



## J.W. Reason Elementary PTO

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome each of you and your families to J.W. Reason Elementary. As the PTO (Parent Teacher Organization), it is our responsibility to talk with you about getting involved in the school.

The PTO is an organization of parents and teachers. The PTO's goal is to foster a nurturing and caring environment that strives for continued parent involvement in helping build a better educational environment for our children. We also promote a school community where teachers and administrators can do their best work with the resources we can provide and help make school fun. Through fundraising efforts, the PTO is able to donate funds to purchase educational materials and equipment, upgrade the playground, and provide assemblies, field trips and other school activities.

For the PTO to be effective and representative of the school, it is essential to have parental involvement from as many as possible. Many parents feel they cannot be involved because they cannot make every meeting or are unavailable during the day; however, there are many ways you can help. Whatever your flexibility, the PTO, teachers and staff appreciate our parent volunteers. By volunteering, you will enjoy interacting with the kids, become friends with other parents, and accomplish things that truly make a difference. Whether you have 30 minutes or a couple of hours, your ideas, time, and talents are truly needed. We can match your time constraints and interests to needed tasks. We have many ways in which Moms, Dads, and extended family can contribute. Please consider volunteering, it really does make a difference in the lives of our children! Research shows that students whose parents are involved in their education have better grades and fewer discipline problems. We promise that the time you give will be worth your while - and fun!

The PTO strives to bring these groups together to share thoughts and ideas about programs and activities that benefit children and families. Our PTO provides information and resources through email, newsletters, family programs, parent meetings, and other communication channels.

Won't you join us? We invite you to come to the first meeting on September 2nd at 6:30 pm to see what we are all about....we need your ideas and energy! Becoming active is really easy - and it really makes a difference! We look forward to a successful year.

### 2017-2018 PTO MEMBERS

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<b>President</b>	Christi Strouse	<b>Teacher Representative</b>	Karen VanVleet
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