

WHAT DOES THE PTA DO?

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PTA Membership

National PTA is the oldest and largest volunteer association working exclusively on behalf of all children and youth.

The PTA Mission

- ❑ To support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in the community, and before governmental bodies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children;
- ❑ To assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children; and
- ❑ To encourage parents and public involvement in the public schools of the nation.

The Objects of the PTA

- ❑ To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, community and place of worship
- ❑ To raise the standards of home life
- ❑ To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth
- ❑ To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth
- ❑ To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education

PTA Activities

Joining the Mayo PTA gives parents a voice in PTA activities. (Friends and family members may also join the Mayo PTA.) The Mayo PTA sponsors many of the school activities such as Pizza Bingo Night, sleepovers, Thanksgiving Dessert, Sally Foster gift-wrap fundraiser, the Sock Hop, parent education nights, and the annual Silent Auction.

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The Mayo Board meets once a month. Parents are invited to attend meetings, which are held at Mayo. Watch for information in your student's Home and Back for specific dates and times. Each meeting's approved minutes also are sent in the Home and Back as well.

Snacks

Students receive snacks in the morning and in the afternoon. Parents are asked to

pay \$6 a month to offset the cost of these snacks for their child.

The morning snack is usually a protein snack and the afternoon snack is a carbohydrate. Providing students with these nutritional snacks gives them one of the tools necessary to do their best.

School Supplies

For a \$25 fee, the PTA will purchase school supplies for your student. The supplies are delivered directly to the child's teacher. If parents choose, however, they may pay for their own student's supplies. Lists are available tonight and at the Back to School picnic.

Pledge

Since Mayo Demonstration School began, parents have generously supported the school through an optional pledge, usually \$14 a month. The pledge is used to pay for a variety of projects and items not covered by the district. For example, most schools in the district can only afford to pay for one or two field trips during the year. Through the pledge funds, Mayo students have the opportunity to take eight to 10 field trips a year.

The pledge is also used to help pay for library books, educational materials in the classroom not covered through district funds, and general upkeep of the school, including structural and cosmetic improvements.

As you are probably aware, this year the district has cut funding to every school in the district. Through your generous pledge, the Mayo PTA will be able to continue to support the teachers and staff.

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MISCELLEOUS INFORMATION

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Bus Routes

Students who live in the Tulsa Public School district may ride the bus to and from Mayo at no cost. Bus routes are modified each year to accommodate new bus-riding students. Please let the school know as soon as possible if your child needs to ride the bus. Contact the main office at Mayo (925-1500) for a copy of the bus route in your area.

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School Meals

Breakfast and lunch are offered each school day. Breakfast costs \$1 and lunch costs \$1.70. (Adult prices are \$1.25 for breakfast and \$2.25 for lunch. Drinks not included in adult prices.) Parents may pay for student meals in advance. The cafeteria will notify parents when their student's lunch fund needs to be replenished. Students may bring cash to pay for items not paid with lunch money such as bottled water from the machine or extra cookies and fruit drinks. (Milk is covered in the price of breakfast/lunch.)

All families are encouraged to complete the Children Nutrition Program form, even if you don't think you qualify. Every Tulsa Public School student will receive a copy of the form in the mail this summer. Forms for new students are available from the Education Services Center beginning in July. Forms also will be sent home with each new student the first week of school.

Back to School Picnic

This year's picnic will be announced at a later date. Plan to bring a picnic dinner for your family and spend time getting (re)acquainted with Mayo friends and staff.

Parents will have the opportunity to pay for school supplies, snacks, PTA memberships, pledge, and sign up to volunteer. Mayo patches and logo gear will be on sale. If 2005-06 bus schedules are available, we will have them there.

Mayo Foundation

The purpose of the Mayo Foundation is to provide funding for long-term curriculum development and professional development for the teaching staff at Mayo.

Traditionally, the Foundation has solicited funding through grants and donations. However, the Foundation board is currently in the process of developing new projects and funding avenues.

Marsha Dennis is 2006-2007 president of the Foundation. If you have an interest in supporting the Foundation through donations or volunteer efforts, call the main office at Mayo (925-1500) and let them know.