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OAK GROVE PTA  
ENRICHING THE  
**OAK GROVE EXPERIENCE**

# What is Oak Grove PTA?

The Oak Grove Elementary Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is a volunteer organization of parents just like you who want to enrich and supplement our children's learning experience. We are parents who work together with teachers, school staff and our community to share ideas and raise awareness about integral programs that are, unfortunately, not funded by the state. By bringing these groups together, we have been successful in raising local funds to invest in essential school programs that benefit our children.

## How the PTA Enriches the Oak Grove Experience

Over the years of your child's education at Oak Grove, the PTA invests more than \$600 into each child's education. Some examples of PTA funded programs include:



### Primary Music

K & 1st Grades - \$21,000/year (about \$87/student/year)

- Accredited music instruction once a week
- Music ignites all areas of child development: intellectual, social and emotional, motor, language and overall literacy



### MIND Music (Keyboarding and JiJi Lab)

2nd & 3rd Grades - \$12,000/year (about \$50/student/year)

- Funded in conjunction with the Oak Grove Foundation, this two-part program is designed to use music as a bridge to a better understanding of math reasoning
- Keyboarding instruction and computer lab games enable students to master math concepts and develop problem-solving skills



### Art Masters Lectures & Workshops

K-5th Grades - \$8,000/year (about \$11/student/year)

- Students learn about the inspiration and techniques of various Art Masters throughout the year
- Art Masters teachers lead the students on a step-by-step journey through art projects exploring different styles and mediums
- Students discover creativity while developing confidence in their own unique abilities



### Class Act/The Pacific Symphony

K-5th Grades - \$5,500/year (about \$7/student/year)

- Class Act is a unique partnership with the Pacific Symphony where a symphony musician teaches Oak Grove students about their instrument and the Composer of the Year
- Benefits include a private evening concert at Oak Grove, a field trip to the Pacific Symphony Orchestra at the Segerstrom Concert Hall, and a year-end student performance (Bravo Assembly)





### **Classroom Materials and Activities**

K-5th Grades - \$12,000/year (about \$16/student/year)

- Each grade level receives funds to purchase essential items such as ELMO projectors, vocabulary workshops, listening centers and digital cameras



### **Playground Activities and Equipment**

K-5th Grades - \$2,000/year (about \$3/student/year)

- Equipment for the playground including various types of balls, hula hoops, chalk, parachutes, building blocks and more



### **School Assemblies such as Imagination Machine**

K-5th Grades - \$5,000/year (about \$7/student/year)



### **Library Books**

K-5th Grades- \$2,000/year (about \$3/student/year)



**Literacy Week, Red Ribbon Week  
and much, much more!**

## Why Join the PTA?

- **Be a Role Model.** Demonstrate to your child the importance you place on education.
- **Connect with Parent Peers.** Know what is happening in your school; share ideas with each other and educators in the community.
- **Make Your Voice Heard.** Cultivate and build new student programs and activities.
- **Grow with Your PTA.** Gain valuable experiences; put your skills to good use for a great cause.
- **Be a Change Agent.** PTA is a forum for exchanging ideas, making positive changes and making things happen.
- **Enjoy Member Benefits.** Visit the national PTA website at [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org)



## How Can I Support My School?

Oak Grove PTA operates on an annual budget where every dollar comes from generous parent donations. Here is an overview of the different ways you can help invest in your child's education.

### Step Up to the Plate

*Step Up to the Plate* is our fund-raising campaign at the start of each school year. We ask every Oak Grove family to make a monetary donation to support vital programs such as Primary Music, MIND Music and Art Masters. This year, we aim to increase participation from currently less than 40% to asking every family to make a contribution to achieve our goal of \$40,000.

### All-Star Bash

Each spring, Oak Grove hosts a one-of-a-kind carnival to raise funds and celebrate with our community and our families. This signature event raises the majority of school funds through the Silent Auction and ticket sales with a net goal of \$25,000.

### Celebration Books

Show support for Oak Grove's library while recognizing your child through the purchase of a celebration book. Celebration books are presented throughout the school year at Friday morning assemblies with a personalized message from you to your child.

### Scholastic Book Fair

Twice a year, our popular book fair has a wide variety of great books and other fun materials. Proceeds from our book fairs support PTA programs.

Other ways to contribute include Recycling, Box Tops, E-Scrip, Restaurant Nights and more.

For a complete list of Oak Grove PTA opportunities and programs, visit [www.oakgrovepta.com](http://www.oakgrovepta.com).

### Volunteer!

All of this wonderful work takes a great deal of commitment from many volunteers. Please consider sharing your time and talent with the Oak Grove PTA. For more information, send an e-mail to [president@ogpta.com](mailto:president@ogpta.com) or ask any PTA member.