

What is a Parent Teacher Club?

A Parent Teacher Club (PTC) is an organization lead by parents of a school district. The PTC is a partnership between parents and teachers. We work together to enrich our children's education by raising money to pay for some school programs and equipment. Because of tightening budgets, the school district relies on the PTC. Here are some examples of supplies and equipment paid for by the PTC:

- Document Cameras and Wall Mounted Projectors to expand the use of technology in the classrooms.
- Cultural Arts assemblies and Author Visits.
- Portable Sound System for Field School.
- New furniture in the Field School auditorium lobby.
- Materials for the Art Enrichment, Parent Publishing, Wildcat Times, and Winkelman Book Club Programs.
- Fume Hood installed on the roof at Field School to eliminate fumes during science experiments in science class.
- WeatherNet Camera in science class at Field School.
- Garden Gate and gardening materials for school gardens.
- Meals for teachers during teacher conferences and gifts for teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week.
- Playground Equipment at Winkelman School.
- Climbing Wall at Winkelman School.

The PTC also provides financial assistance to district families in need. For more information about the Project Reach program, contact your school Social Worker. All information is kept confidential.

How does the PTC provide money for these programs?

The PTC accepts monetary donations. If you are interested in making a donation, we have provided contact information at the end of this brochure. The PTC is a non-profit organization. Donations are tax deductible. We host fundraising events. Many parent volunteers are needed to help run fundraisers such as these:

- Art Fundraiser
- Bingo Night
- Blizzard Sale
- Book Fairs
- Box Tops
- Catalog Sale
- Entertainment Books
- Halloween On Ice
- Membership
- OneCause
(Formerly SchoolPop)
- School Store
- School Supplies
- Spirit Wear

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West Northfield School District 31 Parent Teacher Club

Get Involved in your
Parent Teacher Club

Important Dates to Remember

Please come to a PTC meeting on

Thursdays

at

Winkelman School

1:15 PM

Unless otherwise noted

- **September 10**
- **October 8**
- **November 12**
- *** December 3***
7:30 PM at Field School
- **January 14, 2010**
- **February 18, 2010**
- **March 11, 2010**
- ***Appreciation Coffee***
May 6, 2010, 1:30 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

Book Fairs

Winkelman

November 19 and 20

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

November 21

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

November 23

2:00 PM – 4:30 PM

November 24

1:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Field School

December 2

NOON – 1:20 PM

December 3

NOON – 1:20 PM

& 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

December 4

NOON – 1:20 PM

Bingo Night

January 22, 2010

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Field School

PTC Sports Challenge

April 23, 2010

6:30 PM

Field School

Are Parent Volunteers needed?

Yes. Many parent volunteers are needed to run programs and special events at our schools. The descriptions of are brief. More detailed information is available if you are interested in being a volunteer. Here is a list of a few of the programs and events provided by the PTC.

- Art Enrichment – Parents help teach Winkelman students about fine art. Lesson plans and materials for art projects are provided by the PTC.
- Parent Publishing – Each Winkelman student publishes their own book. Parent volunteers help run this program from November through May. Teachers help the students write their stories. Parent volunteers help the students edit their stories. Parent volunteers help type the story on the computer. Parent volunteers put together the books. The completed books are available in the school library.
- Room Parent Program – The PTC organizes Room Parents at Winkelman and Field Schools to assist teachers in the classroom, on field trips, and at class parties. The Room Parents act as communication liaison between the PTC and the district families.
- Winkelman Book Club – Children in each grade can join this book club during the school year. They meet one day a week during lunch and recess with a parent volunteer. The children are assigned readings from popular chapter books. The club discusses the book. The children do fun activities based on the stories they read. Lesson plans and materials are provided by the PTC.
- Wildcat Times Newspaper– News articles written by fourth and fifth grade students are published in the school’s newspaper. The children meet after school with parent volunteers and teacher assistants. The children develop better writing skills. The Wildcat Times publishes three editions in a school year.

How does the PTC communicate with the School District Families?

- The community is encouraged to attend the PTC meetings.
- The PTC provides announcements in the children’s home folders.
- The PTC prints announcements in the Winkelman Weekly and the Tiger’s Roar
- The District 31 Director of Communications prints announcements of upcoming meetings and events in the Northbrook Star and Glenview Announcements.
- Information is available on the school district’s website at www.district31.net.

PTC Meetings are a great way to find out what is happening in our schools.
Please come to a meeting. Volunteer to help.

Any questions or comments may be directed to:

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District 31 PTC

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