



The Montessori Academy PTO is a fraternal organization comprised of parents, family members, teacher and staff of Montessorians. Our primary purpose is to enhance the children's learning experience by promoting the methods, skills and values taught by Montessori Education.

## Become a Montessori Academy PTO Patron and Help Lead Your Child to Success!

**Did you know?** Research shows that when parents are involved in their children's education, the children are more likely to:

- ❖ Earn better grades
- ❖ Have better social skills
- ❖ Pass their classes
- ❖ Be more positive in their attitude toward school
- ❖ Score higher on tests
- ❖ Attend school regularly
- ❖ Show improved behavior
- ❖ Graduate and continue their education

## Benefits of Being a Montessori Academy PTO Patron

Join the PTO today and you and your Montessori child(ren) will have unlimited rides and access to this year's stellar line up of activities. Montessori families know the value of time spent after hours watching our children socialize with classmates and teachers, meeting other parents and making new friends. Activities such as hayrides, games, delicious food and atmosphere make our PTO events a true Montessori Academy tradition! This year's events include:

### Winter Fest

Come celebrate Winter South Florida style with bounce houses, games, food and more! (December 12)

### Egg/Scavenger Hunt

This popular event allows our smaller children to hunt for eggs while our elementary school children enjoy a fun-filled scavenger hunt! (March 25)

### Book Fair

Kick start the year by reading with your child and supporting this important fundraiser. This is also a great opportunity to enhance your child's classroom library. (September 14-18)

### Under the Stars/Book Fair

Part of the Montessori Academy's literacy program, this event promotes "reading is fun" and is a great opportunity to get ready for Spring and Summer with new books to read with your child. (February 26)

### Great American Fundraiser

Start your holiday shopping early and support the school with this fundraiser. (September 14-30)

### Teacher Appreciation Week

We take this opportunity to show our appreciation for the great work our teachers do. (February 8-12)

### Pumpkin Patch

Hayrides, face painting, bounce houses, games and more! Your child can also pick his or her pumpkin for the school's Fall Fest class art project. This event is so popular that we recommend ordering your pumpkins early! (October 22)

### Multicultural Celebration

This grand finale event showcases the beautiful diversity that Montessori Academy offers! A celebration of food and fellowship allows us to solidify the relationships we have made in the past year. A special ceremony recognizing all Montessori Patrons and Leaders will be held at our Multicultural Event. (April 24)

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FUTURE LEADERS  
WITH THEIR FAMILIES!



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**Did you know?** Schools with involved parents enjoy better morale among teachers, higher ratings of teachers by parents, more support from families, and a better reputation in the community. A three-year study of 12,000 high school students concluded that "When parents come to school regularly, it reinforces the view in the child's mind that school and home are connected and that school is an integral part of the whole family's life."

## Join the Montessori Academy PTO

**Yes, I/We would like to join the Montessori Academy PTO.** Membership is valid for the 2009-2010 school year (ends June 2010).

**\$35 Proud Patron**

Montessori children and their parents/caregivers will have unlimited rides and access to activities. You will also be added to our Tribute Wall for your classroom and will be recognized at a special ceremony at our Multicultural Celebration.

**Additional Donation** \_\_\_\_\_

**\$250 Proud Partner**

As a Proud Partner of the Montessori Academy PTO, we will help showcase your business each month to all Montessori families with a business card ad each month in our PTO newsletter. You will also be added to our Tribute Wall for Proud Partners and will be recognized at a special ceremony at our Multicultural Event.

As a volunteer organization, we are always grateful for donations and sponsorships. Please indicate your commitment:  
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## Leaders and Future Leaders

Show your child(ren) that you are an involved parent/caregiver by sharing your time and talents as a PTO volunteer. You will meet more parents, make friends and show your child that you care about his or her experience at Montessori.

**Yes, I/We would like to lead by example and help raise future leaders!**

### Benefits of Being a Montessori Academy PTO Leader



We are asking that all leaders share a minimum of 7 hours of their time and talents this year. You may choose to do 2 hours here and 2 hours there. Or you might choose to share all 7 hours on one event.

**I/we would like to be a volunteer for:** (2 hours minimum per event please)

Book Fair (Sept. 14-18)	Number of Hours: _____	Under the Stars/Book Fair (Feb. 26)	Number of Hours: _____
Great American Fundraiser (Sept. 14-30)	Number of Hours: _____	Multicultural Celebration (April 24)	Number of Hours: _____
Pumpkin Patch (Oct. 22)	Number of Hours: _____	Not sure yet. Please email me.	Number of Hours: _____
Winter Fest (Dec. 12)	Number of Hours: _____		

**Contact Information:**

Parent/Caregiver First & Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Child First & Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_

Child First & Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_

Child First & Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Caregiver Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment:**

I would like to pay by check      Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to pay by Paypal or Credit Card. Please email me a bill so I can pay online. My email address is: \_\_\_\_\_

**[In order to maximize the benefits for yourself and your Future Leader, please submit application by September 1, 2009]**