

# Why join PTA?



## 1. To help and encourage your child!

Research has shown that the most important indication on how well a child will do in school is the level of parental involvement in that child's education. This does not mean that you have to perpetually volunteer for PTA programs (although that certainly would be nice) or be at school all day. Just being a member of PTA offers support for the organization. Membership gives us a louder and more effective voice in Springfield and Washington D.C.

## 2. To help all children!

The primary mission of the PTA is to advocate for ALL children. Why is this important to you? We, as a society, need to understand that ALL children really are our future. We need to make sure that ALL children will become contributors to our society, because we never know who will be affecting us in the future.

## 3. The affordable, inexpensive dues have a huge payoff!

The State and National portion of the dues (\$4.25 per member per year) provides most of our funding. The dues are comprised of National (\$2.25), State (\$2.00), plus a local unit portion. The local units decide how much to charge, but in most cases the total cost is less than \$10.00 per year per member.

## What do you get for your dues?

- Membership in an organization that advocates exclusively for ALL children
- You stay on top of legislative issues concerning children.
- You get results! With your support...
  - √ We successfully advocated for the lower legal drinking limit.
  - √ We were instrumental in putting the school bus arms on buses, which saves children's lives and prevents injury.
  - √ We supported the passage of vicious dogs laws.
  - √ We successfully advocated for a Department of Juvenile Justice Department in Illinois.
- You have someone to call if you need assistance.
- You have free training and workshops available.
- You receive print resources.
- You have a chance to meet with others who share your concerns and celebrate success.

**All of this —for only \$4.25 per member per year!**

## 4. It's fun!

While you may work hard at times, PTA volunteers usually have fun doing their jobs. And there are so many different opportunities that there is something for everyone. It can range from helping out at a fun fair, getting together to cut Campbell Soup Labels, helping in a classroom, or giving a presentation to the School Board. You'll meet other parents, share parenting tips, and develop leadership skills.