



Dear Astor Parents,

The number one priority for parents is their children's well-being. More than 30 years' worth of research has proven that children do better when their parents are involved **both** at home and at school. Grades and test scores climb. Self-esteem grows. Schools improve.

There's a simple way for you to help your child succeed: **Join the PTA.**

PTA helps parents, students, school staff, and communities work together to share ideas about programs and activities that benefit children. Our PTA provides information and resources that strengthen the connections between children, parents, schools, and the community.

In the past several years, we have

- Raised more than \$25,000 for our children to have a new playground
- Raised more than \$7000 for our children to have a new rockwall in the gym
- Completely covered the cost for each class to take field trips in the 2010-2011 school year
- Sponsored popular events such as Grandparents and Special Friends Day, Family Arts and Craft Night, and the Spring Carnival
- Provided countless and invaluable hours to the library, office, clothing closet, classrooms, garden, and school

The Astor PTA meets about four - five times a year. By joining the group and attending these meetings, you can have a voice in your child(ren)'s school.

Please join by filling out the attached membership form and returning it to your child's teacher or the main office, along with your \$11 check for dues made out to Astor PTA.

If you would like more information, call or send an e-mail message to:  
Stephanie Martin at [membership@astorpta.org](mailto:membership@astorpta.org).

Please also visit the PTA national Web site, [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org), to sample the benefits you'll reap when you join PTA.

Sincerely,

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