



Parent Power

Facts about the Peachtree City Elementary PTO

What's the PTO?

As your student's parent or guardian, you are automatically a member of the Parent-Teacher Organization at Peachtree City Elementary School (PCES). The PTO organizes a volunteer force for school-wide and classroom support. We work closely with the PCES administration to ensure that the funds we raise directly support the educational and recreational goals of our school, its children, teachers and staff. Research shows that parent involvement affects student performance and overall educational experience. Your involvement in the PTO gets you directly connected with your school, *and it makes a difference.*

How Does the PTO Help Our School?

Parents get things done at Peachtree City Elementary School. You may choose to volunteer for two hours a year or two hours a week. You may also choose to make a donation to support the PTO's fundraising efforts. Whatever you do, *it makes a difference.* Please complete the "Parent Power Volunteer/Donation Pledge Sheet" to let us know how you'd like to help!

Last year our collective efforts – through the fundraisers described below – enabled the PTO to provide substantial support for our teachers: almost \$13,000 to our teachers, subject-area specialists and disciplines to supplement their classroom supplies and work areas. We were also able to invest \$5,000 in computer cameras called "ladybugs," helping our school to meet important 21st Century Classroom goals. Our goals for this year are just as substantial, with plans to provide at least the same level of classroom support and more new technology.

You will be hearing about the fundraising events below, as they are great ways to help us reach these goals:

- Fall Fundraiser – Beginning August 29, we will be selling KidStuff Coupon Books. If every family buys just one book – which includes discounts to local vendors and Atlanta attractions – we will generate almost \$4,000.
- SCRIP – This ongoing fundraiser doesn't even feel like a fundraiser. Every month you can purchase gift cards from your favorite retailers and use them instead of cash at stores you go to anyway. And the retailer does all the contributing: if you purchase a 25\$ card to Publix, you will receive a \$25 card. This is the best fundraiser...it costs you nothing out of pocket! Go to the PTO section on our website, www.pces.org, to find out how to get started! "
- Spirit Nights – Throughout the year we have PCES Spirit Nights at local restaurants and fun spots and the businesses donate a percentage of earnings to PCES.
- Silent Auction – This event will take place in March and provides an opportunity for fun, food and the opportunity to bid on everything from lunch with the principal to a day at Braves Stadium!

Who Do I Contact?

Contact our Executive Board, listed below, with your questions or ideas. In addition, we are fortunate to have a team of committee chairs and members who get the work done. Their names are listed on the PCES website and they are also ready to help.

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