



What is the PTA?

The Parent Teacher Association is a national group with chapters in every state. It is an educational organization that unites the forces of home, school and community on behalf of children through advocacy, parent resources, educational programs, support and strategic alliances.

Why you should be involved.....

As a member of the PTA you have an open invitation to attend any meetings and to vote on any issues. By simply coming to meetings or reading the minutes you can stay up-to-date on the latest school news. Meetings are informative, as Mrs. Stein and some teachers attend. If you can't come to PTA meetings, there are several sub-committees you could be a part of, and those meetings are more casual, usually at a restaurant or someone's house.

I'm very busy, can't someone else do it?

No one is more proud of you when you become involved than your child. You are setting a good example that the school community is important. Your relatives can become members as well. Sometimes even other community members and businesses join the PTA to show their support.

I joined last year, does that count?

Membership needs to be renewed every year. Our membership "count" is forwarded to the State and National PTA to keep our chapter in good standing. The process is very simple – fill out this slip and send it back to school in an envelope with a \$10 membership fee (checks should be made out to East Prairie PTA), A complimentary school calendar will be available to you once you join.

Can I just pay for that school calendar?

The school calendar is very helpful tool for knowing what's happening during the year throughout the school. PTA volunteers put the calendar together and oversee the printing and distribution. It is a gift to you with your membership fee of \$10. Purchasing the calendar separately is not an option. We hope you will support us and proudly become a member.

If I join the PTA as a member, do I have to volunteer?

Volunteering is not mandatory, but when you see how many programs the PTA puts together for your child, you will feel good about helping out in any capacity that you can. To see how excited your child gets when you volunteer for something is worth every effort. If everyone considered volunteering for 3 hours this year, we would all benefit greatly. You have many talents to offer!

Please cut here and return to school in an envelope with \$10 marked "PTA mailbox"

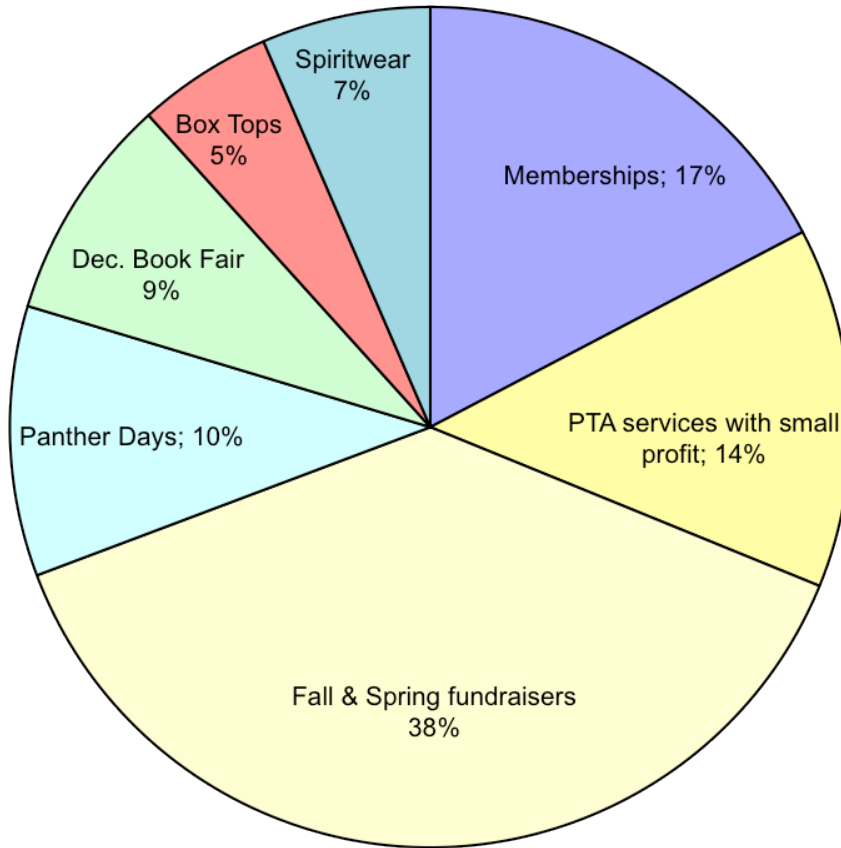
Your First Name: _____ Your Last Name: _____

Your Youngest Child's name: _____ Teacher: _____

Your Email: _____ (this is the way we communicate most of our news to you)

Best phone # to reach you: _____ (please provide a working phone number)

PTA Income Sources 2011-2012
projected income \$11,500



Updated income available upon request.

What we do..... The East Prairie PTA is very active in working to enrich students' lives. 80% of the income raised goes directly to students & families. Here are some of the things we have accomplished together.

BooHoo Breakfast for kindergarten parents – Aug.
 Organizing parent volunteers in classrooms
 Family Reading Night – March
 Teacher Appreciation Luncheon and Gifts – May
 Family Movie Night
 Bike Helmet Sale – May
 Family Picnic – June
 Reflections National Art Contest – Nov-Jan
 Class parties – room parents

Fun Fair – Oct.
 Book Fair – Dec.
 School Calendar
 Gym Clothes
 Pre-packed School Supplies
 Family Art Nights
 Bus Volunteers in August
 Educational Student Assemblies
 Recycling awareness