

PTO FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

What is VRE PTO?

PTO stands for Parents Teachers Organization. It is a nonprofit group consists of parents, teachers, and school staff working together to improve the educational experience of all students at Valley Ranch Elementary School.

What exactly does PTO do?

The PTO organizes special events such as the community night, teacher appreciation, yearbooks sales, school supplies sales, spirit shirt designs and sales just to name a few.

Who can join PTO?

Any parent /guardian of current VRE student as well as teachers / staff can be a part of the PTO.

Is the PTO just for stay-at-home moms?

No, it is for everyone. Whether you stay at home or work (full/part time), you can participate in your own ways.

How do I become a member?

You just have to complete the membership form (also available online) and pay the annual registration dues of \$15.00 per family. This membership dues cover all children in your immediate household. It is never too late to join!

What are the benefits of membership?

Membership gives you a voice! It entitles you to vote at all meetings on PTO business. Please note that there is only one vote per household. You may volunteer to help with our various events throughout the year. Volunteering is encouraged but NOT required. In a way just paying your dues helps us fund programs that enhance your child's learning experience.

How do I become a room parent?

You can check with your child's teacher.

What programs does PTO fund and support?

- Back to School Breakfast
- Box Tops for Education
- Classroom Grants
- Community Night
- Field Day
- Fun Run Fund raising
- Garden of the Stars
- Health/Welfare
- Homecoming Parade
- Room Parent Coordination
- Salad Bar Volunteers
- School Enrichment Programs
- School Supplies
- Spirit Wear
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Technology Grants
- Weekly Emails
- Write a Check Campaign
- Yearbook

The PTO enhances your child's education in all these ways and more!

When and Where are the PTO Meetings?

We have 9 scheduled meetings this year and they will be:

- September 5 (Tuesday), 6pm
- October 10 (Tuesday), 6:30pm
- November 10 (Friday), 8 am

- December 12 (Tuesday), 6:30pm
- January 12 (Friday), 8 am
- February 13 (Tuesday), 6:30pm
- March 9 (Friday), 8 am
- April 10 (Tuesday), 6:30pm
- May 11 (Friday), 8 am

Why should I come to PTO Meetings?

- The PTO is a great opportunity to become involved in your child's education. You help the school and it benefits your child too.
- There is no better way to get involved in what is happening or is going to happen at VRE.
You will be part of the team helping to make positive changes.
- PTO meetings are an opportunity to meet other parents. Come and share ideas, concerns, and experiences with other parents and educators in the community.
- When you become active in PTO, you will be presenting to your child the value you place on education. As per studies, when parents are actively involved, children do better in school.

How can I help?

Please consider helping in any way that fits your schedule. There are many things that you can do to help. Perhaps what works best is to show your support through making a financial contribution. Maybe you can dedicate several hours to a special event or fundraiser. The amount of time you spend participating in PTO activities is up to your discretion. The important thing is that you become involved in your child's educational experience. You may contact the PTO office or any of our Officers and let them know you are interested in volunteering and they will gladly help you find the perfect place.

How and where does PTO spends the money?

Every year a budget is proposed by the President and voted on by PTO members. This decides where the funds will go. Every year the PTO attempts to raise at least enough funds to meet some of the items on the wish list of the school administration. Although fundraising is an important aspect of the PTO but it is not our primary goal. All of the money raised through PTO goes directly back to benefit the students.

I can't afford to attend PTO fundraisers, but I want to participate.

We want you to participate. If you participate in the reduced or free lunch program, the office will arrange for you to attend PTO events free of charge. Please contact school counselor for details. Information about the free/reduced lunch program is private between families and the school, so the PTO does not know who may need help. The school will help to ensure you can participate. We love you and want you to celebrate with us.

*Be a star and help us continue to make VRE the best school in Coppell by
joining the VRE PTO TODAY!*

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