

- **Your child benefits.** Studies have consistently shown that children whose parents get connected and involved at school do better.
- We make a difference. Since we began serving BFA in 2011, the PTO has raised funds to provide all types of items for the school including: playground equipment, library books, the climbing wall, the outdoor classroom, and the MakerSpace as well as tools and resources needed to support our incredible teachers, staff, and administration.
- Meet new people and have fun. With over 40 roles in the PTO, you're bound to meet someone new or reconnect with an old friend. We balance the hard work with not taking ourselves too seriously. Many lasting friendships have developed out of serving together on the PTO.
- There's a lot to be done. It's true. The PTO does a lot but many hands make light work. Get those volunteer hours done. So much of it can be done on your own time!
- We can match jobs to your interests and availability. The work we do covers a BROAD spectrum. We really mean it when we say we've got volunteer opportunities to meet your needs whether that be day or evening, at home or from school, in the spotlight or behind the scenes. And, if cochairing a role is best for you, we encourage that, too!

- We're welcoming. We even have a Welcoming Committee! Seriously, the PTO is for everyone. We love to see you at our meetings and get your input on what's going on in the PTO.
- We're about involvement not just fundraising. Fundraising is a big piece of what we do. Our school and the teachers depend on the money we raise. However, we're also about creating a strong school community through our social events.
- **Know what's going on at BFA.** We have so many fantastic events and programs that we run and you may not even realize the PTO has a hand in it.
- Give back to the school. You can see first-hand the time and effort our staff puts in for our children during and after school hours. Help us spoil our staff, do a little something extra for them, and make their lives easier.
- 10. Be a part of the community. We all have a common interest creating the best possible educational environment for our children. Just by being here, we've all made a commitment to this interest. Getting involved in the PTO is a great way to feel like a part of our school community. When you volunteer with the PTO, you make a real, meaningful difference at BFA.

