



Dear Families,

Welcome to a new year at Totem Falls Elementary. I want to take a minute to tell you about our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) and encourage you to get involved in our school.

PTO Programs & Fundraising

Our primary objective as a PTO is to provide our schools with funds, programs, resources and services that will enrich and maximize the education of every child. To meet this important objective, and afford services that are no longer covered by school budgets, we must fundraise. We promise to make this as fun and painless as possible for your family. **Our school community must raise money so that we can continue to provide our children with the curriculum based assemblies, interactive experiences, online learning, technology, and Classroom Assistance Program teachers.**

We will only have **TWO** major fundraisers this year: a **Walk-a-thon (Oct.-Coordinator still needed)** and an **off-campus Auction (March 4th)**, so we need your help to make sure they are a success.

In addition to our major fundraisers, there are other ways you can help support our school. You can participate in our library Book Fairs in the Fall (Sept. 19-22) and Spring; collect BOX TOPS; and join the eScrip program with Safeway. Company matching programs are another great source for bringing money to our school!

Events and Activities

We have many fun events planned throughout the school year and we encourage you to bring your family. A school event is a great way to get the community together and encourage relationship building and unity. Our first events are Walk-A-Thon (October 12th-**COORDINATOR NEEDED**) Dads 'N' Donuts (October 17), Family Fun Night (November 4th) and McTeacher Night (November 16th).

Become a Volunteer...Why YOU should get involved!

As you can see, we are a busy group. This is where you come in! **Please look at the PTO volunteer sheet, indicate what events/activities interest you, and we'll contact you to discuss it further.** Volunteering doesn't have to mean a huge time commitment. We understand it is increasingly more difficult to find time to give, but please, whatever your time schedule allows, we need you. We even have tasks that can be performed in the evenings, during the day or that don't even involve coming to the school at all.

In conclusion

Our PTO is certainly about more than meetings, we're about families working together to create a better school and a better educational experience for our children. There is so much more that can be done and we need your help. Please join us for our first meeting Wednesday, September 21st at 7:00pm. We look forward to meeting you!

On behalf of the Totem Falls Elementary PTO Board I would again like to extend a warm welcome and best wishes for a successful school year!

Sincerely,
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