

WHAT IS PTO???

WHY JOIN PTO???

The number one reason to join the **Parent Teacher Organization** is to benefit your child. In doing so, you also help your school. But there are many more PTO advantages:

- **Get Connected.** There's no better way to know what's happening in your school.
- **Tap into a Network.** PTO functions are opportunities to meet other parents and teachers, building rapport and discussing issues that are on your mind. You can share ideas, concerns, and experiences.
- **Watch Yourself Grow.** By volunteering with your PTO, you put your skills and hobbies to use for a noble cause—your child and all children in the community.
- **Speak Up.** PTO can be a way for you to more effectively suggest change at your child's school.
- **Witness Improvement.** By getting involved at your child's school you'll be part of the solution, helping make positive changes. Our PTO plays an important role by supporting building improvements through advocacy and play an important role in fundraising for curriculum based programs and social/family events.
- **Be a Role Model.** By becoming a PTO member, you'll be demonstrating to your child the importance you place on education.

Current PTO Board of Directions:

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This year's PTO is making sure that all parents are aware of what we do and the importance of why we do it. It is parents/teachers/staff coming together once a month (2nd Tuesday of the month) to discuss our school and potential experiences our PTO may fund/offer our children. You do not have to commit to anything. We will not force you to volunteer or attend meetings. It is all AT-WILL. But as everyone knows, the more opinions and voices, the better ideas that will be brought to the table for discussion. We are currently working on raising the money for Lego Robotic in the classrooms as well as possibly a new sound system in the gym. We really like to hear from you all in regards to what the PTO should focus on and ideas on how to acquire the funds to do so. We do try our hardest to keep the meetings to an hour. We also communicate via email, Facebook (Pioneer PTO-Bismarck ND), text, etc. It is an amazing opportunity to be a part of something BIG and POSITIVE.

We have a couple different events coming up that we would like to have a committee for. It will not be a full-time commitment. It is a "do as you can" and "all help is appreciated" kind of commitment. I will be posting 2 different volunteer lists in the next couple of days that I'd love for people to help with. You will get an email/text from the school as to how to register and sign up. One will be to make some kind of food for the teachers during Parent/Teacher conferences that will be happening the first part of November. The other is to be on a committee for the Panther Winter Carnival we are planning for December.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. The board is here to help you be an active part of our Panther Family and also a part of your child's education experience. Plus...we really have fun!!!!

Making Great Memories & Experiences for our children!!