



MARK WHITE
ELEMENTARY
PTO PARENT PACK



WELCOME PACKET

2023 - 2024

*Mark White Elementary
Parent Teacher Organization
(PTO)*



WELCOME

Parent Teacher Organization

On behalf of your PTO...

We would like to send out a welcome/welcome back to all of our Mark White Families! We have so many exciting things planned for this year and can't wait to meet all of our parent volunteers!

This packet will tell you a bit about our different programs and events for the school year. If you have any questions, feel free to email us at markwhiteelementarypto@gmail.com.

Look through this packet to find information on:

- ***Who we are***
- ***Membership drive***
- ***How to volunteer with the PTO***
- ***How to buy SPIRIT SHIRTS (Deadline: Sept. 22nd)***
- ***Which programs we will be running this year***
- ***Our calendar of events***

We are looking forward to an exciting year with all of you! Please make sure to register your email with us to receive the latest updates!

Mark White Elementary PTO



CONTACT US

A bit about us...

What is the PTO...

The purpose of our school's PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) is to promote open communication within the Mark White school community to enhance the education while aiding them in achieving their highest potential.

The PTO needs to be effective and represent our school with pride and it is essential to have involvement from as many parents/guardians as possible. There are endless opportunities for you to get involved, whether it's volunteering at an event, offering your ideas, working behind the scenes at home, or coming to the meetings. We need your time, your ideas to make this school year effective. Please consider volunteering, it really does make a difference in the lives of our children!

Feel free to contact us at markwhiteelementarypto@gmail.com

Other ways to reach out:

Our website:

Facebook: PTO Page

Facebook: Parents group





MEMBERSHIP

Join us!



Membership Drive 2023-2024...

Be part of your PTO school and support your school while supporting the school PTO efforts!

Please select the appropriate membership level, fill out the form below and return it along with exact cash to your child's teacher before October 6th. You can also go online to markwhiteelementarypto.org

Money raised through the PTO will be used on school improvements that are not part of the school's budget.

Feel free to contact us at markwhiteelementarypto@gmail.com

\$15 – MWE PTO Member

PTO Membership
PTO Newsletter (via email)
Bumper Sticker

\$20 – MWE PTO Friend

PTO Membership
PTO Newsletter (via email)
Bumper sticker
Recognition on PTO website

\$50 - MWE PTO Support

PTO Membership
PTO Newsletter (via email)
Recognition on PTO website
One MWE Spirit Item

\$100 - MWE PTO Ambassador

PTO Membership
PTO Newsletter (via email)
Recognition on PTO website
Two MWE Spirit Items

\$250 - MWE PTO Bronze Member

PTO Membership
PTO Newsletter (via email)
Recognition on PTO website

Two MWE Spirit Items
PTO Member Yard sign for your home

\$500 - MWE PTO Silver member

PTO Membership
PTO Newsletter (via email)
Recognition on PTO website
Two MWE Spirit Items
PTO Member Yard sign for your home
PTO "Thank you" Yard sign at school until the December break

\$1000 - MWE PTO Gold member

PTO Membership
PTO Newsletter (via email)
Recognition on PTO website

Two MWE Spirit Items
PTO Member Yard sign for your home
Sponsorship banner at one PTO Event

\$2000 - MWE PTO Platinum member

PTO Membership
PTO Newsletter (via email)
Recognition on PTO website
Two MWE Spirit Items
PTO Member Yard sign for your home
Sponsorship banner on entry fence (all year)

We kindly accept donations above \$2000. Please contact us at markwhiteelementarypto@gmail.com

Mark White Elementary Sponsor & Corporate Gift Matching
Does your company want to directly sponsor MWE PTO? Does your company match gifts to 501(c)3 organizations? We would love to help you plan your gift. Contact us!

All logo and banner recognitions are valid for the 2023-2024 school year.

Please Print CLEARLY

Parent SURNAME, NAME _____

Parent Email _____

Parent Phone _____ Date _____

Student SURNAME, NAME _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

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Please sign and date below to complete form

Waiver: ADHESION & PICTURES

I affirm that I have read the terms of adhesion and that I wish for myself and my family members to become part of the MWE-PTO Corp. and participate in the events and activities organized by the MWE-PTO Corp. I further understand that individual and group pictures may be taken during those events and activities.

I DO AUTHORIZE AND GIVE MY EXPRESS CONSENT TO MWE-PTO CORP. TO PUBLISH PICTURES OF MYSELF AND OF MY FAMILY TAKEN DURING THESE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES ON ITS WEBSITE, NEWSLETTER, AND ALL OTHER MARKETING MATERIAL.

I DO NOT AUTHORIZE NOR GIVE MY EXPRESS CONSENT TO MWE-PTO CORP. TO PUBLISH PICTURES OF MYSELF AND OF MY FAMILY TAKEN DURING THESE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES ON ITS WEBSITE, NEWSLETTER, AND ALL OTHER MARKETING MATERIAL.

Signature _____ Date _____

WAIVER: Liability

I understand that my participation and my family's participation in the MWE-PTO Corp. activities and events to be held at Mark White Elementary or other locations may include physical activity that may be potentially hazardous regardless of the care taken to avoid injuries and/or illness.

I UNDERSTAND THAT I OR ANY MEMBER OF MY FAMILY SHOULD NOT PARTAKE IN SUCH ACTIVITIES UNLESS MEDICALLY ABLE AND IN PROPER HEALTH. HAVING READ THIS WAIVER AND KNOWING THESE FACTS, I, TO THE FULL EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, WAIVE AND RELEASE THE ORGANIZERS OF THE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES, MWE-PTO CORP., ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND ALL OTHER VOLUNTEERS FROM ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS, ACTIONS, CAUSES OF ACTION AND LIABILITIES OF ANY KIND ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH MYSELF, MY SPOUSE, MY CHILD, AND/OR WARD'S PARTICIPATION IN ANY OF THE EVENTS AND/OR ACTIVITIES. THIS RELEASE INCLUDES CLAIMS BASED ON THE NEGLIGENCE, INCLUDING GROSS NEGLIGENCE, OF ANY TYPE WHATSOEVER OF MWE-PTO CORP., ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS BUT EXPRESSLY DOES NOT INCLUDE CLAIMS BASED ON THEIR INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT OR RECKLESSNESS. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY AGREEING TO THE RELEASE AND WAIVER HEREIN, I HEREBY ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY AND ALL RISK OF INJURY, FATALITY, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE SUFFERED BY PARTICIPANT WHILE PARTICIPATING IN ANY OF THE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PERSONAL INJURY AND FATALITY, WHICH MAY BE CAUSED BY, WITHOUT LIMITATION, FALLS, CONTACT WITH OTHER PARTICIPANTS, WEATHER RELATED CONDITIONS (INCLUDING HIGH HEAT AND/OR HUMIDITY), AND OTHER CONDITIONS AT THE LOCATION(S) OF THE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS, ALL SUCH RISKS BEING KNOWN AND APPRECIATED BY ME, AND I UNDERSTAND THAT BY RELEASING SUCH CLAIMS I AM GIVING UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING ANY RIGHT TO SUE.

Signature _____ Date _____

All spirit item will be delivered to your child's classroom by the last week of October

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE DEADLINE: October 6, 2023

PTO PROGRAMS

and email list

Email List

In order to make this year a success, we need your help! Please make sure to join the PTO email list.

You can email markwhiteelementarypto@gmail.com to be added to our email list or subscribe on our website here:



Birthday Program

Our birthday program is a great way to show support for your school and surprise your student on their special day! Select a \$20 or \$30 birthday program option (details on our website), complete the form, submit your payment, and we will do the rest!

Follow the QR code to place your order:



Other Programs:

Some other programs to look forward to this year include:

Fun Run and Fall Festival

Movie Night

Bingo Night

Earth Day Goodie Bags Program

Spirit Lunches

Volunteer Coffee Mornings (September 15th, 2023 & February 7th 2024 from 7:15am to 9am)



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VOLUNTEER

With the PTO

How do I register to be a volunteer?

Complete the online HISD VIPS (Volunteers in Public Schools) Orientation Training Course - available in both English and Spanish. Be sure to save your VIPS Certificate as a PDF.

<https://www.houstonisd.org/VIPS>



How can I be alerted about volunteer events?

Send an email to markwhiteelementarypto@gmail.com with your first and last name, cell phone number, and attach the PDF of your VIPS Certificate.

Download WhatsApp on your cell phone, so we can add you to the MWE VIPS chat group to hear about all volunteer opportunities!

How do I sign up for events?

We will send you a link to a sign-up genius to volunteer for events year-round. Sign up to reserve your spot and we'll see you then! THANK YOU for supporting our Mark White Wolves!



SPIRIT WEAR

F.A.Q.



How do I buy spirit wear?

Spirit wear will be sold online this year! We have a local vendor who has set up an online store and will be bulk printing our spirit wear to avoid overstocking and waste. We have five different options - available for adults and children (make sure to select the YOUTH shirt if buying for your student).

<https://www.mwespiritwear.com>

When should I order my spirit wear?

Order your spirit wear online no later than **September 22nd**. The PTO will pick up all items together and deliver them to your student at school. If you order several items in one order, they will be delivered to the student that's listed on the order form.

When will I receive my student's spirit wear?

The PTO will deliver spirit wear to your student during the week of October 16th. If you order several spirit wear items, we will plan to deliver all items to the student named in the order. Please include grade level and teacher!



PTO EVENTS

Calendar 2023 - 2024

August

24: Spirit shirt sales start

September

8: Spirit lunch

15: First Volunteer Coffee Morning (7:15am - 9am)

22: Spirit shirt sales close

29: Garden Team Meet-up (3pm - 5pm)

October

11: PTO Members Meeting at 7pm (virtual)

12: Spirit lunch - Marco's Pizza

16-20: Spirit shirt deliveries

20: Movie Night 6-8pm

27: Garden Team Meet-up (3pm - 5pm)

November

4: Fall Festival and Fun Run (9am - 1:30pm)

17: Garden Team Meet-up (3pm - 5pm)

December

4-8: Scholastic Book Fair

8: Chick-Fil-A Spirit lunch

22: Garden Team Meet-up (3pm - 5pm)

January

12: Spirit lunch

26: Garden Team Meet-up (3pm - 5pm)

26: Bingo/Game night (5-7pm)

February

7: Second Volunteer Coffee Morning (7:15am - 9am)

14: Sweets with Mom and Spirit lunch

10:30-1pm

23: Garden Team Meet-up (3pm - 5pm)

26 - March 1: MyBulle French Book Fair

March

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1: International Festival 5-7 pm

22: Garden Team Meet-up (3pm - 5pm)

April

12: Spirit lunch - Pizza Friday for 2nd - 5th Grade

17: PTO Members Meeting at 7pm (virtual)*

22: Earth day Goodie Bags

26: Garden Team Meet-up (3pm - 5pm)

May

10: Spirit lunch

17: End of Year Family Dance 5-7pm

31: Garden Team Meet-up (3pm - 5pm)

TBA: PTO Members meeting and elections

**Revised as of 10/10/2023*