



10 Reasons to Get Involved with the Flagstaff Academy PTO

1. Volunteering makes a big

difference. Research consistently shows that kids whose parents are involved in their schools do better.

2. Volunteering offers tangible ways to be part of things.

Sometimes we might mean well, but our busy lives get in the way of committing. Volunteering with the PTO will provide concrete ways to get involved, whether at events, in the classroom (like a Room Parent), on a committee or even on the Board.

3. Your help is always needed.

Whether it's helping organize the next big event (like the Dragon Dash), behind-the-scenes work (like organizing a supply shed), or even tasks you can do at home (like phone calls or emails), there are always ways to pitch in.

4. You'll get to know other

parents. It's powerful to create a circle of adult friends around a school, and having a shared interest is a good place to start. What's more, it can help foster connections between families in your community.

5. It feels great to participate!

Your children spend a lot of time at school, and it's great to share some of their school-related experiences with them.

6. It's a manageable

commitment. Volunteering can seem daunting, but it doesn't have to be. Spend an hour at the Fall Festival or Kinder Boo-hoo Breakfast, and your efforts will be appreciated. And remember, it's always ok to say "no" when you're busy. Flagstaff Academy requires each family to complete 30 volunteer hours a year. Volunteering with the PTO counts towards those hours!

7. It's fun! Even events like

Middle School Dodgeball, the Fall Winter Lights or even helping at a classroom party can spice up your week.

8. You can tailor your volunteering to play to your strengths.

Within the PTO there are many ways to contribute, some of which are sure to complement your strengths, interests or professional skills.

9. Have a great idea?

Volunteering gives you opportunities to get your ideas out there!

10. Volunteering provides another way to get to know the school and support staff.

You can better understand their ideas and needs. There are lots of rewards, both big and small, for those who volunteer.

We thank you, in advance, for your time, your expertise, your talents, and your amazing energy because without you we would not be successful.

Please reach out because WE NEED YOU.

See our current Board Members listed here: www.flagstaffacademypto.org/our-board.html
See our current Committee listings here: www.flagstaffacademypto.org/our-committees.html

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Here are a few examples of the different ways you can get involved.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

Committee Member	Committee/Event Chair	Executive Board Member
<p>This person would help assist other committee members and the Chair with decisions and activities for the event. Any virtual or in-person meetings would be decided by the committee, based on member schedules.</p> <p>Some committees need volunteers for only two months each school year. Other committees need help monthly. Join a committee that works best for your schedule.</p> <p>Example: A person joins the Hospitality Committee. This committee works all year to bless the staff and teachers with one celebration each month. Committee members decide what to do each month and who will help with each part. Members decide when to meet, if necessary.</p>	<p>This person would lead the committee for a particular event. This person would be the main contact for the event and report to a member of the Executive Board for any updates. PTO Board Members are available to help with ideas and offer suggestions from past events. This chair person would lead any committee meetings. Time commitment would be the duration of the event and any planning time pre-event required as well as any post-event debrief meetings. Some committees/events are year-long. Chairs are encouraged to attend the General Monthly meeting when able, to help answer any questions that arise.</p> <p>Example: A person decides to Chair the next Fall Festival committee. This person will have a team of people to help organize the event, including figuring out vendors, event details, and the outdoor set up of stations. This Chair will communicate with the Communications Coordinator on items to be included in weekly emails as well as any monthly newsletter. This Chair will also report to an Executive Board member with updates and any concerns that need additional help.</p>	<p>This person would join the Board as a year-long commitment. A Board member generally helps to make sure that the PTO is functioning smoothly and that all events, committees, and volunteers have what they need. Time commitment would include a monthly 1-hour long meeting with other Board Members and representatives from the School. There is also a monthly meeting that is open to all parents where Board members are encouraged to attend. Other meetings scheduled as needed.</p> <p>Example: A person decides to be the President of the PTO. This person will be the overseer of the whole organization. This person will know just a little of everything and help make decisions with all of the other Board Members. They would rely on all Committee Chairs and other Board positions to share info and updates on all of the events.</p>

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