

# What's in it for STUDENTS?

Benefits of PTA Membership affect each child in the classroom, the individual member and the school community.

## The following are PTA benefits for *students*.

The purposes of PTA have one overriding principle in common: **to promote student success.**

PTAs promote parent and community involvement that is designed to improve student learning, health and well-being. Thirty years of research proves that students do better when parents are involved. No matter what their income or background, students are more likely to:

- ♥ Earn higher grade and test scores;
- ♥ Enroll in higher-level programs;
- ♥ Be promoted, pass their classes and earn credits;
- ♥ Attend school regularly;
- ♥ Have better social skills, show improved behavior, and adapt well to school; and
- ♥ Graduate and go on to post-secondary education. \*

How is this accomplished?

PTA programs and PTA-supported programs

- ♥ Inform parents about what their child is learning;
- ♥ Promote high standards for student work;
- ♥ Give parents tools to assist their children at home and guide them through school;
- ♥ Promote discussion about improving student progress; and
- ♥ Help families recognize good teaching.

\* From "A new Wave of Evidence: The Impact of school, Family and Community Connections on Student Achievement", Karen L. Mapp and Anne T. Henderson. Southwest Educational Development Laboratory, 2002

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