



The goal of the volunteer Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is to support the educational, social, and recreational activities of the school community by sponsoring family and school events.

Why Become a Member of the PTO?

The PTO relies on volunteers to make its excellent programs run effectively. PTO events and fundraisers truly demonstrate the power of very dedicated people. The activities have been successful due to generous donation of time and effort by so many. The PTO does not expect families to financially support every activity, but appreciates all support in any form.

By becoming a member, through your \$10 contribution, you help support the students of the Simonian Early Learning Center and the Elementary School, and can be more involved in your children's school community.

2015-2016 PTO Accomplishments

What a great year! By raising funds through various fundraisers and events, the PTO provided a wide variety of educational and enrichment programs to students and their families, and *over \$9000* in grants for the Simonian Center and Elementary School.

- Classroom chapter books, workbooks, and learning games
- Computer reading and math programs
- Outdoor and classroom storage bins
- Therapy balls, exercise balls, and ball chairs
- iPad Mini and classroom headphones
- Museum of Science & New England Aquarium visits
- After-school enrichment programs – *highest enrollment to date*
- Anti-bullying program/presentation (grades pre-K-2) – *new*
- NED Show (grades K-2) – *new*
- Ice Cream Social (Kindergarten)
- Kids' Night Out (grades K-3)
- Fun Night Out (grades 4-5)
- Chain of Lights participation
- Breakfast with Santa and ornament crafts
- Bingo & Movie Nights – *more frequent offerings*
- Someone Special Dance – *new*
- Breakfast at Blackstone Valley Country Club – *new*
- Thanksgiving pies – *new*
- Spiritwear
- Funding for mural in Elementary School hallway
- Repair of outdoor Simonian Center sign
- Support of staff and administrative programs with Time for Teachers and Staff Appreciation Week
- Chalk Talk newsletter

2016-2017 PTO Planned Activities/Events

Grants for Simonian Center and Elementary School: Financial contributions throughout the year for curriculum support, programs, and supplies, as requested by principals

Family Fun Nights (throughout the year): Kindergarten Ice Cream Social, Kids' Night Out, Fun Night Out, Movie Nights, Bingo Nights, and other fun activities for students and families

After-School Enrichment (Oct., Mar.): Exciting after-school learning and social activities for K-5

Golf Tournament (Oct.): *New this year!* Event at Blackstone National Golf Course

Breakfast with Santa (Dec.): Breakfast for families while children visit Santa

Ornament Day (Dec.): Opportunity to make ornaments and holiday crafts

Chain of Lights (Dec.): Participation in the Town-wide event with fun activities for kids and families at the school

Someone Special Dances (Feb.): Parent/caregiver and student dance events

Science Programs (Apr., Jun.): Museum of Science & New England Aquarium

Family Fun Day (May): *New this year!* Details to follow

Staff Appreciation (May): Fun events for staff during Appreciation Week

Chalk Talk: Quarterly School Newsletter

General Mills Box Tops (all year): Collection of box tops, redeemed for cash

Other: Fundraising events throughout the year

It's easy to become a member of the PTO:

1 - Complete the information below and return this form to your child's class

2 - Please include membership dues of \$10/family. Your contribution provides seed money to the PTO. Please make checks payable to **Friends – PTO of Sutton**. *If membership dues cause a financial hardship, they will be waived. The PTO does not share your information with any other organization.*

Thank you for becoming a member and considering volunteering your time with the PTO! We will notify you of upcoming volunteer opportunities. Please watch for updates in your email and on the school's website. You can also contact us at SuttonPTOFriends@gmail.com or visit our school's website at www.suttonschools.net.

PTO MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION 2016-2017
Your Name:
Child(ren)'s Name & Grade(s):
Email:
Phone:
Are you willing to volunteer?

A CORI background check is required for all volunteers within the school for any activity in which they will have direct involvement with children. To complete a CORI form, please contact the business office at 508-581-1102. CORI checks last for 3 years. If you're not sure if your CORI check is still valid, please contact the school's office.