

# PTA TOP 10 FAQ

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### 1) Who is Disney PTA?

Disney PTA is a recognized Missouri PTA 501(c)3 organization that exists to serve Disney Elementary School, to foster relationships between school and home, to bridge communication between parents and teachers, to enhance the learning environment for our children, and to provide special activities for everyone to enjoy together.

### 2) What does PTA do for the school?

PTA funds educational programs including Chat-N-Chew, Cultural Arts, Reflections, Music, Disney Buddies and RIF. PTA has also provided funds for technology, office equipment, and facility improvements. PTA contributes to Curriculum Enhancement requests, including Teacher workshops, field trips, and crisis backpacks. Over 25% of PTA funds benefit teachers directly, including Hospitality, Appreciation Banquet, and money for classroom supplies.

### 3) How does Disney PTA benefit my child specifically?

Your child may go on a field trip or ride a bus to get there. Your child may receive a snack during the MAP Testing or a new book from RIF. This year, your child will see a presentation on India and enjoy a Fall Festival. Your child might also sing in a music program or have a reading buddy.

### 4) Where does PTA get their funding?

PTA receives most of its funding through the Donation Drive, PTA Memberships, and Business Boosters. A small percentage comes from T-shirt/Magnet Sales and Skating Parties, and (this year), the Fall Festival/Pie-Throwing. PTA also receives funding from Box Tops. (Other labels provide "points" to purchase items such as PE equipment, not money). Sometimes, PTA does request contributions or donations to help with the costs of a specific event, such as the Fall Festival or Community Giving.

### 5) How does Disney PTA determine where to spend its money?

In the Spring, the PTA Executive Board meets to discuss the year's spending, the success/failures, changes, and future projections. All seven members, including the Principal, create a proposed PTA budget for the next school year. It is then presented to the PTA Members at the May PTA meeting for open discussion and approval by all PTA Members.

6) What is NOT Disney PTA related fundraising?

Domino's Pizza Night, McTeacher's Night, Cookie card sales, Student Council hat sales, Target (or other business promotions), gym use fees, contributions to teachers or to Disney School. Anything that is PTA related will state the "PTA" purpose. Winter and Valentine class parties are arranged by homeroom parents with parent donations collected specifically for classroom parties.

7) Why should I join PTA?

To be INVOLVED in public school education, where your child spends most of his day. To be INFORMED of the issues that relate to your child's education. To be INCLUDED in the decisions affecting your child's learning environment. PTA is an open door for connecting and communicating with other parents. PTA is an advocate for your children.

8) How can I be a part of the decision making for PTA?

Join PTA- You have to be a member to hold an office, chair a committee or have voting privileges.

Attend meetings- This is where the questions, discussions, and decisions are made.

Volunteer- Hold an office or chair-position. Submit your name now for open opportunities.

9) What if I can't attend PTA meetings?

STAY CONNECTED and INFORMED- Go straight to the source for information. PTA Minutes and Treasurer Reports are posted on the website or can be sent home in your child's backpack upon request.

COMMUNICATE with reliable sources- This can be done with a phone call or email to the PTA President or VP's.

JUMP IN!- There are many PTA opportunities that you can be part of that may not interfere with your working schedule.

10) Where can I get more information about Disney PTA?

DISNEY WEBSITE- Find information for volunteering, PTA calendar, contact persons, and budget summary. Every other week, the Disney PTA posts a newsletter (which can also be requested to be sent home via backpacks)

BACKPACK FLYERS - Often sent home with student, to promote PTA special events or activities.

EMAIL "BLASTS" - Sometimes sent to PTA member's inboxes for immediate attention, if email address is provided.

You are encouraged to communicate with the President or VP's if you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns. Open and honest communication is a main ingredient in creating a better education and environment of our children.

Everyone is encouraged and welcomed to be a part of the wonderful tradition and service of Disney PTA. It is one of the most active PTA's in the SPS District and truly a source for great happenings at Disney School!