



**MARK WHITE**  
ELEMENTARY  
PTO PARENT PACK

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# WELCOME PACKET

Mark White Elementary  
Parent Teacher Organization  
(PTO)



# WELCOME!

## From your PTO

### On behalf of your PTO...

We would 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 our different programs and events for the school year. If you have any questions, feel free to email us at [markwhiteelementarypto@gmail.com](mailto: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. 2nd)*
- *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 scene 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](mailto:markwhiteelementarypto@gmail.com)

Other ways to reach out:

Our website:

Facebook: PTO Page

Facebook: Parents group





# MEMBERSHIP

Join us!



## Membership Drive 2022-2023

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 September 30th. You can also go online to [markwhiteelementarypto.org](http://markwhiteelementarypto.org)

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

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\$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](mailto: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 2022-2023 school year.

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

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE DEADLINE: September 30, 2022**



# MEMBERSHIP

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CONTACT US: markwhiteelementarypto@gmail.com

WEBSITE: markwhiteelementarypto.com

Please Print CLEARLY

Parent SURNAME, NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student SURNAME, NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Student SURNAME, NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Student SURNAME, NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Student SURNAME, NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP LEVEL  
\_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT INFORMATION  
Total cash enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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 member 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 \_\_\_\_\_



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WEBSITE: markwhiteelementarypto.com

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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# 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](mailto: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 gram 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:

Sponsor a Tree Program

Theme Dress Program

100-Day Goodie Bags Program

Volunteer Coffee Mornings (First Monday of each Month, starting September 12th)



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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](mailto: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 SHIRTS

## FAQ

### *How do I buy a spirit shirt? \**

Spirit shirts will be sold online this year! We have a local vendor who has set up an online store and will be bulk printing our shirts 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://tntshirts.chippily.com/MWESpiritstore/>



### *When should I order my shirt?*

Order your shirts online no later than September 2nd and select "Pick up at Mark White Elementary". The PTO will pick up all shirts together and deliver them to your student at school. If you order several shirts in one order, they will be delivered to the student you mark as "Customer"

### *When will I receive my student's shirt?*

The PTO will deliver t-shirts to your student during the week of the 19th. If you order several shirts, we will plan to deliver all shirts to the student named in the "Customer Name" box. Please include grade level after their last name!



# PTO EVENTS

## calendar

### August

18: Spirit shirt sales start

### September

2: Spirit shirt sales close

12: First Volunteer Coffee Morning

14: PTO Members meeting

17: Parent Meet-up

19-23: Spirit shirt deliveries

### October

7: Movie Night 5-7pm

29: Fall Festival and Fun Run

### November

12: Family Workday 9-12pm

### December

5-9: Scholastic Book Fair

### January

27: Bingo/Game night 5-7pm

### February

6: 100th day Goodie Bags

14: Sweets with Mom 10:30-1pm

### March

24: Francophonie 5-7 pm

### April

11: Donuts with Dad 8-9 am

15: Family Work Day 9-12 pm

29: Earth Day Festival

### May

TBA: PTO Members meeting and elections