

Parent Teacher Organization

We are a group of parents concerned about our children's education and are willing to do what we can to help make our school better and better each year. Working together, we can make a difference at Fondren magnet school. We are proud to have an active PTO comprised of parent volunteers, teachers, administrators and support staff who are all dedicated to the successful education of our children.

Our PTO meets approximately once a month to discuss events, plan fundraisers, and share ideas. Through PTO sponsored events, financial support is provided to school programs, events, activities, and improvement projects that would otherwise not be funded.

We hope you will become a member of the Fondren magnet school PTO and take advantage of the many opportunities to become involved in your child's school experience.

We are looking for volunteers to take on some responsibilities, but even one or two hours of your time can make a huge difference. Soon you will receive by mail and email our PTO school packet, containing information regarding PTO membership, volunteer opportunities, pizza/chicken lunch, school supplies, birthday celebrations, and PTO meeting dates.

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PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO)

This year PTO along with athletics, clubs and other activities are striving to make Fondren magnet school a rewarding school year. In making this endeavor true to form below are some fundraising opportunities that will have a great return when plan well and completed by deadlines. Just as anything else there are setbacks that we will manage to a void if at all possible.

- ♦ **Parent/Volunteer:** T-shirts, welcome committee, active, assertive (do not take “*NO*”), reflect diversity, be informed (social media/call out), calendar of events, knowledge of campus, name tags (Attend leadership meetings and active in monthly SDMC meetings)
(*Ms. Ruiz, supplies*)
- ♦ **Meet/Greet:** pick up/drop off bottle water w/ PTO label brief, doughnuts w/ principle
- ♦ **Grab bags :** treat bags or grab bags
- ♦ **Bookstore:** open before school and lunch, back to school supplies
- ♦ **Homecoming Week:** pep rally, spirit week activities, dance, mums, vote king/queen
(preparations begin September)
- ♦ **School dances:** Fall Back In Time and/or Homecoming dance, Winter wonderland, Spring Fling
(*Deon Lewis, DJ 713-878-7836*)
- ♦ **Promote STAAR:** message on marquee \$15, candy grams w/ message \$5
- ♦ **Booster squad:** snack sales, school spirit, posters, creative atmosphere
Will be present at ALL games and events in efforts to promote FONDREN SPIRIT
- ♦ **Transitions (6th & 8th) into and from middle school:** host welcoming committee (PTO/6th grade) and executing committee (8th grade) high school life, schools of interest, and knowledge
- ♦ **End of Year Activities:** assist with preparations and meting of deadlines orders and parent contact

Fundraiser options:

World's finest chocolate and Reliant booth

**** Carnivals, Talent shows, International festival, Family game night, Movie night**

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PTO Volunteer Opportunities for 2013-2014

The Fondren magnet school PTO is comprised of volunteers. The involvement of parents in PTO activities is crucial for programs to exist. We encourage all parents and grandparents to give time and to be involved in a way that will fit their interest, ability, and availability.

Become an active part of your child's school experience.
Please check the box next to the committees on which you would like to participate.

Name _____



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE - promote 100% parent participation in PTO membership, collect* dues and keep track of membership, plan a few family events during the school year.



BIRTHDAY COMMITTEE (Gr 6-8) - Collect* forms by the first week of school; create a monthly calendar for signed up birthdays. Volunteers will purchase popsicles/treats and napkins. Be available to set up for the party on the last Thursday of the month.



BIRTHDAY COMMITTEE - Purchase birthday treat and serve it on the birthday.



BOOSTER COMMITTEE (8th grade parents) - Collect* forms the first week of school, prepare a list of participating families, order snacks from SAMS CLUB and print labels. Weekly volunteers will pick up the snacks and deliver them to the school office before 10:00am on Fridays.



BOOK FAIR - Work with representative to conduct all aspects of this fundraiser with volunteers.



SILENT AUCTION - Coordinate and collect items for spring fundraiser.



BOX TOPS - Promote box top fundraiser and collect* and mail box tops.



OUTDOOR READER BOARD - Change message on reader board as needed.

- **FMMS BRAGBOOK** - Create scrapbook with photos, articles etc. throughout the school year, display activities and events that our students participated in including athletics, arts, & community service projects.
- **ROOM PARENT** - Assist the teacher in your child's class with various tasks throughout the year.
- **TEACHER APPRECIATION COMMITTEE** - We value our amazing teachers and want to let them know how much we appreciate what they do for our children. This committee plans several events (mainly around holidays) to show our appreciation. *Plan the Teacher Appreciation Week* in May and organize the teacher's gifts.
- **YOUTH COMMITTEE (6th graders)** - Help the librarian plan 3 socials in the first semester culminating in a dinner at the end of this program.
- **STUDENT OF THE MONTH** – Teachers, Administrators, and parents value any child that shows improvement and maintains academic scholar success. We celebrate with breakfast with the principle, a guest speaker, and a token of appreciation.

* All forms will be collected and available for pick up in the school office. Please email your PTO president any questions regarding committee duties.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

The Fondren Middle Magnet School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is asking for your support in its efforts to expand the learning experience of your child. As a PTO member you can actively participate in PTO programs & activities and provide valuable input into decisions made for the betterment of the school.

Your membership fee is necessary to maintain our programs throughout the year. The annual fee is \$20 per family. We are hoping that ALL FMMS families will join the PTO this year. Please complete the form below and return it with your donation to the school's office by Monday, August 27th. Please make your check payable to FMMS PTO.

PARENT'S NAME _____

CHILD'S NAME & CLASS _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

If you would like to donate more than the suggested amount, please feel free to do so! We appreciate your generosity!

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BIRTHDAY PARTY BLAST FORM

As is the tradition in our school, PTO assists with your child's birthday celebration at the school. Please note that the birthday celebrations for grades 6-8, will be a monthly celebrations, and will take place on the last Thursday of each month after lunch. We will provide a special birthday treat for all the grades that eat lunch together and a gift for the birthday child.

We encourage you to donate \$10.00 so the librarian can purchase a book in honor of your child's special day.

Please fill out this form along with your payment of \$30.00, which will include the book or \$20 without the donation to the library, and send it to the school's office. Your payment and form is due Monday, August 26th. Summer birthdays will be celebrated on Thursday, August 29th. Please make check payable to FMMS PTO.

1. CHILD'S NAME: _____

GRADE: _____

BIRTHDAY : _____

2. CHILD'S NAME: _____

GRADE: _____

BIRTHDAY: _____

3. CHILD'S NAME: _____

GRADE: _____

BIRTHDAY: _____

☐ Please check the box if you are willing to assist with the Birthday Celebration Program. You will be contacted by the birthday committee to make arrangements for your participation.

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Mustang Pride!

Join the PTO

The Role of the Fondren Middle School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

The objectives of the Fondren PTO are to (customize the following to match bylaws and goals):

- ♦ Establish and maintain a working relationship among parents, school and community
- ♦ Support improving teams and promote the finest education possible for the students at Fondren Middle
- ♦ Expand technology and supplement equipment and supplies
- ♦ Increase student safety and security
- ♦ Develop programs and projects that will support or enrich the curriculum
- ♦ Enhance the quality of education by raising funds for school supplies or programs that fall outside the school budget

PTO DO'S

- Support the educational programs and extracurricular activities of the school
- Encourage parents' involved in their individual children's lives, education, class, and school
- Provide feedback and suggestions for school programs
- Coordinate programs and projects that will support and enrich the curriculum
- Encourage/fund the increased exposure of students to technology
- Provide feedback/assist with increased awareness of school safety and security issues
- Organize fundraising efforts to support some additional programs, equipment, and services not covered in the school budget
- Support the education goals of the school and assist with attaining those goals through parent and community volunteerism
- Recruit volunteers and coordinate volunteer efforts to staff PTO functions and assist with school programs
- Stay aware of legislation and political issues that may impact education and school
- A LOT !!!

PTO DOES NOT

- Run the school
- Force parents to participate in the PTO and/or school activities
- Set Policy regarding school programs
- Define the schools' curriculum
- Dictate the technology platforms and/or software used by the school
- Define or interfere with the schools' security program and policies
- Control the schools' budget
- Set the educational goals, testing requirements, or the compliance factors
- Have jurisdiction or authority over school staff, teachers and other employees
- Endorse a particular political candidate or commercial concern

DO EVERYTHING !!