



PTA

The PTA (Parent Teacher Association) is a non-profit, parent/teacher organization that enhances student education through volunteer efforts and school-specific programs. Each school has its own PTA focused on child advocacy, community building events, parent education & classroom volunteer support.

Donations to a school's PTA supports:

- Field trips
- Art in Action
- Classroom Materials
- Student Periodicals & Books
- Playground and P.E. Equipment
- Assemblies
- Technology
- Family Social events

Support your PTA with donations and your time. There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer including:

- ✓ Volunteer in the classroom
- ✓ Chaperone field trips
- ✓ Organize school events, fundraise and serve on the PTA board

To provide these programs, PTAs fundraise between August and October for the current school year. Each PTA requests a different amount annually to support their programs. This amount ranges between approx. \$250 to \$500.



School-Force

School-Force, the Belmont-Redwood Shores Education Foundation, was started by parents in 2001 as a non-profit organization to contribute to the school district's budget. It was created because state funding no longer provides sufficient funding for our district's budget & regulations leave PTA groups unable to fund staff to provide programs like science, music and counseling.

School-Force donations enable:

- Instrumental & Choral Music
- Librarians & Teacher Aides
- Science & reading specialists
- Teacher salaries (keeping class sizes lower)
- Technology
- Deans & Counseling at Ralston
- Ralston After School Sports
- Ralston Music Boosters

Contributing to our education foundation is the best way that we, as parents, can raise funds to:

- ✓ Hire teachers to keep up with enrollment growth (rather than increase class sizes)
- ✓ Keep programs such as music, provide reading & science specialists, and keep our libraries open

School-Force fundraises November to June. *Donations made by June 30th this year will directly benefit your kindergartener next school year.* The donation ask is \$1500 per child.

When PTA makes one piece of the puzzle possible...

PTAs purchase books...

Parents volunteer in the classroom...



...School-Force can complete the picture by funding the necessary staff.

...School-Force funds librarians

...Donations to School-Force keep class sizes low by funding classroom teachers