Theodore Roosevelt
Parent Teacher Organization

The TR PTO would like to welcome you to the 2020-21 school year! We would also like to ask for your help.

Who We Are and What We Do

The PTO is an organization made up of parent and teacher volunteers dedicated to supporting the educational and recreational needs of the children at Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School. We help support the school and students through various fundraisers and activities, which include rewarding each child who reads 100 books as part of the reading program, funding field trips, and hosting events like Trunk-or-Treat and Winter Wonderland.

"But what about COVID-19? How can the PTO do any 'normal' stuff and why should I bother supporting it right now?"

Because of COVID-19, we can't do most of our big fundraisers that we typically kick the year off with. However, we want to ensure that when things are able to return to "normal," we have funds for the students, so we can send them on field trips, bring in a performer or speaker for an assembly, or hold an event, etc. On the other hand, if things continue as they are, we want to be able to keep setting money aside for a walking track to be installed behind the school so students can spend more time outside. We are brainstorming ways to continue our mission while being safe!

You Can Make a Difference for Every TR Student. Here's How:

- **Send us a Donation.** Since we can't do many of our normal fundraisers, your donation will go a long way in helping us, and in turn, helping the students. You can send a cash or check donation to school in an envelope marked "TR PTO," or you can make a contactless, easy and immediate donation via **Venmo**. Find us at **@TR_PTO_Bears**. Any amount is appreciated and will go to great use for the students at TR!
- Join us with a **PTO Membership.** It's $5 per family for the school year. Send it via Venmo with your name and "PTO membership" in the memo line or send the form on the next page with your $5 to school. Membership gets you added to our email list, voting privileges at meetings, and a chance to win a gift card at the end of the year for each meeting you attended (in person or virtually!).
- Participate in our **Fundraisers**. We send information home and it's also always posted on our Facebook page!
- Save your **Box Tops for Education** – download the app, find our school, scan your receipt, and that's it! You can even submit virtual receipts via email, and you can still turn in physical Box Tops if they're not expired.
- Take your returnable cans and bottles to any **Bottle & Can Retrieval Center** location and say it's for the Theodore Roosevelt Elementary PTO. 100% of proceeds go to the PTO.

Here are just a few ideas of how we will use any donations and fundraiser proceeds during this challenging year:

- **Virtual Assemblies and/or Speakers –** we want to continue to expose our students to entertaining and educational presentations, and many performers and companies have been developing ways to do this virtually.
- **Providing Extra Support to Teachers, Students –** This year has brought about unprecedented needs for all.
- **Playground Fund –** Last year, we set aside $5,000 for a new playground and plan to keep adding as we're able, with a short-term goal of installing a walking track out back.

Have questions or want more info? **Email** us at ptotheodoreroosevelt@gmail.com, or check us out on **Facebook** under Theodore Roosevelt Elementary PTO. We post PTO-related stuff as well as other vital school and district information.

Best wishes for a safe and healthy school year filled with lots of learning and fun,

The Theodore Roosevelt PTO

Theodore Roosevelt PTO Membership

To join the PTO, please complete the form and return it to school with your $5.00 membership fee, or with any donation amount greater than $5.00 that you'd like to contribute. You can also join via Venmo. Just send your $5 to @TR_PTO_Bears and include your name and "PTO Membership" in the memo line.

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Child's Name: _____   **Grade:** _____