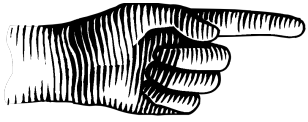


# THE TOP 10 REASONS

## YOU SHOULD GET INVOLVED IN THE PRAIRIE TRACE ELEMENTARY PARENT/TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO)



### 1. RESEARCH SHOWS THAT PARENT INVOLVEMENT

IN A CHILD'S EDUCATION IS THE #1  
INFLUENCE FOR HIS OR HER IMPROVED  
SCHOOL PERFORMANCE<sup>1</sup>

2. GET TO KNOW STAFF AND OTHER FAMILIES
3. STAY CONNECTED WITH THE SCHOOL
4. TAILOR VOLUNTEERING TO YOUR STRENGTHS
5. IT'S A MANAGEABLE COMMITMENT
6. SPEAK UP ABOUT WHAT'S IMPORTANT

7. ENHANCE CURRICULUM AND GRADE LEVEL PROGRAMS
8. SUPPORT STAFF'S PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
9. PROVIDE SUPPORT TO TEACHERS THAT DIRECTLY BENEFITS STUDENTS
10. YOU'RE ALREADY A MEMBER!

**MEMBERSHIP  
IS FREE!**



## DID YOU KNOW? Just last year, the PTE PTO...

- ★ Raised more than \$20,000 in the Soar Like a Hawk Campaign!
- ★ 100% of funds raised went directly to the school!

### WHAT'S IN IT FOR THE KIDS?



- ★ Family Fun Events
- ★ Class Fall/Valentine's Day Parties
- ★ Kindy 500
- ★ Field Trips
- ★ Retail Nights
- ★ Back to School Night
- ★ Book Fair
- ★ Grand Persons Event



- ★ Chat-N-Chew Book Club
- ★ PTO Presents series (visiting authors, artists, musicians, as well as fitness and STEM professionals)
- ★ Outreach to New Families
- ★ 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Musical & Recognition
- ★ Head Classroom Parents
- ★ Support to student groups/clubs



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### Looking for more information?

PTO Website:

<https://myccs.ccs.k12.in.us/pte/pto>

e-mail: [ptepto@outlook.com](mailto:ptepto@outlook.com)



"Prairie Trace Elementary PTO"



# PRAIRIE TRACE ELEMENTARY

*home of the Hawks*

- ★ ADDRESS: 14200 N. River Rd
- ★ PHONE: 317-571-7925
- ★ **ATTENDANCE LINE: 571-7929**
- ★ SCHOOL STARTS: Tues, Aug 15
- ★ SCHOOL HOURS: 8:03a- 2:35p
- ★ LEADERS: Jill Schipp, Principal & Ashley Weimer, Asst Principal
- ★ TEACHERS & STAFF: 70
- ★ ATTENDANCE: ~630 students
- ★ 2016-17 CLUBS: 13
- ★ ESTABLISHED: 1998
- ★ MASCOT: Hunter the Hawk
- ★ COLORS: Blue & Orange
- ★ **TWITTER: @PrairieTrace1**

experience excellence...explore opportunities...realize potential



## ABBREVIATIONS TO KNOW

**Box Tops:** clipping these “coupons” helps PTE earn money  
**CCS:** Carmel Clay Schools  
**Chat N Chew:** book club during lunch  
**ESE:** after school Extended School Enrichment  
**Leadership Tickets:** earned when students display leadership qualities

**LGI:** Large Group Instruction room  
**NWEA:** standardized testing  
**Orff:** music club  
**PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support):** school-wide celebration at the end of a grading period  
**Prairie Press:** the bi-monthly school newsletter  
**PTE:** Prairie Trace Elementary  
**StuCo:** Student Council

## PRAIRIE TRACE PTO

*welcome parents*



**W**hen your child attends Prairie Trace Elementary (PTE), you are automatically a member of our Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO). Our goal is to support the teachers, staff and students so our school can be an exciting and fantastic place for our kids to learn and grow.

We do not collect membership dues, yet do ask for monetary donations through our "Soar Like A Hawk" campaign. This campaign as well as

events, such as our Book Fair and Silent Auction, provide the money we need to help enrich the school and the experience of the students.

By being a member of our PTO, you help support Prairie Trace and the Events we host, Services we provide and Programs we sponsor. After all, we all have the same thing in common – to give our kids the best educational experience possible.

We look forward to meeting you!

**General Meetings:**  
2 per year

**Newsletter:**  
bi-monthly *Prairie Press*

**Email:**  
[pteppto@outlook.com](mailto:pteppto@outlook.com)