

5 Reasons You Should Volunteer

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1. VOLUNTEERS MAKE SCHOOLS BETTER

Our teachers, administration, and staff are incredibly resourceful when it comes to getting students what they need. However, the additional support of the PTA can be what makes the difference in bridging the gap — through fundraising and people power.

2. THE PTA ISN'T INTIMIDATING

There are lots of ways to get involved in the PTA that don't require attending meetings. Volunteer at a single event, chair a committee, or simply send in required supplies. We have PTA volunteer opportunities that fit your lifestyle and time constraints. I promise it's not scary and you'll have fun.

3. YOU CAN PLAY TO YOUR STRENGTHS

We know we have a diverse and talented parent community, so please step forward and share your natural talents with us. Find PTA volunteer opportunities within your wheelhouse, and it will be fun and enjoyable for all.

4. VOLUNTEERING IS NETWORKING

Our children provide us with a valuable way to meet people. As they learn, grow, and make new friends, we are naturally presented with opportunities to interact and engage with other adults – parents, teachers, coaches, administrators, etc. Through our children, we often make new friends and connections ourselves.

5. SHOWING UP MATTERS

Children learn by example, and taking an active role in the PTA school- in whatever capacity - makes an important difference. Children spend the bulk of their time at school. Having a presence there shows them that you are invested in their education. It also shows them the importance of being part of a broader community. It gives you the opportunity to role model the value of working together as a part of something bigger. And what child doesn't get excited when they see a parent around their school occasionally?

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Kate de la Mora at <u>volunteer@marengopta.org</u>.



HOW YOU CAN HELP AND GET INVOLVED

JOIN US

JOIN FOR ONLY \$7 PER MEMBERSHIP! Your whole family can join!

NO TIME COMMITMENT OR OBLIGATIONS!

- You are invited to monthly meetings, but you are NOT required to attend.
- You are allowed to vote at a meeting. If you want a voice in the Marengo community, the first step is to become a PTA member.
- You are NOT obligated to volunteer your time. However, we encourage you get involved in your student's school life through the PTA, and we can help show you how. See VOLUNTEER.
- A portion of this fee goes directly to the school, but your membership is a show of support that you want Marengo to have an organized unit of parents, teachers and adminstrators to help enrich the lives of your children.

GIVE

We need funds to put on these FUNraisers, so please give what you can to help enrich the school lives of our students and create community with our families. Scan the QR code.



Please give of your time, creativity and leadership. We need both committee leaders and event volunteers. You can volunteer for one hour or one year. Just sign up and let us know how you want to help.

For up-to-date volunteer opportunities, please go to marengopta.org/volunteer/ or contact volunteer@marengopta.org.

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