

PTA Fundraising

A new school year means a new PTA Membership drive and talk of PTA fundraising! :) While most of us don't love fundraising, it is what allows our PTA to do so many things for the school, the teachers, and most importantly, the students. Here is a quick run-down of all that PTA pays for:

- **Field Trips** \$6000 (We give each class money to go toward bussing, admittance fees, etc.)
- **School PRIDE T-Shirts** \$2500 (These are the shirts that each child receives at the beginning of the year.)
- **School Improvement Projects** \$10,000 (These come up as needed. Last year, we replaced playground equipment and supplied a new reading room with resources that will benefit ALL classrooms.)
- **Teacher Mini-Grants** \$1500 (Teachers apply for these to help them buy resources/supplies for their classrooms.)
- **5th Grade Honor Night** \$2000 (All 5th graders receive a free memory book and pictures from the ceremony as well as a graduation party at the City.)
- **Play Day** \$1500
- **Cougar Market** \$1500
- We also spend money on things such as Kindergarten Round-Up, the school Marathon, Stampede assemblies, Cougar Reports, Starbase, and staff appreciation. As you can see, these expenditures all benefit your students in some way, either directly or through their classrooms and teachers.

This is why fundraising is so important...these things are not cheap! Our largest fundraiser by far has been JT Enterprises, bringing in around \$11,000 a year, which makes it tough to replace. We also earn money through Appetite for Success events, Bingo Night, Box Tops, Dillons Community Rewards, Fun Night, Spirit Wear, the Book Fair, and PTA member dues.

Based on survey feedback we received from families last year, we are going to host a JT Enterprises fundraiser again this year, as that money is hard to replace and we know some of you prefer that method of contributing to the school. Your packets will be coming home soon!

NEW THIS YEAR:

For those of you that like to donate directly to the PTA, you are always welcome to do so. We don't turn anything down! :) Here is an opportunity to do it as a part of your PTA membership. Here are some suggested donation levels:

Gold PTA Member: \$100 (equal to one teacher mini-grant!)

Silver PTA Member: \$50 (sends about 4 students on a field trip!)

Bronze PTA Member: \$25 (pays for 5 school PRIDE t-shirts free to students!)

PTA Member: \$5 (helps with prizes for Cougar Market and Stampede assemblies!)

As always, we are so appreciative of your support! **YOU** make these things happen at Stewart for the students...

THANK YOU!!!!

Membership form is on the back ----->>>>