

Top Ten Reasons Why You Should Join The PTA/PTSA!

1. Your PTA/PTSA is the “first responder” to the school when they need something!

Your PTA/PTSA may not always buy it, but can find someone to donate it to the school! Prizes, silent auction items, printing of newsletter and/or lunchroom calendar.

2. Your PTA/PTSA plans fun events for the students and the parents!

Programs such as “Pastries for Parents” , Donuts for Dads and Muffins for Mom breakfasts to which parents were invited to come have breakfast with their child in the cafeteria! Grandparents Day, help plan Red Ribbon Week, fall carnivals, and Spring flings are just to name a few.

3. Your PTA/PTSA contributes to the community!

A Toy Drive for the American Red Cross, a canned food drive for your Area Food Bank Holiday cards for the soldiers, and a Coat & Blanket Drive. This instills a life-long habit of community service in our children!

4. Your PTA/PTSA supports our teachers!

Teacher Treat Days, Teacher Appreciation Week & Luncheon, Teacher stipends to help purchase resources for your child’s classroom, provide food for your teachers during Teacher-Parent Conference days are among a few examples.

5. Your PTA/PTSA provides a platform for your children to “show their stuff”!

During PTA programs, children were able to show their talents through artwork displays, musical programs, field days and science fairs!

6. Your PTA/PTSA conducts fund raisers to purchase things for the school, teachers & students!

Your PTA can help by paying transportation costs for student field trips, new library equipment, a laminating machine, and even things as simple as extra garbage cans.

7. Your PTA/PTSA provides hours of volunteer service to the school!

Your volunteers can help with AR Testing, shelve library books; help in the classroom, copy and laminate for the teachers, help with a Book Fair, work at field day and other activities.

8. Your PTA/PTSA supports student & student organizations!

Your PTA can provide prizes and incentives for special school activities, Testing Week, and other contests to get the kids excited about learning! You can also host or co-host a back to school activity, fall carnival or dance.

9. PTA/PTSA gives parents an opportunity to network.

It is important for parents to network with other parents, and teachers, building rapport & discussing issues, share ideas concerns and experiences.

10. Your children NEED YOU!

Research indicates that one of the most important elements to student success is PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT. It would cost over \$1,000 per student for a school to provide the services that your PTA/PTSA provides.