



80% of families joined last year! Let's make it 100%!

HAVE YOU JOINED THE PTO?

Welcome to the 2013/2014 school year at Franklin School! At the beginning of each school year, the Franklin PTO solicits membership and collects dues from the Franklin community. We are undertaking a membership drive to encourage all Franklin families to become part of the PTO. Membership in the PTO is a simple yet productive way to become involved in your child's education. Joining is easy and your support goes a VERY long way!

Why Join? The Franklin PTO supports the school and enriches the educational experience for your child in many ways. The PTO provides volunteers and **covers the cost of enrichment programs such as:**

- Art in the Classroom
- Cultural Arts Program
- Character Counts

It also **coordinates fun family activities** such as:

- Family Fun Night
- Field Day and Class Picnics
- Holiday Surprise Shop

In addition, the PTO **provides funding** for:

- Library books
- Playground equipment
- Grounds improvements

PTO volunteers provide an extraordinary amount of support to many programs at Franklin. Volunteers help in the classrooms, with the Book Fair, work in the library, prepare the Directory, supervise the cafeteria and playground, and provide important liaisons with local and state officials. PTO volunteers also create a parent/school newsletter called The Franklin Flyer that keeps the school community informed regarding happenings at Franklin. The PTO also has a website, www.franklinparents.org, where parents can access group forums, event calendars, programs and forms.

Membership in the PTO entitles each family to one vote per family on PTO matters. The Membership Coordinator will issue a membership card for each family upon payment of dues. The cards are kept on file, but are available upon request. A PTO Membership is valid from October 1 through September 30.

How to Join? Please complete the attached white envelope and return to the Main Office to the box labeled PTO Dues by **Thursday, September 27**. You may also bring your envelope to Back to School Night or drop it in the Membership box in the Main Hall. Any contribution above the \$10.00 dues is greatly appreciated and will be used to support the activities described above. Please note that PTO dues are collected per family, unlike Class Dues, which are collected by Class Parents for each child. You will receive a separate notice regarding Class Dues.

Please contact Jennifer Hoffman, Membership Coordinator, at 917-282-2318 or jenniferhoffman1@yahoo.com with any questions.

Support your child's school.....JOIN THE PTO!