

**BE INFORMED. BE INVOLVED. BE PTSO!**

Join the Charlotte Lab School Parent Teacher Student Organization Today!

**PTSO Kickoff Meeting with School Update by Dr. Mary Moss Brown**  
 Tuesday September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm – Charlotte Lab School  
 All Parents are Invited – Childcare will be Provided

**HOW DID THE PTSO HELP CHARLOTTE LAB SCHOOL LAST YEAR?**

- \$1000 Towards New Strings Program for Music
- Speaker Sound System
- Financial Contribution to Tutor Background Checks
- \$4200 Software Purchase for Automated School Lunch System
- \$1100 for Additional Year (2018/2019) of School Lunch System
- \$1000 Initial Funding for Families in Need Support Fund
- \$2000+ Toward New Library Books
- \$500 to Assist with 2017 Teacher Retreat
- \$2500+ to Art Supplies
- Back to School Teacher Supplies
- Volunteers assisted in the planning of events that raised over \$2700 in dining out, \$2500 with rebate programs, \$8500 in book fair profits, \$3000 in membership dues and \$8000 in family/spirit events.
- Much appreciated coordination of volunteers in the office, tutoring, creating the yearbook, taking school pictures, managing the book fair, organizing family events and SO MUCH MORE!!!

**HOW DO YOU BECOME A MEMBER OF THE CHARLOTTE LAB SCHOOL PTSO?**

Return this form & your annual membership dues (\$20.00 per family) to the PTSO Mailbox in the front office or in your child’s backpack in an envelope marked “PTSO.” Cash (exact change,) money orders, and checks payable to “Charlotte Lab School” are accepted (write “PTSO Dues” in the memo line for money orders & checks). Returned checks incur applicable fees.

**Adult Member #1 Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Adult Member #2 Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Contact Method:** Phone / Email

**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student’s Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade (s)** \_\_\_\_\_

- I am joining the PTSO for the 2017/2018 school calendar year @ \$20/family
- I am interested in joining the PTSO, but unable to pay at this time.
- I would like to sponsor a teacher membership or another Lab school family membership – suggested donation of \$20

Charlotte Lab School PTSO wants ALL parents to be active and involved! Membership fees should not get in the way of family participation.

**Payment Enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTIONS?** Contact Tracey Rosenberg, PTSO President (tracey\_rosenberg@yahoo.com) or Corinne Connor, PTSO Vice President (corinneconnor@gmail.com)



CHARLOTTE LAB SCHOOL PTSO is looking for volunteers to support many different roles that directly enhance the student experience at school. There are open committee positions for the 2017/2018 school year – contact us today to be involved! [PTSO@charlottelabschool.org](mailto:PTSO@charlottelabschool.org)

## WHY JOIN THE PTSO?

**Reason #1: Your child benefits.** When parents get connected to the school, children get better grades, do better on tests, and have fewer discipline problems. When you build a relationship with your child's teachers, principal, and office staff, it will be far easier to communicate throughout the year.

**Reason #2: You will be in the know.** The PTSO knows what's happening with the school, who's involved, and usually plans many of the events.

**Reason #3: You'll tap into a network.** PTSO functions are opportunities to meet other parents and teachers, to build rapport and discuss issues that are on your mind. You can share ideas, concerns, and experiences to make the school year better for everyone.

**Reason #4: You can be part of the solution.** By getting involved at your child's school you can help make positive changes. Local PTSOs play an important role in fundraising to provide building improvements, curriculum-based programs, and social events.

**Reason #5: You can meet other parents.** The common bond all parents of school-aged children share is that we care about creating the best possible educational experience for our kids. We are neighbors and peers and as a result, many friendships are forged via this connection.

**Reason #6: Your child will feel a sense of pride.** Being part of the PTSO will, in most cases, make your kids proud of you. They may not admit it (they may even grumble), but they will feel proud that their parents are involved in improving their school's well-being.

**Reason #7: You can have fun while doing good.** Volunteer work shouldn't be drudgery. Because we work together towards one goal, we have a great time doing it.

**Reason #8: Your voice can be heard.** PTSO can be a way for you to more effectively effect change at your child's school.

**Reason #9: You can share your skills.** Your child will beam for weeks after his parent comes to school and shares his career, hobby, or even just their time helping out at the school book fair or walking the class to Imagination for library.

**Reason #10: You can show that you care.** By becoming a PTSO member, you're also becoming a role model and demonstrating to your child the importance you place on education as well as on being involved in their world.