza – very fun, well organized and a good way to earn larger funds without having to buy and make your kids sell smaller items.

1)Carnival 2)Sock Hop 3)Family Fun Night

Extravaganza – fun & very successful

Cookie dough. Everyone loves cookies. Plus they had new items that were just as good as the cookies.

I love Rest. Nights, the kids love to see each other while eating out and it gives busy parents who otherwise might not get to see the Cielo community a chance to.

We love the Family Night events. Gets families out and enjoy fun and friends. Time is great too.

Grocery store no cost fundraisers, as shopping is inevitable and so is good source of fundraiser

Turkey Trot, Generations Day, Family Nights. They bring us together as a community.

This year was the Extravaganza. It was a fun night out – no work on any part – great baskets

Cookie dough

Celebrate Learning

Restaurant night is nice because we go out and see other families in the Cielo community and all try to go as a family.

***ON MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT, DID YOU RECEIVE ADEQUATE INFORMATION WITH WHICH TO START THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR?***

Yes, we were well prepared

63 Yes

Yes, very organized

It was fine

2 Yes, it was great

Actually didn't see/look for PTO info

Yes, I like being able to find the class supplies list online in mid July when all the school supplies were on sale

We just met the teacher, would be nice to have a head start on reading what information will be discussed on curriculum night & that way it isn't such a long delay on knowing what is going on.

Yes, school supply list!

Yes, see everything & changes to school

Yes, I was well informed. My only suggestion would be to talk about parent involvement. Grades K-3 there is a lot of parent involvement. In grade 4 there is very little classroom volunteering and not much input into the party

activities. If I knew that upfront, I wouldn't be wondering if I was missing something.

Yes, I think it runs smooth. All the essential information is provided.

You bet. I wish there was a way to condense all the information there's always so much to go through.

Important- helps with anxiety

So-so. It always feels a bit chaotic.

Everything went well

Great meet the teacher

Yes. Receiving a map and the teacher mailed together

Yes, more explanation about curriculum would be helpful

Maybe staggered times, alphabetically, so parents have more opportunity to talk with teachers.

Yes, curriculum night was very informative

Yes, to have a helper for the teacher to help field questions

Class schedule. I got a copy only because I asked for one

Yes, a little more time to actually meet the teacher but I understand this is difficult

Unfortunately, we missed meet teacher this year. However, packet sent home was much more helpful than previous year.

I felt everything was available

Yes, and the directory is Awesome! Thanks!

Yes, we have always received enough information

Yes, having the list of things students need before via email

Yes, it was organized with lots of info

Mail a supply list in July!!!!

Yes, would be beneficial to get school supply lists early July to be able to get sufficient supplies during the Target/Walmart back to school sales. Currently, not much – or not timely notice

***COMMENTS ON ANY OTHER SCHOOL FUNCTIONS:***

Hope to see the carnival back next year!

The lack of unity between PTO and Extravaganza team was distracting and definitely put a damper on the event besides creating a bad atmosphere at Cielo this year. Very disappointing. Very childish.

Not enough info on Extravaganza! Why would we run this thru Foundation?

Love the Spring Carnival

Will Carnival be back next year?

Can we do the carnival again?

A good attempt was made.

Bring back Carnival (Family Oriented) minus the Extravaganza!

I don not like Generations Day – its not special to my kids whose grandparents live out of state.

Generations day is not enjoyable for my kids in that their our of state grandparents simply can't attend.

Please keep the fall costume parade...so many schools don't allow it, and the kids love it so much!

I really think you should focus on the kids next year and bring back Carnival – loose Extravaganza. It's ashame that you resurrected Carnival & lost it due to circumstances (const.) – can't you have it out on the fields?

The Extravaganza was a very strange choice this year. I asked several kids if they had fun at the Extravaganza, they looked at me like I was crazy. (hint hint)

Cielo has been a great school for our children!

Our family really enjoys the Carnival.

We try to enjoy as many functions as possible, helps keep in the loop of their lives.

Generations Day could be a little longer

My family loves the Carnival

2 NOs

***DO YOU GET VALUABLE PTO INFO FROM THE FIREBIRD FOCUS? WHAT ADD'L INFO WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE?***

Yes, more specific PTO budget information. Until the PTO meeting held in the beginning of March I had no idea what the PTO budget was or what the money was used for. I feel like the PTO continually hosts fundraisers but does a poor job of communicating the exact expenses and needs of the school. Additionally, there is never any communication about net proceeds from Fundraisers. In order to get more buy in and support from the parents in regards to fundraisers it needs to be very clear why the money is needed, what will it be used for, and any fundraising goals. My personal feeling is that the fundraising information is secretive and only available to those parents that ask.

Yes, I don't read it anymore now that it is online.

Yes – too many “corrected” versions

Yes. – not sure.

Evening PTO mtg. would work better for working parents or with small kids at home.

More evening meetings – Can’t attend mornings ones w/ kids

It’s thorough

Yes – more meetings @ different times on different days

Everything is good

Yes info on known changes in teacher assignments for following school year, is a teacher going PT or job share, if so, with who, and is a teacher not coming back next year

Good. Thanks

Yes, I like getting the Firebird Focus online!

Yes, very informative

More timely info up to date

Information plus. It’s fine

Yes. Upcoming community events would be nice

Yes – It was fine

Yes, meeting minutes, financials, flyers all sorts or PTO info should be on the UPDATED PTO website. & pictures of Board members & their titles.

Yes, website

Satisfactory

Yes, How fundraiser money is spent

The focus contains so much PTO gets lost in it maybe its own email blast.

Yes, but I think parents need to be more clearly informed of needs and how money is to be raised for them. We need a better overview of how much we will be asked to donate and what for.

60 YESs

1 NO

***DO YOU HAVE SUGGESTIONS FOR PRESENTATIONS FOR PTO MTGS NEXT YEAR? WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN A SMALL GROUP TO HELP PLAN AND ORGANIZE MTGS?***

Not at this time

More evening meetings, we enjoyed thte meeting 2 weeks ago!

Have more after-school or evening meetings so working parents can be more involved.

No – not at this time

8 meetings a year planned on different days & different times so more variety of people (dads & moms, at home & working) can attend. Offer daycare like other schools.

I didn't attend but I will next year

Having the meetings @ different times is nice. Easier to come when they are @ school

I think you should make outsiders feel more welcome.

Change the times to accommodate a work schedule

Have them when working parents can attend!

None @ this time

Sure

Yes. No.

Possibly

Off subject – but I think everyone – Board & meeting attendees should introduce themselves & say what attracted them to come to the meeting.

Fincial reports hard to read and should capture dates too

As available – schedule varies

2 Yes

We work

None really

None

Parents work

20 NOs

***DID YOU ATTEND OR FIND USEFUL THE COFFEE CHATS WITH THE PRINCIPALS?***

Yes, I work though

Yes & yes these were a good addition

Could not attend

Will attend the one in March  
Did not attend have small child

Only one (work am's)

I like it when there is a predetermined subject for discussion. Such as the March PTO meeting about budget cuts.

Unable to attend

We work

They always took place when I had my younger child with me taking him to school

Yes, but maybe after school snacks with Principal to vary time of day.

Unable to attend due to schedule

Have not been able to attend

Great idea

No, did not attend – have some at night

The 1<sup>st</sup> one was very informative about construction issues.

Yes, liked them

Unable to because I work full time.

Yes, did attend & it was useful

Have not attended one but they are a great idea

Attend – yes Useful – no

No, time constraints

Did not attend due to children @ home

These are for non-working parents only

They aren't offered at a time that I can attend.

Yes, I enjoyed

Wish the days could be alternating to allow all parents to come

No, but people liked them

If these are being used as regular meetings then notice of meetings need to go out. These are thought of as “different” that regular meetings because its called something different.

Couldn't attend – have younger child not in school

No, could not attend due to work schedule

Yes, please keep doing these

Would like to but we work

I have not ever attended

Not yet. Seems somewhat repetitive with PTO meetings

Wish days could be rotated to allow more parent participation

9 YES's

28 NO's

13 DID NOT ATTEND's

***PLEASE IDENTIFY ADDITIONAL SCHOOL/STUDENT/TEACHER NEEDS THAT CIELO PTO COULD HELP MEET?***

A different playground material other than sand

Recycling in the cafeteria. Unopened packages should be placed in a box & have a shelter pick-up at the end of the day or have a set time.

Provide teachers with more \$

Paper & toner for class room and main printers

The parking buses should go on the current student pick up and you should be able to pick up in one direction.

None – great job!

Basic supplies for teachers. New paper cutter in work room.

Trying to support more of what the budget is lacking.

The bike rack is falling apart! Also, with budget cuts, the teachers may need more help with supplies!

I think the PTO needs to do a better job of telling the school population about the fantastic events it helps with and where its money goes. Over the next few years the school parents & kids will be looking for funds to keep up our high standard of education, we get community support at Cielo & the PTO is one group they will look to. Witness – paper & toner donation this year!

Shade for pick up (parking lot) for kids. Maybe something for Art, Music or PE since all children attend those classes.

Please, please, please get kids club before children are too at Cielo

Assistance with supply funding (it was great when you helped with paper & toner, but all supplies)

***OTHER COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS:***

I asked the PTO ladies about the Extravaganza money at the last night meeting and was told it ended up going through the Foundation. Why wouldn't the PTO get those funds considering most of the solicitations (classroom baskets, raffle sales) were done under the guise of the PTO?

Loose the Extravaganza, bring back Carnival. Don't forget why the PTO exists.

Update your website.

Thanks for all you do.

Nice job on Family Fun Night. Kids had a great time. Order more food next year. Smoothies were a nice touch. Maybe add a Raffle like last year.

Spring Sports Day – kindergarten should be included!

Generations Day – We have no living grandparents and my kids have this day. Teachers should be encouraged to do projects that aren't about individual sharing with indiv. Grandparents.

Gen. Day – not all kids can have a grandparent at this event since so many live out of town

Teacher Appreciation Week – when was this?

Thanks! I think you do great!

Why take away classroom time for Spring Pictures when pictures have already been taken in Fall.

Thanks for all your hard work!

Thank you for all you do for Cielo and our children (& teachers).

Bring back the Carnival

All events are mostly geared to school kids K-5 (preschool parent)

Gen. Day – needs to be longer! Some people travel long distances for what?

Spring Sports Day – upset that kindergarten can not participate! It isn't fair to them!!

Teacher App. Week – What does this have to do with parents

Gen Day – Hate it – Make’s child whose grandparent are not around feel left out!

Family Fun Night – fundraiser but very enjoyable – should be more often

Can we get the list of what the kids need to bring for supplies about 2 weeks earlier to take advantage of the Walmart sales?

Student Directory – can you include teacher info in directory so it’s all in one place?

Fundraiser – have a Casino Night!

Student Dir. – put this on-line and save a tree plus printing costs

Yearbook – why is this necessary in grade school?

Student Dir.- email addresses would be helpful

Yearbook – too young

Gen. Day – grandparents out of town

I was a bit irritated when portraits came in Spring & Fall. I felt really bad explaining to my son that I wasn’t going to buy them.

Homework Helpers – not familiar with

Student Dir. – should capture emails

Thank you for all your time & effort. You ladies are wonderful!