



## What types of things does our PTO provide?

The money that the PTO raises, through our Dance Program and yearly fundraisers, goes right back to our school.

The PTO:

- funds field trips for every grade (\$700 is available for each grade to use for field trips totaling \$4900 given from the PTO);
- pays for one in-school assembly each year (\$500);
- purchased playground equipment, in 2011, for each classroom (one tarp bag with balls, jump ropes, chalk, etc.) using money from Target's Take Charge of Education program;
- provides \$800 towards the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation dinner;
- through the Scholastic Book Fair purchases, we earn books for each classroom;
- orchestrates the summer programs held at Tenth Street School;
- provides \$1000 used for the creation and production of the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Memoir books;
- organizes after-school activities;
- held a Family Bingo Night for all families and faculty of our school;
- sponsors the Tenth Street Dance program;
- has purchased flower bulbs to beautify the school grounds;
- provides \$50 for each teacher to use towards classroom supplies;
- holds a staff appreciation luncheon for all staff;
- purchased new swings for our playground in 2012;
- purchased new playground equipment in 2013;
- purchased 25 iPad2 w/covers and screen protectors

And that's only about HALF of what our dedicated volunteers do to help make our school the wonderful place it is. Thank you, parents and teachers!

For more information on our PTO, or how to get involved, please contact  
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Here are some more things, Jen:

- contributes to various after-school enrichment programs such as Art to Remember and Odyssey of the Mind;
- purchased Rita's Italian Ice for all the kids, teachers and chaperones for Field Day 2011;
- provides a 50 cent cafeteria coupon for each child on his/her birthday, along with a small gift (pencil, for example);
- budgets for one Family Fun Event each year, (possibly movie night this year, bingo last year);
- provides for a kindergarten/new student social of some sort before school starts (We didn't have the "traditional" ice cream social this year because orientation was switched to the spring. Orientation will remain in the spring, but next year, we'll also bring back some sort of social for the parents on the first day of school.)

That's about all I can think of! I hope this helps, Jen. Let me know if you have any questions or need anything else.