

10 Reasons to Join Your PTA

Oak Hill Elementary School PTA

1. It is GOOD for Your Child

- Research shows that children whose parents are involved in their school make better grades and have fewer disciplinary problems at school. When parents get plugged in at school, their children do better.

2. It is **IMPORTANT** for Our School

- Schools are becoming more and more dependent on parent groups. They provide support to teachers and administrators, and they create a caring and supportive atmosphere in the school.
- **83+%** of the Membership Dues collected goes directly in support of classrooms, grade-level enrichment and creating an excellent learning atmosphere second to none at our school.

3. You'll get connected.

- There's no better way to know what's going on in the school than to be on the school's parent teacher group. You'll be first to hear about important decisions and changes the school is thinking about making, and you have a forum to share your perspectives with the school.

4. You'll be part of a network.

- Every PTA Event or Meeting is an opportunity to meet other parents in the same situation as you. You will be connected with a group of parents who share a common goal of improving the school for the children.

5. You'll make a difference.

- By volunteering with the PTA, you'll be able to use your skills for a noble cause. Parent groups work to establish a supportive and encouraging community for the entire school. The goal is to create the most educational environment possible for our children.

6. It's fun!

- You'll connect with a group of people who are all concerned with creating a better environment for their children. You will help plan fun events, socials and get togethers that the whole family can attend.

7. You'll be a Role Model

- You'll show your children that not only are they important to you, but their education is as well. They'll see you taking a stand to make education better for them and their peers, and chances are they'll do the same.

8. You'll help raise necessary funds.

- Your Membership dues pay for more educational services for children, improve the quality of the school overall. Last year memberships from **280 families and the teachers** helped pay for all the enrichment activities.
- We pay for Assemblies that bring practical education to all grades so children learn the application of the classroom theories, support STEAM programs, Field Trip Transportation, enable teacher development & enrichment that benefit all 900ish students at Oak Hill. This happens due to the memberships you pay.
- In addition, all PTA events (except for Basketball game and Multi-Cultural Night) are free to all families at Oak Hill irrespective of membership status. Again, the membership dues we collect make this possible
- We support school cafeteria, special education and scholarships for families in need. All using the membership dues we collect.
- Our PTA's administration fees is one of the lowest (we spend only 12% of the dues on administration, again most of which goes to National & State Dues and Storage). We stretch every buck we collect towards overall student enrichment and community engagement.

9. It's Flexible

- There are a variety of small ways parents can help and be involved in the PTA. Project responsibilities are flexible and can be adjusted to fit with your time constraints.

10. It's for every Parent

- Your voice and opinion matters! It makes a difference when you speak up. Your voice and ideas can help improve the quality of education for your children and their peers. You'll see the smiles on their faces and know that you've played a part in making school a little more comfortable and fun.

Are these reasons not enough?

- We now have a SINGLE fee structure of \$50 per family down from last year!
 - Families with 1 kid at school previously paid \$65 vs \$75 last year, and families with more than 1 kid paid \$80 vs. \$100 the year before
- Since our membership dues pay for all of the enrichment at school and for family events, we give our members a week early registration benefit for after school activities and a free directory.
- 100% membership status from all parents will help us maintain the membership dues and maintain a SINGLE FEE structure. Of course, donations are always welcome.