



# Welcome New Families!

The Edith C. Baker School Parent-Teacher-Organization (PTO) welcomes you! Our PTO promotes the education and enrichment of all students through school-wide activities and direct support to classroom teachers. All parents of Baker students are members of our PTO and we encourage you to take an active role in your child's experience.

## ***What Does the PTO Do?***

### **PTO Sponsors and Assists with School Events**

- Fall Welcome Coffees for Parents
- Back to School Breakfast for Students
- Monthly Coffees with the Principal
- Convocation for Students
- School Picture Day
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Game Night
- Science Night
- Understanding Disabilities Program
- Spring Spree "Green" Fair
- Sock Hop Dance
- School Musicals
- Teacher and Staff Appreciation Luncheon
- Graduation for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

### **PTO Supports Classroom Teachers and Programs**

PTO provides direct financial support to all classroom teachers with seed money every September and on-going grants throughout the year to fund additional programs as needed.

### **PTO Provides Outreach to Parents**

PTO works closely with parents through our Room Parent program where parents volunteer to be a contact person in their classroom to help build community.

## ***How Does It Work?***

Through parents' yearly financial donations to our Annual Fund, we are able to provide the resources to fund these vital elements of our school. We also rely on volunteer parent involvement to plan, oversee and staff these activities. Whether you have a semester or an hour to give, there is a place for you!

## ***How Can the PTO Help You?***

### **1. Share your Email Address**

Please go online to our website:

[www.bakerschoolpto.org/new-family-info](http://www.bakerschoolpto.org/new-family-info)

By joining our mailing list, you will receive our newsletter as well as notices about school events and opportunities to volunteer throughout the year.

### **2. Volunteer**

It's a great way to meet other parents and learn about our community! Learn about the PTO at [www.bakerschoolpto.org](http://www.bakerschoolpto.org)

### **3. Contact Us**

Our email address is [bakerpto@gmail.com](mailto:bakerpto@gmail.com).

Contact us any time with questions or concerns. We look forward to meeting you!

## ***Save the Date!***

The Baker School PTO is holding our first annual Spring Spree on Sunday, April 29th, 2012 from 2-5pm at school. The Spring Spree will be a green-themed afternoon of outdoor activities including eco-friendly crafts, entertainment, healthy food, and a Fun Run for K-8th grade students. The event will bring the Baker School community together in an enjoyable and healthy way, and will be the chief PTO fundraiser of the year. New families are welcome to attend! Please visit [www.bakersspringspree.org](http://www.bakersspringspree.org) for details.