



PTO Myths and Facts

Myth: The PTO is just for stay-at-home moms.

FACT: The PTO is for EVERYONE! Our volunteers are mothers, fathers, grandparents and those who fill these roles. We have a wide range of volunteers who: stay-at-home; work part-time to full-time; have little ones at home, preschoolers, high schoolers and/or college students; are continuing their own education; and more.

Myth: The PTO has all the help they need.

FACT: The PTO welcomes EVERYONE and continues to need volunteers for various events, fundraisers, and committees year-round. WE NEED YOU!

Myth: Volunteering for the PTO takes too much time/too much money.

FACT: Most of our current PTO officers work full-time outside of the home. Only YOU can decide how much time you can give. Even if you can help at just one event or handle one task per year, it would be greatly appreciated! Joining the PTO does not obligate you to do anything other than pay a yearly membership fee. If you can contribute more, in either time or money, it is so appreciated but certainly not necessary or expected.

Myth: PTO volunteers need to be at the school during the day.

FACT: Most of the PTO work can be done from home on your own schedule and most PTO events are in the evenings or on weekends. There are volunteer opportunities during the school day if you are able to do so. But no one does it all, so choose what works best for you.

Myth: The PTO has the same volunteers year after year and everyone knows each other.

FACT: While we are fortunate to have dedicated volunteers who return, we also welcome new ones every year. We love to strike up friendships and enjoy getting to know one another! This year, we have several new PTO officers and volunteers. Our volunteers range from Kindergarten to 5th grade parents, so it's a great chance to get to know parents from other classes and grades. We strive to make this organization a welcoming community!

Myth: The PTO is all set with their activities and events for the year.

FACT: Each year, the PTO brings back favorites and tries new activities, fundraisers and events. Those new ideas come from volunteers like you! While we try to plan ahead, **it's only the beginning** of the school year and there's still plenty of time to do even more for the students and school this year. **And we want you to be a part of it all!**