

# Northwest PTO VIII

There are so many reasons why you should join PTO here are just a few...

## THE CHILDREN BENEFITS

reasearch shows that participating in your child's school and showing engagement helps them perform better academically

### THE SCHOOL BENEFITS

PTO PERFORMS SUPPORT FOR SCHOOL TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATION WHICH IN TURN CREATES A POSITIVE & CARING ATMOSPHERE IN THE SCHOOL

## MAKE CONNECTIONS

9ET TO KNOW THE TEACHERS & STAFF BETTER AND MAKE LIFE-LONG FRIENDS WITH OTHER PARENTS AT THE SCHOOL!

## HAVE A VOICE, MAKE A DIFFERENCE

PTO MEMBERS DECIDE EVERYTHING FROM FUNDRAISERS WE PARTICIPATE IN TO HELPING DECORATE SCHOOL T-SHIRTS! WE HELP PLAN SCHOOL EVENTS AND PARTICIPATION WE ALSO PAISE MONEY FOR SCHOOL NEEDS AND HELP DECIDE HOW THE MONEY PAISED IS SPENT.

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Complete our Membership form and return it to a PTO Board Member or email it to:

Sgreen2915@gmail.com



For PTO Records

## Northwest Elementary PTO MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership Fee: \$10 one time payment. Due by September 2nd

Name:					
Address:					
Phone Number(s): Email Address:					
Place of Employment (optional)					
Faceb	oook? Y	or	N	Facebook Username	:
Relationship to Students(s):					
Student #3:				Grade/Teacher:	
Stude	nt #4:				Grade/Teacher:
	Hospitalities: Assist with setting up/providing snacks and meals during conferences and events.  Fundraisers: Assit with our Fall and Spring Fundraisers by helping to receive forms/orders, promote fundraiser, help distribute items as they arrive, etc.  Teacher Appreciation: Assist with requesting/gathering donations and organizing teacher gifts  Roadie Spirit: Assist with planning, decorating and setting up for school events (Spirit week, Parade Floats, For the Love of Math and Literacy, and other events as requested)  "Per Diem" Roadie: Maybe you can't commit to being fully present or at every event, or maybe you want to be part of PTO but prefer to only help financially? Our "Per Diem" Roadie Committee is perfect for you! This is a committee for our "as needed" events or requests.				
	Other: Not sure where you might fit in? NO PROBLEM! Share with us your ideas, how you'd like to help, or what might interest you:				
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Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_



## Northwest Elementary PTO FAQ'S

#### What is the purpose of PTO (Parent/Teacher Organization)?

The purpose of this organization is to support the education of children at Northwest Elementary School by fostering relationships among the school, parents, and teachers.

#### What does PTO do?

Among other things, the PTO at Northwest provides school programs for the purpose of promoting fellowship, raises funds for extra materials and programs for the school, and assists in school functions deemed necessary by the principal.

#### Who can join the PTO at Northwest?

Any parent, grandparent, guardian, or other adult standing in as parent for a student at the school may be a member and shall have voting rights. Additionally, the principal, teachers, and school staff may join and have voting rights.

#### Why should I join?

Members decide everything from what fundraisers the school will participate in to helping with 1<sup>st</sup> day decorations and school t-shirts. Members also raise money for school needs and help decide how the money raised is spent. While this year's fundraisers were decided last year, we want you to help be a part of helping us improve our efforts for next year. You can't help make these decisions if you are not a member of PTO!

#### How much does it cost and where does my money go?

The cost to join Northwest's PTO is just \$10 a year per family. All money raised for PTO, including dues, goes directly into helping the school with budgetary items and expenses. No individual or Board member receives monetary allocations; all participation is strictly voluntary.

#### When does PTO meet and how do I stay informed?

We will have a minimum of 4 general meetings a year (one each nine weeks) where you can be informed of all that is going on. Additionally, PTO has a Facebook information page at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/pto.northwest">www.facebook.com/pto.northwest</a>.

#### What if I have signed up to help with a committee in the past and have not been called?

We try to place everyone who wishes to help in some capacity, but with the changing of officers and committee chairpersons each year, this process involves many individuals. We want all of you to help in some capacity or another, so please circle an area of interest on the membership form, and we will make every effort to place you.

Joining the PTO at Northwest Elementary gives you a voice in your child's school and provides a great opportunity to get to know other parents and your school's teachers and staff. Whether you help to sell items for fundraisers, volunteer for special events, bake cookies for parent/teacher conferences, or take a position on the Executive Board, you can be involved! We hope that you will become a part of this group. Together we will continue the success at Northwest!