

What is P.P.O.?

A Parent Participation Organization (P.P.O.) is a group of parents who come into to the school to help out with activities and enhance the daily lives of the students.

Why Join the P.P.O.?

- It is a great way to meet new people.
- It shows your child that you care about their education and school life.
- You get to know the great kids of John F. Kennedy Elementary School

"Studies show that children do better when parents are involved in school life. Parent Participation Organizations are the means by which all parents can contribute in a flexible way and to the degree that they are comfortable with."

What does our P.P.O. do?

At John F. Kennedy Elementary School, our P.P.O. helps to organize special events and activities and looks for ways to raise funds for our school to enhance your child's school experience.

Activities:

- Welcome Back-to-School Activities (such as Corn Roast or Family Fun Fest)
- Terry Fox Run
- Toy Sale
- Christmas Baskets
- Carnival Day
- Fun Day
- Halloween Treats
- Scholastic Book Fairs

Day-to-Day:

- Volunteer in the library
- Volunteer in the Computer Lab
- Volunteer to help teachers for various activities in the classroom
- Help students to improve their reading skills
- Volunteer for field trips
- Call parents to help out with fundraising, activities and events
- Sell TCBY twice a month
- Organize and Serve Pizza Lunch once a month

In addition to these fun-filled activities the P.P.O. is responsible for **fundraising**. Our fundraising efforts include:

- Chocolate Fundraiser(including hot drinks and beverage bottles)
- TCBY Sales(Twice a month)
- Pizza Lunch (once a month)
- Annual Toy Sale

The proceeds from these activities are used in ways that directly benefit the children of John F. Kennedy Elementary School by:

- 10\$ field trip subsidy for every child in the school
- Purchasing equipment and materials for our school such as computers, ipads and laptops
- Paying for special events and activities such as Carnival Day and Fun Day
- Staff Appreciation Week

The P.P.O. of John F. Kennedy Elementary School endeavors to meet the needs of the students and staff of the school, the natures of which are constantly evolving and changing.

If you are interested, we would love to welcome you as a new member. Whether it is one day a week or one hour a month – any help is greatly appreciated and need.

We have monthly meetings to discuss how our past events went and plan for the upcoming events. Don't worry if you are not able to attend every meeting. Come when you can and help out whenever it is convenient for you.

If you are interested in joining the PPO or would like to help out in any way, please contact the chair of the PPO who is Ms. Natalie Brunetti at bnat1@hotmail.com