

Merritt Academy

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO)
501(3)(C)

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**"AT THE END OF THE DAY, THE MOST OVERWHELMING KEY TO
A CHILD'S SUCCESS IS THE POSITIVE INVOLVEMENT OF
PARENTS." - JANE D. HULL**

Why We Need Your Help...

The Merritt Academy 503(c) Parent Teacher Organization seeks parent volunteers. The mission of the PTO is to welcome families and build community. The purpose of the PTO is to: support the school in the educational process; encourage parents to communicate with the school administration; act as a channel of communication between the school administration and the parents; and assist the school in fundraising projects. Fundraising initiatives support the infrastructure of the school and recognize/appreciate all teachers and staff. All parents are PTO members.

The PTO requires parent support to cultivate our school's community and the administration's ability to deliver academic excellence for our children. Funds raised are directly used to enrich our children's academics and nurturing environment. With parent support and volunteers in a variety of roles the PTO will be able to meet fundraising goals, build community, and enrich our children's experience at Merritt Academy.

Please email merrittpto@gmail.com directly if you are interested in serving as a leader, coordinator for specific events and/or have any new ideas for us.

We support our parents by...

- Providing opportunities to participate in the classroom with their children
- Providing convenient ways for working parents to be involved in their children's education
- Funding projects that allow Merritt Academy to maintain its high standards of excellence

We support our teachers by...

- Fundraising and appreciating our teachers and staff throughout the year with luncheons, special events and gifts!
- Acknowledging the positive impact they have on our children
- Bridging communication between teachers, the staff, and parent
- Ensuring teachers have access to the best possible resources for our children

We support our community by...

- Focusing on families
- Building strong school spirit

DID YOU KNOW?

Each year the J127 foundation matches all Merritt Academy PTO donations dollar for dollar!

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Here Are Ways YOU Can Support the PTO All Year Round!



We encourage you to link your Vic card to Merritt Academy so that the shopping you already do benefits our community. **Go To:**

www.harristeeter.com/together-in-education. School Code: #7824

Note: You need to register annually.



Box Tops are commonly found on household items. Please collect any box tops that you have on regular grocery items and bring them to the school front office. Merritt Academy receives 10 cents for each box top collected. There is also an app that can be downloaded from Apple and GooglePlay. It has bonus coupons and you can download your receipt to automatically get box tops sent to the school—no clipping required! Examples of brands that often have box tops: Annies, FiberOne, Reynolds, Nestle Water, Cereals, Ziploc, Lysol, Kleenex, Green Giant Veggies, Papermate, Natures Valley, Hefty.... Just to name a few!



Whether you need to label your kids' clothes, bottles or shoes or your kitchen canisters, Mabel's Labels has all of your needs covered. A percentage of all proceeds support Merritt Academy Parent Teacher Organization.

Visit **mabelslabels.com** and click "Support A Fundraiser" on the top right of the homepage. Type "Merritt Academy" in the search bar.



Go to AmazonSmile.com In the top left corner, please click "Supporting" and search for Merritt Academy Parent Teacher Organization Once it is confirmed, it will say, "Merritt Academy Parent Teacher Organization" Note: Shopping must occur at www.smile.amazon.com to receive the benefit.

Key Events for 2022-2023

Halloween Bash (TBD)

Fall Fundraisers

Parents Night Out (TBD)

Restaurant Nights on a monthly basis

Holiday House

Parent Auction (TBD)

Spring Fling (TBD)







Teacher Appreciation 1st Week of May

PTO Investments

For the past few years the PTO fundraising efforts have directly supported investments in:

- \$32,800 total interactive boards for 1st-8th grade classrooms.
- \$10,000 to STEAM things (re-outfitting the preschool STEAM lab, some coding items for K-8th grade, etc...)
- \$7,200 to the Library to reoutfit it with books and materials
- Investment in Tadpoles Daily Reporting for Pre-School Children
- Outdoor equipment to support all children staying outside longer during the pandemic
- Healthy Indoor Air Units in all buildings aimed to reduce odors, viruses, and bacteria in the air
- Professional Development Opportunities for our teachers
- Teacher and Staff Appreciation throughout the full year including: teacher luncheons, teacher and staff appreciation week, holiday gifts and much more!

Meet Our Leadership

	Jackie Malkes, President Sons enrolled in Toddler and K3 Program
	Sarah McCann, Vice-President Daughter enrolled in K2 Program
	Kathleen Montecinos, Secretary Daughters enrolled in Elementary Program
	Stephen Robertson, Treasurer Sons enrolled in K4 and Elementary Program
	David Tropiano, Member at Large Daughter enrolled in K2 program
	Legh Penrod, Member at Large Daughters enrolled in K3 and Infant

The PTO meets on a monthly basis the second Tuesday every month at 12PM EST Virtually

If you would like to volunteer as a Room Parent or Serve on our PTO Board, we would love to have you!
Please reach out to Merrittpto@gmail.com

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