



Cherry Park PTA 2017-2018

Why Parents Matter

“Parent Involvement” has become a popular phrase in schools, and for good reason. Supporting your child’s learning doesn’t just feel nice; it also makes a significant difference in a child’s performance.

What it is:

Parent involvement can include things as different as quizzing your child on spelling words, volunteering in a classroom, or helping at a PTA event. As long as your actions show that you value education, your child is likely to respond.

Why it matters:

Decades of research shows that when parents get involved in their children’s education, kids do better in and out of school. Parent involvement is tied to better grades and higher test scores, better social skills, and improved behavior. Kids of involved parents are more likely to stay in school and are more likely to continue their education beyond high school.

How you can do it:

Simple things such as snuggling up to read a book together at bedtime really count. Volunteering in your child’s classroom and communicating with the teacher about your child’s progress and challenges is important. Attending school events shows your child that school is an important part of family life.

Volunteering just a few hours a year can make a difference for both your child and the school. If you’re ready to help out, please contact Cherry Park PTA. We have meetings every second Tuesday of the month at 6pm in Cherry Park’s Community Room. We will post dates on our PTA bulletin board, located in front of the office. You can join at any time; our next meeting is September 12! Anyone is welcome to join us at our meetings. There is a \$10 membership fee that you pay once a year if you would like to become a voting member of our PTA, but you don’t have to become a member to help out.

Email us at, volunteer.cherrypark@yahoo.com for answers to any questions you may have or “Like” and follow our Facebook page at [@CherryParkPTA](https://www.facebook.com/CherryParkPTA). Look out for the volunteer form to fill out in your packet or stop by our office to fill one out anytime. In order to keep our children as safe as possible, our district requires all volunteers fill out a background check form as well, this can be found in the front office.

Thank you so much and welcome to Cherry Park!!