

Owen PTA MYTHBUSTERS

Myth: *The PTA is just for stay-at-home moms.*

FACT: *The PTA is for everyone!* Our volunteers are teachers, mothers, fathers and others who fill those roles. We have a wide range of volunteers who: stay-at-home; work part-time to full-time; have little ones at home, preschoolers, high schoolers and/or college students; are continuing their own education; and more. We are parents who work hard to give our children amazing opportunities they would not otherwise have at Owen. We are from diverse backgrounds working together with the common goal of providing a wonderful 6 years for our students at Owen Elementary School.

Myth: *The PTA has all the help they need and volunteering for the PTA takes too much time.*

FACT: The PTA welcomes everyone and continues to need volunteers for various events, fundraisers, and committees year-round. **We need you!** Only YOU can decide how much time you can give. Even if you can help at just one event or handle one task per year, it would be greatly appreciated.

Myth: *If I pay my membership dues for the PTA, I have to volunteer and/or attend meetings.*

FACT: No! **Your \$20 membership does not come with any strings attached.** As a PTA member, you receive the benefits of access to the Owen directory of students and reduced rates to Owen PTA activities. Most importantly, as a PTA member you will have the knowledge that you are financially contributing to the PTA to help fund over 30 events at Owen that will provide educational and social enrichment for all students.

Myth: *PTA volunteers need to be at the school during the day.*

FACT: Much of the PTA work can be done from home on your own schedule, or at events at night or weekends. Yes, there is volunteering during the school day if you are able to do so. But no one does it all, so **choose what works best for you.**

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Myth: *The PTA has the same volunteers year after year and everyone knows each other.*

FACT: While we are fortunate to have dedicated volunteers who return, ***we also welcome new volunteers every year.*** We do strike up friendships and enjoy getting to know one another. This year, we already have several new Committee Chairs and volunteers, and we have not all met each other yet. Our volunteers range from Kindergarten to 5th grade parents, so it's a great chance to get to know parents from other grades you may not have met otherwise.

Myth: *The PTA is all set with their activities and events for the year.*

FACT: Each year, the PTA brings back favorites and tries new activities, fundraisers and events. Those new ideas come from volunteers. While we try to plan ahead, ***it's only the beginning*** of the school year and there's still plenty of time to do even more for the students and school this year. ***We want you to be a part of it all!***

Myth: *Volunteering at the school will be interpreted as an intrusion by the teachers*

FACT: ***Owen would not be the school it is without volunteers!*** Teachers have a lot on their plates and need our help! The PTA provides many volunteer opportunities to enhance your child's experience at Owen. Many PTA sponsored events need volunteers to make them possible. Volunteers are requested through PTA emails and using signup genius. The PTA encourages you to find something you feel passionately about and then volunteer to make sure that event is successful. There are opportunities to do "behind the scene" jobs at home, or opportunities to come into school such as volunteering at parties and events. We have whatever works best for your schedule. ***Consider making a positive contribution to your child's experience at Owen and become a volunteer today!***

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To become a PTA Member or Volunteer for a PTA Event

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