



Charlton PTO - Promoting the Welfare of Children and Youth in Home, School and Community

Who we are: The Charlton PTO is a group of parents and teachers working to enhance the education of Charlton's over 1,700 elementary and middle school children (grades PreK-8). The PTO provides opportunities for parents to get involved with their child's school and meet with other parents to discuss common concerns. The annual PTO membership drive is in September although you may join at any time. Look for the membership form to come home with your student or online on our webpage www.dcrsc.org/CPTO/CPTO_index.html. (Our page is also accessible from a link on each Charlton school's page.)

Over the years, the PTO has provided hundreds of thousands of dollars for curriculum enhancements, enrichment programs, field trips, technology, and more. Without this funding from the PTO, the students would not experience many of these programs, events, field trips, and latest technology.

What we do:

The PTO provides the funds to supplement and to enhance the curriculum of the public elementary and middle schools by funding and providing educational, scientific, health/wellness and cultural services and programs.

The PTO identifies and maintains a database of volunteers. The volunteer coordinators assist in connecting volunteers with opportunities within the schools and for PTO sponsored events and services. Through out the year, the PTO coordinates various family and teacher events to foster community, show support and appreciation to teachers and staff, and raise much needed funds.

PTO fundraisers are conducted to provide the means to advance our students. The financial support and volunteer time provided through PTO efforts will be used in the manner as deemed appropriate by administration, and as approved through general PTO and board meetings. Use of funds will support scholastic, social and technological advancement.

How can you help?

- Support fundraisers and events - a variety are offered throughout the year as no one fundraiser or event raises enough to meet our budget and families favor some over others. **No one is ever required to participate. Students are never asked to sell door to door. We greatly appreciate any and all purchases made.**
- Make a monetary donation, at any time, with a check payable to Charlton PTO.
- The PTO is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization (ID# 04-3199952). You may be able to double your contributions if your company offers a matching gift/grant program. Our mailing address is 2 Oxford Rd. Charlton MA 01507.
- Volunteer – for an hour activity or chairing and planning a function --- any and all time is appreciated.
- Clip and collect *Box Tops for Education* coupons - we can redeem up to \$20,000 for each school a year. An additional \$20,000 per school may be earned using the Box Tops for Education website to link to online shopping.
- Clip and collect *Tyson* product labels – we can redeem them for \$.24 each.
- Purchase gift cards from the SCRIP program throughout the year; not only for gifts but to use for your everyday spending. (Order/distribution held periodically during year.)
- *Tools for Schools* - Designate a school to receive points based on your shopping with your Price Chopper Rewards card. (This is an annual program and you must re-enroll each September.)
- Clip and collect *Campbell's* product UPCs - we earn points which the schools may then redeem for equipment.
- Used Ink Jet cartridges - we received \$.25 to \$4 for each cartridge submitted.
- Cell phones - we are paid for submitted phones.
- Donate goods or services – to maximize the money we can use for direct student support, the PTO relies on donations to reduce operating overhead. Some examples of donations that are always greatly appreciated:

<i>Items for Raffles/Drawings</i>	<i>Supermarket Gift Cards</i>	<i>Gift Cards /Certificates</i>
<i>Copy paper</i>	<i>Paper goods (plates, utensils, napkins, cups)</i>	<i>Bottled water / Soda</i>
<i>Ice (sno-cones & chill drinks at events)</i>	<i>Printing Services (raffle tickets, brochures)</i>	
- Attend a PTO meeting, complete surveys, share your ideas and opinions to guide us.

Questions? Suggestions? Please contact any PTO officer or write to charltonpto@yahoo.com.