

# Test Your PTO Knowledge

*True or False: The PTO is just for stay-at-home moms.*

**False:** The PTO is for everyone! Our volunteers are mothers, fathers and those who fill those roles. We can have a wide range of volunteers who: stay-at-home; work part-time to full-time; have little ones at home, preschoolers, high schoolers and/or college students; are continuing their own education; and more.

*True or False: The PTO has all the help they need.*

**False:** The PTO welcomes everyone and continues to need volunteers for various events, fundraisers, and committees year-round. We need you!

*True or False: Volunteering for the PTO takes too much time.*

**False:** Only YOU can decide how much time you can give. Even if you can help at just one event or handle one task per year, it would be greatly appreciated.

*True or False: PTO volunteers need to be at the school during the day.*

**False:** Much of the PTO work can be done from home on your own schedule, or at events at night or weekends. Yes, there is volunteering during the school day if you are able to do so. But no one does it all, so choose what works best for you.

*True or False: The PTO is only about fundraising.*

**False:** While we do want to help with the school's budget as we can, our number one goal is parent involvement. We want to get parents connected to the school as research shows this will improve student performance and create a great school.

*True or False: The PTO is all set with their activities and events for the year.*

**False:** The PTO incorporates school activities and tries new activities, fundraisers and events. The new ideas come from volunteers. While we try to plan ahead, **it's only the beginning** of the school year and there's still plenty of time to do even more for the students and school.

*True or False: What I do will not make any difference.*

**False:** It is the smile on a child's face that shows we are making school a little more fun—and a child feels more comfortable in learning environment. It's learning the test scores are higher and knowing that we may have played a role. It is the teachers and staff that feel appreciated and supported. There are a lot of rewards and way to make a difference both big and small.