



Dear Banyan Families,

Welcome to a brand-new school year at Banyan Elementary! We are thrilled to have your family as part of our community and look forward to an exciting year together. The **Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)** is here to enhance your child's experience and create meaningful connections among families, teachers and staff.

Our PTO thrives because of parents like you. Whether through volunteering, joining events, or supporting our initiatives, your participation makes a lasting difference.

Ways to Get Involved:

1. Join the PTO each year

Annual dues help us fund activities that directly benefit students and staff.

- Suggested donation: \$50 (or any amount that is feasible for your family)
- Submit by Sept. 30 via: (We will accept throughout the year. Payment by September helps budget for this current year.)
- Venmo: **@Banyan-PTO**



or scan QR code

- Zelle: Banyanpto@gmail.com
- Checks payable to **Banyan PTO**

2. **Volunteer for a committee or chair position:** We need volunteers throughout the year! Committee work is flexible, fun, and a great way to meet other parents!

2025-2026 Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Back-to-School** Ice Cream Social – **Sept 6** [CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)
- Scholastic Book Fair – **Oct 13–15** (Chair: Maya Frungillo)
- Parents' Night Out – **Nov 15** (Chairs: Sarah Theodore & Regina Tully)
- Holiday Shop – **Dec 8–10** (Chair: Jennie Rossini)
- Valentine's Day Dance – **Feb 6** (Chairs: Open)
- Family Bingo Night – **Apr 17** (Chair: Amy Thaler)
- Teacher Appreciation Week – **May 4–8** (Chairs: Open)
- 8th Grade Lock-In – **June 12** (planning begins in February with 8th grade parents - look out for an email)



Sign up to volunteer: Complete the Google Form or scan the QR code

[Click here to volunteer-Banyan PTO: Let's support the school together!](#)

3. Get Connected with a Mentor Parent:

New to Banyan? A Mentor Parent can help answer your questions about events and procedures.

If you are a returning family, consider becoming a mentor for a new parent!

- Email BanyanPTO@gmail.com or fill out the Google Form above to sign up.

4. Stay Connected:

- Check the school's elementary calendar and Smore's newsletters for updates
- Watch for PTO emails with important reminders and event details

What Your PTO Supports

- Assemblies, dances, shows, and school-wide celebrations
- Field trips and enrichment activities
- Teacher and staff appreciation events

We look forward to seeing you at our **first PTO meeting** on **Tuesday September 23 @7p.m. on Zoom.**

Kind Regards,

Your PTO Executive Board

Mary Hosford, President - Parent of Leila 8th grader

Regina Tully, VP - Parent of John 8th grader

Lesly Borda, Treasurer - Parent of Camilo 7th grader

Mona Shalash, Secretary - Parent of Tahsin 3rd grader



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