

Jefferson C-123 Elementary Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO)

PTO is an important component of the elementary community. It is comprised of each and every teacher, staff member and parent of a student in the elementary school.

The PTO partners with the school district to assist with volunteer work and fundraising events. These supplement and enhance the learning activities for our students to experience a more complete and enriching learning experience.

During the school year the PTO assists with financing or providing volunteers for:

- Academic Team
- Accelerated Reader Library Tests
- Accelerated Reader Parties/Prizes
- Basketball Tournament/Teams
- Children's Book Week
- Classroom Celebrations
- Classroom Field Trips
- Elementary Calendar
- Fall Skating Party
- Grandparents' Day
- Library Books
- Library Sleepover
- Parish Carnival Booth
- Read Across America
- School Calendar
- SmartBoard Audio Systems
- **Student School Supplies**
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Teaching Supplies
- Testing Day Snacks
- Winter Celebration

Where does PTO get the money?

PTO collects \$20 dues from every elementary family at the beginning of each school year.

PTO participates in corporate fundraising incentives such as Box Tops for Education, printer ink cartridge recycling, and the Nodaway News Leader subscriptions throughout the year. The collection, preparation, and dispatch of these materials and subscriptions are facilitated through the parents, staff, teachers and community volunteers.

PTO sponsors two major school fundraisers during the year. We host the 5th/6th grade basketball tournament in January. We also organize a community raffle during the spring music concert. Both of these fundraisers require the participation of every elementary teacher, staff member, and parent to be successful.

How can you help?

Being or becoming involved with the Jefferson C-123 Elementary PTO is easy. You can contribute to your child's school experience by using your family's strengths. If your work schedule conflicts with your child's annual field trip, you can sign up to send classroom snacks for the bus ride returning to school.

Depending on your family schedule and resources, becoming involved can be volunteering for a fundraising committee, asking five businesses for a donation, cutting out box tops, or sending juice boxes to school for a party. If you are unavailable, a grandparent, uncle, family friend, or any caring adult involved in your elementary child's life is encouraged to participate.

The activities and materials the PTO funds and supports contribute to each student's educational experience at Jefferson C-123 Elementary School. However, it requires families, like yours, willing to participate and support the school community in order to be successful. Please make the time to do your part in the Jefferson C-123 Elementary Parent/Teacher Organization. Contact the school at (660) 944-2316 to become involved today!