



10 Reasons to Join

Reinberg Elementary School Parent Teacher Council

- 1.** Ok you pay your taxes but budgets at every school are tight. Money raised in school fundraisers is often used to pay for those little extras that can make a school a bit special be it an interactive whiteboard or a school trip to the theatre.
- 2.** Knowing that they can (within reason) predict a certain level of fundraised extra income each year will allow your school principal and Local School Council to plan an effective and realistic budget.
- 3.** Helping at PTC fundraising events helps you get to know your kid's teachers better understand the way the school works with challenges and joys the teachers find in their work.
- 4.** Being part of the PTC helps you get to know other parents and their children. This is important for school matters but also great for a more active social life!
- 5.** By joining the PTC you have the chance to promote and enhance your school's standing within your local community.
- 6.** Although occasionally embarrassed (watch older kids squirm as you talk to teachers and other parents) most children do actually like to know that you are there for them, taking an interest and sharing their experience.
- 7.** Talking to other parents helps you and them. As we all find out, kids don't come with instructions. No sooner do we feel we have learned to deal with one thing and there is something else to address. Sharing experiences and parenting tips helps us all. Often this is as simple as knowing the ratio of 'incidents' and problems in other households. *"Phew maybe we're not a 'problem family' after all!"*
- 8.** If you work it out the commitment is not too much. The occasional morning meeting and/or other school fundraiser.
- 9.** Everyone has different talents and skills they can bring to the PTC. The best PTC's are inclusive and find ways of incorporating all the different things that people can offer.

Similarly parents are a great interface between the school and the 'outside world'. Very handy for soliciting raffle prizes, sponsorship other gifts in kind or professional help.
- 10.** It is actually quite fun to watch the kids enjoy themselves at a school dance or during a school activity.

If you have not yet discovered the joy of helping your school's Parent Teacher Council please think about it. It's a great way to help our school, our kids and build the sort of community we all want to live in.