Atkinson Elementary PTO

# *“Helping our Eagles soar higher”*

Dear parents,

Your PTO would like to thank all of you for another fantastic year at our school! Without your help with fundraising, Christmas & Valentine parties, and volunteering for school events, we would not be able to be as successful as we are. There are so many things that we do for our school that might not otherwise be possible. If you would, please allow me just a couple of minutes to inform you of just some of the things we do to help our school and students to enjoy their time at school.

We have been asked by quite a few parents this year if we are going to offer the pre-packaged school supplies for the 2014/15 school year and the answer is YES! We will let you know when they will be available for purchase. This year will be online or order form only.

This year we were able to purchase much needed equipment for our music department. We purchase the refreshments for the kids to enjoy after their music performances. We provide two $500.00 scholarships each year to former students who are graduating from high school. We provide goodie bags for the Christmas and Valentines parties to make sure that every child receives something. However, we do appreciate & thank you for your donation(s) toward their parties. We have two cultural arts programs each year (Fall & Spring) for the students to enjoy. The bounce houses for STARR Fair and Water Day rentals are paid through us. Our Muffins with Moms as well as Donuts with Dads are items provided by the PTO. The 4th grade field trip, the Box Top celebration, the top Box Top class party, etc. There are so many things we do that the list would go on. Without the PTO, many of these things would not be possible.

Besides informing all of you what the PTO does, I am now asking to see if there would be any parents who would be interested in becoming a PTO Board member or volunteer for the 2014/15 school year? The board meets once a month starting in September. We discuss what things need to be planned for the school year (Fundraising, Cultural Art programs, etc.) This is a fantastic way to see & learn how our teachers, students, & staff flourish throughout the year.

Thank you all so much for taking time reading this letter and truly hope you will consider joining us.

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