

LALOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA
2023-2024



Lalor Elementary School Parents and Teachers are building a village and we would love for you to be a part of it for our students!

The PTA (Parent/Teacher Association) is a national organization that works with parents and faculty to organize and facilitate events for students to enrich their educational experiences and build a stronger community.

We are currently looking for 100% of our families and staff to become a PTA member at Lalor for the 2023-2024 school year. This year is more important than ever before!

We also need to fill positions on the PTA Executive Board.

Why should I become a member of the PTA?

Your child and your school benefit when you are a member. You will be connected to the school and know what is happening in the school. Your membership dues of \$6 will contribute to the PTA budget, which sponsor events for your child and the school.

Meeting Schedule: 1st Tuesday of each month

September 19
October 3
November 8
December 5
January 9

February 6
March 5
April 9
May 7
June 4

Please fill out the form below and return it to your child's teacher **on or before Friday, September 22nd.** Dues are: \$6.00 per person and can be paid by cash or check (check written out to Lalor PTA).

We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,
Jennifer Marinello
Principal

Monica Orozco
Lalor PTA President

Membership Form 2023-2024

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email (we will use often): _____

Child's Name _____ Grade: _____

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Please circle: PARENT TEACHER SUPPORTER

Please check any committee/function you may be interested in:

___ Gr. 3-5 Dance

___ Membership

___ Gr. K-2 Movie Night

___ Scholastic Book Fair

___ Fundraising

___ Trunk or Treat

___ Read Across America

___ School Spirit

___ Other (list your ideas for involvement) _____

___ PTA Executive Board Position: _____

**Annual membership dues are \$6.00. Return form & dues to Main Office, attn: Lalor PTA.
Please make checks payable to 'Lalor PTA'.**

PTA Use Only

Dues Paid _____ *Date* _____ *Cash* _____ *Chk #* _____

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Creating the village that helps to raise kids and strengthen schools and communities.
PTA believes we can make every child's potential a reality—but we need more believers. **We need you!**

Why should I become a PTA member?

1. Your child benefits!

Research shows that children perform better when parents are involved both at home and school.

2. The school benefits!

PTA performs support for school teachers and administration which in turn creates a positive and caring atmosphere in the school.

3. Get connected!

There is no better way to know what's happening at school. *Get to know the teachers and staff better and make life-long friends with other parents at the school.*

4. Be a role model!

By becoming a PTA member, you'll be demonstrating to your child the importance you place on education.

5. Witness improvement!

By getting involved in PTA you'll be part of the solution - helping to make positive changes.



Still not sure if you should join the PTA? Here are some answers to some very common questions....

Can I be a member and work full time? Yes! Many of our members hold a full or part time job.

Do I have to be a mom to serve on the board? No! We love to have dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles and anyone who cares about Lalor!

Does it take a lot of time? Yes and no--it depends on the position. Some duties can be performed from home and some require your presence at the school. Some positions are seasonal and some require some effort for most of the year. Some positions work well if you decide to do them with a friend. Explore which position would be right for you. The time you donate to actively participate in your child's school is time well spent. It shows our children that we care about what they do every day.



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TOP 10 REASONS TO JOIN THE PTA....

Reason #1: Your child benefits. When parents get connected to the school, children get better grades, do better on tests, and have fewer discipline problems. When you build a relationship with your child's teachers, principal, and office staff, it will be far easier to communicate about any problem (or victory) that occurs throughout the year.

Reason #2: You will be in the know. The PTO knows what's happening with the school, who's involved, and usually plans many of the events.

Reason #3: You'll tap into a network. PTO functions are opportunities to meet other parents and teachers, to build rapport and discuss issues that are on your mind. You can share ideas, concerns, and experiences to make the school year better for everyone.

Reason #4: You can be part of the solution. By getting involved at your child's school you can help make positive changes. Local PTOs play an important role in fundraising to provide building improvements, curriculum-based programs, and social events.

Reason #5: You can meet other parents. The common bond all parents of school-aged children share is that we care about creating the best possible educational experience for our kids. We are neighbors and peers and as a result, many friendships are forged via this connection.

Reason #6: Your child will feel a sense of pride. Being part of the local PTO will, in most cases, make your kids proud of you. They may not admit it (they may even grumble), but they will feel proud that their parents are involved in improving their school's well-being.

Reason #7: You can have fun while doing good. Volunteer work shouldn't be drudgery. Our PTO has helped in small ways (such as organizing field trips for students) as well in big-scale projects (such as planning and running a district-wide auction to help fund a new athletic complex for our town). And because we worked together towards one goal, we had a great time doing it.

Reason #8: Your voice can be heard. PTO can be a way for you to more effectively effect change at your child's school.

Reason #9: You can share your skills. Your child will beam for weeks after his parent comes to school and shares his career, hobby, or even just their time helping out at the school book fair. Stay-at-home parents as well as working parents all have individual talents they can share.

Reason #10: You can show that you care. By becoming a PTO member, you're also becoming a role model and demonstrating to your child the importance you place on education as well as on being involved in their world.

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PTA POSITIONS (which is right for you?)

GENERAL BOARD MEMBER *(Minimum Time Commitment: 1 hour/month)*

- Attends monthly PTA meetings
- Votes on PTA issues, brought before the board
- Helps with PTA activities

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS:

President *(Minimum Time Commitment: Undetermined (2 year commitment))*

- Manages overall objectives and strategies of PTA
- Acts as liaison between parents and principal/staff
- Recruits and oversees PTA Committee Chairpersons
- Hosts Ice Cream Social at Back to School Night
- Presides over all PTA general and executive board meetings, ensuring all who are present act within Bylaws
- Chairs the Bylaws committee and review bylaws and standing rules annually, formal adoption of new bylaws when needed
- Creates and distributes monthly newsletter including (but not limited to:) PTA activities, fundraiser results, upcoming events,
- monthly volunteer hours, membership and other pertinent PTA information
- Ensures that the PTA Board is: Nurturing future leaders for our PTA, giving adequate training to our Board so that they can read in the future, matching the skills of our volunteers with their assignments so they can succeed in their job, meeting the needs of our volunteers, building unity and teamwork, and being inclusive
- Maintains PTA Facebook, along with Secretary
- Helps execute activities as needed

Vice President *(Minimum Time Commitment: Undetermined (2 year commitment))*

- Performs same duties as the President, in the absence or incapacity or request of President
- Works alongside the President as an adviser, helper and trainee, preparing for future position as president
- Supports the President by assisting to make sure the PTA is successful
- Attends all PTA general and executive board meetings, ensuring all who are present act within Bylaws
- Helps with board transitions
- Helps execute activities as needed

Treasurer *(Minimum Time Commitment: 3 hours/month)*

- Prepares the annual tax return
- Tracks and records all financial transactions: membership dues, donations, receipts, disbursements
- Keeps the PTA compliant with rules and regulations, reporting to government agencies and state PTA as required
- Informs committees of budgeted funds
- Pays bills and reimbursements as required (within 48 hours of approval)
- Oversees ongoing PTA finances
- Ensures adherence to approved PTA budget
- Prepares and presents budget/treasurers report for each PTA meeting
- Prepares and presents year-end audit
- Collects membership dues and submits officer list and membership list to PTA as required

Secretary *(Minimum Time Commitment: 3 hours/month)*

- Records minutes at PTA meetings, submits minutes for inclusion on website, parent portal and posts to PTA Facebook
- Creates agenda, with the help of other executive board members
- Maintains PTA Facebook, along with President
- Counts a rising vote when requested by the presiding officer

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- Ensures Board members are reminded of meetings each month
- Has the following on hand for reference at each meeting