



Top 10 Reasons to Get Involved with the Barrett PTA

1. **Your child benefits**

When parents get connected to the school, children do better. Research shows that children whose parents are involved get better grades.

2. **We make a difference**

Our mission is to create the kind of school community where teachers and administrators can do their best work - and so can our children.

3. **We will honor your time constraints**

People are often reluctant to participate because they're afraid they will get pulled into a black hole of time commitments. That won't happen with us. We won't push you to commit to more than you want to or are able to do.

4. **We have fun**

Volunteer work shouldn't be dull but not everything we do is easy. We accomplish a lot but we don't take ourselves too seriously and we enjoy ourselves along the way.

5. **Meet nice people who share your concerns.**

We all have a common bond. We care about creating the best possible educational experience for our children. We are all neighbors and peers. Who knows what friendships will develop?

6. **There's a lot to be done**

We all know our schools have to do more with less. Our help is needed more than ever to fill the gaps in funding.

7. **We can match jobs with your interests and abilities**

Our work covers a broad spectrum and we encourage creative ideas. We are thrilled to have people take on tasks that meet their skills and interests.

8. **We are welcoming**

There are no "outsiders". We have come together to work towards common goals and we couldn't be happier to have you join us to meet those goals.

9. **We are about parent involvement, not just fundraising**

Parent groups everywhere have to fill in the gaps but our number one goal is to get more parents connected to Barrett. Research shows that building parent involvement in education is the number one thing we can do to create a great school and improve student performance.

10. **The work is very rewarding**

Creating bonds, working towards common goals, making school activities fun - there are lots of rewards, both big and small, for those who get involved.