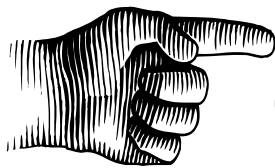


TOP 10 REASONS



why YOU
should JOIN the



- 10.** It's for every parent. *Your voice and ideas can help improve the quality of education for your children and their peers.*
- 9.** It's flexible. *The PTO has progressed to meet the changing needs of parents. There are a variety of ways parents can help and be involved in the PTO depending on your availability.*
- 8.** Your membership is one of our primary fundraisers. *The PTO relies on your membership funds to provide educational and social services for all Wilson Creek children, teachers and staff.*
- 7.** You'll be a role model. *You'll show your children that not only are they important to you, but their education is as well. They'll see you taking a stand to make education better for them, and chances are they'll do the same.*
- 6.** You'll be there. *The elementary school years go quickly! They are also the years where your children WANT and LOVE to see you at their school.*
- 5.** You'll make a difference. *By volunteering with the PTO, you'll be able to use your skills for a noble cause – to help create the best educational environment possible for our children.*
- 4.** You'll be part of a network. *Every PTO function is an opportunity to meet other parents in the same situation as you. You will be connected with a group of parents who share a common goal of improving Wilson Creek Elementary for all children.*
- 3.** You'll get connected. *There's no better way to know what's going on at the school than to be in the school's PTO. You'll get to know teachers and administrators on a familiar basis.*
- 2.** It's important to the school. *PTO provides support to teachers and administrators, and creates a caring and supportive atmosphere in the school. With all of the budget cuts, schools are becoming more dependent on parent groups.*

AND THE #1 REASON... **It's good for your child!** *Research shows that children whose parents are involved in their school make better grades and have fewer disciplinary problems at school. When parents get plugged in at school, their children do better.*

The more time you take out of your day to become involved with your child's education, the better. Being an involved parent can be as simple as helping your child with homework or even just reading together. You don't have to make the PTO a full-time job to make a difference. However, volunteering occasionally and attending school events really does matter. Showing your child you value education will teach them to value it as well.