



Your PTO membership helps support field trips such as this one to Lynd's Fruit Farm. Kindergarten students along with their senior buddies go apple picking.



# PTO

## Volunteer Roles

CTA's PTO is an active group of parents committed to providing support to the staff and administration, enhancing the Columbus Torah Academy's community through social programming, and enriching the social, cultural, and education experience of all the children at CTA. Participation in this committee is a wonderful way to become involved in your child's school and meet other parents.

### 1) TEACHER APPRECIATION

Throughout the year, we show our teachers how much we appreciate their efforts and dedication to our children in a variety of ways. As part of the teacher appreciation committee, you will **1)** Work with Jen Schuman and reach out to CTA families and arrange each month who will sponsor and set up Rosh Chodesh lunches **2)** Work with Silvia Wolfson and organize the teacher appreciation gift collection in December, and **3)** organize any other ways to appreciate teachers (e.g., teacher appreciation week at the end of the year - decorate teacher's lounge, provide some snacks, make cards for the teachers, gift bags, etc.).

### 2) MITZVAH

This committee selects and coordinates three community mitzvah projects throughout the year. Examples could include supplies for babies/children, donation of blankets to Wexner Heritage House, "adopt" a family at the holidays for Hanukah presents or coordinate with the Bikur Cholim at Nationwide Children's Hospital. This should be a PTO run project and not involve teachers or staff.

### 3) PROGRAMMING

Volunteers are encouraged to create, plan and implement a few programs/activities throughout the year outside of school hours (e.g. Parent Night Out, Sunday bowling with families, End of Year gathering, and any other programs that may be of interest to the committee).

### 4) WELCOME NEW FAMILIES

Members of this committee will be responsible for touching base with CTA's new lower school families as the school year progresses to see whether they have questions or concerns. The committee will encourage room parents to reach out to any new families in their classrooms, and will serve as greeters at ECS programs.

## ADDITIONAL PTO ROLES

### Room Parent

Each lower school grade should have a minimum of 1 room parent. The room parents should connect with the teachers at their grade level and learn how they can best support their teachers. Additionally try and plan a low key social outing or two for families to help build a strong community in each grade. The room parent should also create a group text for their grade that could remind parents of when to wear a white uniform shirt, turn in a signed form or other little grade specific info that we busy parents tend to forget.

### Room Parent Coordinator

Are you super organized and interested in being the source of information for all the room parents, please help! We are looking for a volunteer to help organize all room parents and make sure there are room parents for each lower school grade.

Please email **[PTO@TORAHACADEMY.ORG](mailto:PTO@TORAHACADEMY.ORG)** and let us know where you would be interested in helping, the more the merrier!

Thanks so much for your help! We are looking forward to a great year!  
Beth Binsky, Pto Chair