



August 30, 2021

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the Jefferson PTO, we would like to welcome you to the 2021 - 2022 school year! It's hard to believe that we are entering our 2nd full year of learning during a pandemic and if there is anything that we have learned from the previous year, it is that our students, staff, teachers and parents are resilient.

Who is the PTO and what does the PTO do? The PTO is made up of parents, teachers, and staff that are dedicated to improving the educational experience of the students of Jefferson Elementary. Our leadership, volunteer hours and financial support make many events possible that otherwise would not happen. These events and programs include, but are not limited to:

Fall Festival • Field Trips • Cultural Assemblies • Father Daughter Dance • Mother Son Event • Jefferson Actors' Guild (JAG) • Gardening • Family Movie Night • Jefferson Alumni Scholarship • Little Free Library • Author Visits • Indoor and Outdoor Recess Games • Spelling Bee • Grandparent's Reading Day

We also fund improvements on the campus including: New filtered water fountains - refill stations throughout the school • New picnic style tables on the blacktop • New benches near the entrance of the school in honor of Mr. DeMuro and Mrs. Natale • New Blacktop paintings for four square, basketball lines, number grid and the large United States map • And most recently we have helped fund a BioChemistry Literacy Program for grades 1-5.

We are hopeful that this year we will be able to see the return of many of the programs, events, and activities that we have missed over the past 18 months. **This is where we need your help!** The PTO sends out a weekly e-blast which will inform you of all upcoming activities as well as provide a Sign-Up Genius where you will be able to see how you can help. How much time you can volunteer is up to you and that doesn't mean that you must chair a committee, it can be as easy as sending out email reminders or helping one hour with an event's clean up. Whatever your level of commitment is, we will work around your schedule!

We need you to join the PTO! Our annual membership drive helps fund a many of the programs throughout the year and the more successful the membership drive is, the less we need to ask for funds throughout the school year. As a member of the PTO you will receive a directory and our weekly email newsletter. Your generosity is appreciated! We also encourage you to attend our monthly PTO meetings.

Our goal, as your PTO Executive Board, is to represent Jefferson School to the best of our ability and make a real difference for our students and staff. We welcome and need your involvement to make great things happen. If you have an idea, question, or concern, we want to hear it! Please check out our website, www.jeffersonschoolpto.com and like us on Facebook and Instagram to stay up to date.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." - **Helen Keller**

Allie Ayers & Chris Kwan



PTO MEMBERSHIP FORM 2021 - 2022

Our membership drive is a major source of funding for the school year. The membership drive funds our directory and supports key initiatives including cultural assemblies, the Father-Daughter Dance, Mother-Son Event, Family Movie Night, Field Trips & more. The more successful our membership drive is, the less we will need to ask for funds throughout the school year.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Please print.

Parent Names (First & Last): _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email*: _____

**In supplying an email address, I am giving permission for the Jefferson PTO to send me electronic PTO updates.*

Child's name: _____

Incoming Grade: Grade 1 Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 5

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Enclosed is my donation of: _____ \$25 _____ \$30 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ Other

_____ I am not able to make a monetary donation at this time, but I commit to volunteer hours.

Please note that your donation is tax deductible as Jefferson PTO is a non-profit 501(c)(3) ID 22-2793277. **Please make your check payable to Jefferson School PTO** and return it to school with your child in an envelope marked: Attn: Jefferson PTO/Membership.

Does your employer offer matching funds? If so, please apply on Jefferson's behalf.

**Opt out: In joining the PTO, I give permission for my contact information to be printed in the Jefferson School Directory (distributed exclusively to PTO members). If you would prefer not to be included in the directory, please check here to opt out. _____

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER BY Monday, September 13, 2021