

September 20, 2021

Greetings Ray Warrior Families-

The Friends of Ray School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) would like to invite you to join us in our efforts to support our school, its teachers, students and families through fundraising, volunteerism and engagement.

**You can get involved with the PTO in three ways:**

- 1. Attend our Meetings:** you do not have to be a member to attend. Our meetings are open and we encourage participation and input from all. Fall Meetings via [Zoom at Meeting ID: 963 1465 3616, PW: rayptomtg](#)  
Or dial in: 312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 963 1465 3616, PW: 532163566  
Wednesday, September 29<sup>st</sup>- 6:30pm via zoom  
Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>- 6:30pm via zoom  
Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>- 12:00pm via zoom
- 2. Become a Member:** Our membership fee is a small donation of \$20, which supports our fundraising efforts. Members have voting rights to approve annual budgets, select officers and recommend strategic programming. <https://qrco.de/donatefriendsofray>
- 3. Volunteer with Us.** We know that our Ray families are rich in expertise, knowledge, relationships and special skills. Become a Room Parent, lend a hand at events, or let us know how you can help! Complete the interest form found here:  
<https://rayschool.enschool.org/apps/forms2/?f=24228>

The PTO is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) that works year-round to strengthen and sponsor a diverse slate of enrichment programs, student activities, cultural activations and community celebrations along with providing funds for extra classroom materials, recess supervision, after school security, baseball field upgrades and maintenance. Most recently, the PTO spearheaded Ray's Room Parent program designed to enhance communication, awareness and collaboration.

Our board and volunteers organize fundraising events throughout the year. We are looking forward to our upcoming fundraisers like t-shirt and logo sales, the annual Walk-a-thon, and concessions at the spring 55<sup>th</sup> Street Art Fair.

Family and Community involvement has been and continues to be essential to Ray School's success. **We sincerely encourage you to become the 'U' in 'US'!!!**

Show your Ray Warrior pride! Purchase t-shirts and more here:

<https://friends-of-ray-ptο.myspreadshop.com/>



We invite you to reach out to us with questions and feedback at [friendsofraypto@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofraypto@gmail.com)



## 2021/2022 PTO Board Members

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[ray.cps.edu](http://ray.cps.edu)

