

Thomas Metcalf School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)



Welcome to a new and exciting school year at Metcalf – where the parents and teachers make a powerful team supporting each and every one of our fun-loving Wildcats. From pre-K to 8th grade, we have a school filled with exceptional learners and a thriving PTO striving to reach our mission: “... to serve, enhance and maximize the education of every child so they may reach their highest potential.”

The PTO sponsors and funds popular events for the students which enhance the traditional school year, such as:

- ✓ Fall Festival
- ✓ Holiday Bazaar
- ✓ Gym & Swim
- ✓ Career Day
- ✓ Mini-Courses

Additionally, the PTO recognizes and supports the dedicated and hard-working teachers and administrators who continually working toward excellence by:

- ✓ Communicating and providing individual support via Room Assistants
- ✓ Monthly treats and affirmations
- ✓ Mentoring new families
- ✓ Coordinating and facilitating Lost & Found and the Work Request Program
- ✓ Celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week
- ✓ Classroom grants**

**Note: These were outstanding last year, bestowing a needed Baritone saxophone, several useful Smart Boards, not to mention an Office Depot gift card for EVERY teacher to ease personal classroom expenses.

With many families tightening their belts last year in a struggling economy, but none-the-less generously opening their hearts and hands for our children, we had record-breaking attendance at Montage which resulted in a financially record-breaking year for the PTO. The 2010-2011 fundraising will focus on:

- ✓ The Absent-Tea (perfect for those with busy schedules)
- ✓ Market Day (delicious food with something for everyone)
- ✓ Shop & Share Opportunities (donations from retailers for items you're already buying)
- ✓ Spirit Wear
- ✓ The First Bi-Annual Winter Festival (February 25, 2011--Mark your calendars!)
(Irresistible combination of former Chilli Supper and Gym & Swim)

Please consider how you would like to be part of this year's PTO, become more directly involved in your child's education, and make long-lasting friendships with other parents committed to the PTO mission. We are in **great need** of your help and offer childcare at every meeting.

To learn more about PTO, and to stay current on PTO activities, please check the PTO website [often](#). We look forward to seeing you at registration on August 3rd and invite you to join us for coffee at the PTO Welcome on August 23, 2010, the first day of school.

The Metcalf PTO Board
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