

A Letter from the PTO presidents

Dear Lawrence School Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2011–2012 school year. The PTO is up and running and looking forward to working with you to bring fun and enrichment to the already vibrant Lawrence School community. Please join us!

What is the PTO? Simply put, the PTO is the parent-school partnership in action. Working collaboratively with administration and teachers, the PTO focuses on strengthening the community and enhancing our children's experience at Lawrence. We sponsor events throughout the year designed to bring families together, and provide funding for enrichment activities and resources in every classroom. Through fundraising, the PTO is able provide curricular support while also increasing educational opportunities for all students.

Who is the PTO? As a parent/guardian at the Lawrence School, you are automatically a full-fledged member of the PTO. Your time and talents are what make the PTO what it is, so please stay (or get!) involved. Come weigh in at the monthly meetings and help to shape the direction of your organization. There is a role for everyone, and we encourage you to contribute in any way that you can. Our continued success depends on both your financial donations and strong volunteer support.

How does the PTO communicate? Here are a few ways to stay connected to what's going on in the school and with the PTO:

- Weekly PTO newsletter
- Parent e-mail notification list
- PTO website (lawrencepto.org)
- Bulletin board in the front hallway
- Regular PTO meetings, alternating between evening and morning times.

Please see the calendar for dates.

Listed below are the documents included in this packet containing important information to help you jump right into the new school year.

- The Calendar, showing important school and PTO events as well as early release and vacation days
- The Volunteer Opportunities form, where you can tell us about your interests
- A List of After-school Options, including an overview of extended-day options and afterschool classes
- A Contribution form, since your contributions make it all possible!

We'd also like to call your attention to the New Family Welcome Breakfast on Monday, September 12, at 8:00 a.m. in the library, and the first PTO Meeting of the year, on Tuesday, September 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the library. The Fall Picnic, our community-wide back to school event, is scheduled for September 15 at 5:30 pm. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

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