## **Spring Road PTO**

## **Our Mission**

The Spring Road PTO mission is to facilitate a relationship between home and school in which parents and teachers cooperate in united efforts to bring the best available educational, physical, social and thought provoking opportunities to all the students of Spring Road Elementary. This relationship shall be promoted through fundraising, providing services to special events and extra-curricular activities, open communication and encouraging student, parent and administration/teacher involvement in social functions.

## What We Do

The Spring Road PTO's number one priority is connecting with parents. Research shows that when parents get involved in their children's education, the children do better in school and the school as a whole becomes more successful. Plus, by getting parents to feel a connection with the school and our group, we'll be able to accomplish much more than we would by trying to do everything with a handful of dedicated people and teachers. The Spring Road PTO's primary objective is to to support our school and our students.

The Spring Road PTO is best known for fundraising. And in these times of shrinking school budgets, that function has taken on increased importance in many communities. And we do spend routine amounts for enrichment programs, teacher appreciation, and support school activities. But we also buy big ticket items – like classroom smart boards.

But successful PTOs don't live to fundraise, they fundraise to live. In other words, we focus on building the kind of school community where teachers and students can do their best work. That means running family events, like Open House, School Dance, Skate Nights, and/or Bingo Night. We organize volunteers to help teachers and office staff with school events. What we can accomplish is as diverse as the needs of our school.

## What We Don't Do?

The Spring Road PTO does NOT collect dues. Don't assume we know it all. There are loads of PTOs with great ideas and experiences you can use for your group. We also don't forget that family comes first.