



## About the Berry School PTO

**What is the PTO?** The Berry School Parent - Teacher Organization (PTO), is a group of parents, teachers and administrators whose purpose is to enrich your child's and your family's educational experience at Berry School while fostering a community feeling. By attending meetings, chairing events, or volunteering your time, you are participating in your child's school experience and the PTO. Meetings are held once a month to review events and fundraisers and to plan future projects.

**What does the PTO do for Berry School?** Last year the Berry PTO raised enough money to not only meet our financial obligations, but also put aside money for the future playground renovations! Below is a list of other ways fundraisers supported our school last year:

- ✓ 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Agenda books
- ✓ Kindergarten Picnic and Tours
- ✓ Welcome Back Staff Luncheon
- ✓ Mentor Program
- ✓ 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Legacy Tile Wall
- ✓ Veteran's Memorial Showcase
- ✓ Author Visits
- ✓ Cultural Events
- ✓ High-Touch High Tech – In-school scientist visits
- ✓ Class Field Trip Scholarships
- ✓ Junior Achievement
- ✓ Screen Free Week
- ✓ Staff Appreciation Week
- ✓ 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Signature T-Shirts, Yearbooks, and Johnson-Bound Party
- ✓ Recognition Days (Custodians, Admin Workers, Paras, etc.)

Social / Community Events (either run by PTO or volunteer assistance provided by PTO)

- ✓ Scoop Social
- ✓ Picture Day
- ✓ Halloween Dance Party and Tile Unveiling
- ✓ Veteran's Day Greeters and Showcase Presentation
- ✓ Toys for Tots/Social Services Drive
- ✓ Square Dance
- ✓ Grade-wide Breakfasts (with family/friends)
- ✓ Bingo Night
- ✓ Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

**How does the PTO fund all of these events?** Thanks to the year-round fundraising efforts of Berry School families, we are fortunate enough to support our school in so many ways. We understand the many fundraisers that come home with the children can be overwhelming – please do not feel pressured to participate in every one. The following fundraisers are planned to continue to provide the support we have given to our school:

- ❖ Fall Catalog Sale
- ❖ Scholastic Book Fairs
- ❖ Square 1 Art
- ❖ Spiritwear Sales
- ❖ Box Tops
- ❖ Mother's Day Plant Sale
- ❖ Field Day Shirt Sale
- ❖ Kids Holiday Shop
- ❖ Restaurant Nights

**How can I help the Berry PTO?** There are literally anywhere from 1-100 small ways you can help. Whether chairing an event or fundraiser, helping hand out snacks at a social event, tallying orders from the comfort of your home, or helping a child pick that special plant for their mom for mother's day, your commitment to your child's PTO can be whatever you are able and willing to give. Without the extraordinary efforts of all our volunteers, we would not be able to execute our mission or achieve our goals. We know everyone is very busy these days , but any time you can give is greatly appreciated.