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**Colony Meadows Elementary School**

**2013-2014 PTO Membership**

**Tiger Drive**

Welcome to the 2013-2014 school year at Colony Meadows Elementary! CME ROCKS! And with your support of the PTO we will ROCK into a fantastic year! Please join the PTO today. Here is a bit of information about the PTO at CME.

**What is PTO?** PTO is a group of parents and teachers working together to continuously improve our school.

**How much does PTO spend on my child and how does my child benefit?** We spend approximately **$90 per child** each year on programs for the enrichment of our students and teachers. The PTO budget covers all school field trips for each grade, the science fair, educational school programming brought into the school by the PTO Board (Mad Science amongst many others), the guided reading library, scholastic news magazines and many other educational opportunities for our children. These are direct costs for your children that are paid solely from the contributions you and other families make to our school. The school district does not provide for many of the programs and teaching materials which are used to enrich our school curriculum. The soccer field, benches, track for the fun run and recess break are all things that have also been contributed to the school through family contributions.

**What you give to us goes back to you through the enjoyment, enhancement and success of your children. Any contribution will be appreciated. For more detailed information on the PTO Budget, please go to** [**www.cmepto.org**](http://www.cmepto.org)**.**

**Do you have to donate money to be part of CME PTO?** No. However, unlike other schools where families must pay each time there is a field trip, science fair, class party or other class project, we raise funds for these activities and pay for them from the PTO budget. This is a great advantage for CME families as you can write one check rather than ten. If you choose not to donate (or even if you do!), we also need some of your time, your enthusiasm and your talent and energy to work with the children, teachers and staff and to make Colony Meadows the top Elementary School in Fort Bend County.

**Is my contribution tax deductible?**  Absolutely! We will send out tax forms in December 2013 recognizing your contribution and serving as a tax record.

**How do I join?** Please complete the attached form, **one per family**, showing your interest and commitment to CME and return it to your child’s homeroom teacher by **SEPTEMBER 13th**. Checks should be made payable to **CME PTO.** Don't forget to check with your employer about matching gifts since many corporations nationwide will match employee donations! Show your support for our school and most importantly our children. If you have ANY questions, please contact us at [cbohovich@aol.com](mailto:cbohovich@aol.com) or pvennema@gmail.com. We are here to help!

**Caroline Bohovich and Patricia Vennema**

**PTO Membership Chairpersons**

**Colony Meadows PTO Membership Form**

**O**ur family would like to contribute to the 2013-2014 Tiger Drive to provide funds for our child's educational curriculum as follows: check one of the lines below and return with check (one per family) made out to CME PTO to your child’s teacher by September 13th.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Friends of the PTO** (0-$89.00)

\_\_\_\_\_ **\*Tiger Club Level** ($90-$149.00)

\_\_\_\_\_ **\*Bengal Tiger Level** ($150-$249.00)

\_\_\_\_\_ **\*White "Royal" Bengal Tiger Level** ($250+)

\_\_\_\_\_ **YES! I want to join the CME PTO but cannot donate this time**

***PTO spends $90 per child during the year!***

Parent name(s)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Student Name (First and Last)** **Grade**  **Homeroom Teacher**

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF CME- CME PARENTS ROCK!

***\*Tiger level donations are listed in the school directory.***