



H.L. Johnson Elementary PTO

What is HLJ PTO All About?

Our mission is to create the kind of school community where teachers and administrators can do their best work – and so can our children. We provide support for teachers in and out of the classroom. We provide resources they need. We help create learning opportunities for children. And we try to build the kind of supportive, caring atmosphere that makes school fun. To achieve this mission and afford services no longer covered by school budgets, we fundraise.

What Programs/Events Does PTO Manage?

- ✿ Coordinating Volunteers (PTO events, Copy Center, Media Center, Popcorn Fridays, Cafeteria Helpers, Book Fairs)
- ✿ Family Night Events (Grandparent's Night, Boo Bingo, Valentine's Dance, etc.)
- ✿ Fall Catalog and Cookie Dough Fundraiser
- ✿ Holiday Shops (December and May)
- ✿ School Store (students can shop before school twice weekly)
- ✿ Teacher & Staff Appreciation
- ✿ Business Partner Retention & Recruitment
- ✿ Collaborating with Team Green

How does PTO do it?

With dedicated volunteers, like you! Think you don't have time? Even 1 hour makes a difference and is appreciated! We will honor your time constraints and won't push you to commit more than you want to or are able to. Grandparents are always welcome to volunteer, as well! As you can see from the list, there are opportunities to help in a variety of ways!

H.L. Johnson PTO Doesn't Stop Working in the Summer!

- ✿ Join our Facebook Group to stay involved this summer! Our group is a great way to connect with other parents and get your questions answered by veteran HLJ parents.
[Facebook.com/groups/hljohnsonpto](https://www.facebook.com/groups/hljohnsonpto)
- ✿ Like the official H.L. Johnson Elementary School Facebook Page for school provided information! [Facebook.com/HLJohnsonES](https://www.facebook.com/HLJohnsonES)
- ✿ You can also follow HLJ on Twitter @HLJJaguars

Look for the PTO Welcome Packet at the start of the school year! This packet will contain the PTO Membership form, information about volunteering, ordering spirit shirts, purchasing a birthday bag for your student, purchasing popcorn for the entire year and information about adopting your student's class.

Examples of Volunteer Opportunities

- ❖ Copy Center – Volunteers are needed each day to make copies for teachers. Help when you can, or signup for the same day each week.
- ❖ Popcorn – Once per month students can purchase a bag of popcorn. Help pop, bag and deliver popcorn to the classrooms.
- ❖ Rita's Ice – After school on Fridays from 1:15-2:15pm, Rita's Ice is available for purchase in the courtyard. Helpers are needed to meet the Rita's worker and help collect money and serve ice.
- ❖ Family Night Events – We hold events almost every month in the evening with a theme. Examples: Boo Bingo, Grandparent's Night, Valentine's Dance, STEAM Night, and Painting Night. Volunteers are always needed to decorate, serve, and help cleanup.
- ❖ Holiday Shops – In December there is a holiday shop for students to purchase gifts for family and friends and in May a shop for Mother's Day/Teacher Appreciation. Volunteers are needed to help the students shop, budget money, etc. during these shops.
- ❖ Garden Committee – This group works on various beautification projects throughout the year. Usually these are done during or immediately after the school day.
- ❖ Team Green – Responsible for managing Green Days (students bring in recyclables to be entered in a contest; collections are during lunchtime) and helping with various green efforts around school (school cleanup, green club, etc.).
- ❖ Fall Carnival – We are planning a Carnival for the 2018-19 school year and will be looking for all types of help and will send out more information as we begin planning.

Important Information About Volunteering

- ❖ You MUST register through the Palm Beach County School District raptor computer system AND be cleared, before you can volunteer at school. This can be done in the main office, or at Meet the Teacher in August (computer lab).
- ❖ PTO uses Signup.com to manage the large amount of volunteer opportunities available. At Meet the Teacher and in the Welcome Packet, you will find the link to the H.L. Johnson Group page. All opportunities will be posted to this page (exception is in-class opportunities offered by your student's teacher). There will be a Volunteer Interest Signup at the start of the year where you can register for any areas you are interested in helping. When schedules for those specific events are posted, you will then receive an email. Signup will also automatically email you a reminder when you have registered to volunteer for something. Only your name, email and phone number are needed and you do NOT have to register for an account with Signup.com to participate.
- ❖ We LOVE new volunteers! Whether you can help for 1 hour, or more we want you!

If you have questions, feel free to contact PTO President, Julie Highsmith at hljjaguarpto@gmail.com, or reach out to us on Facebook!

If you own a business, or know of a business that may be interested in partnering with the school next year, please contact Julie (email above).