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Dear Families and Friends of Judith Resnik Elementary School,

Many people think of parent groups as being all about bake sales. Or they think of power-tripping moms ruling their domain, like *Desperate Housewives* and *Harper Valley PTA*. Well, that's good TV, but it's not us.

Judith Resnik Elementary PTA is about men and women working together toward a common goal. That goal is creating a better school and a better educational experience for our children. We strive to create an atmosphere where teachers and administrators can do their best work—and so can our children.

In the past year, we have:

- Raised money to fix our pond and clean up our unique courtyard.
- Purchased two chromebook carts that allow our teachers to fully implement the RCC.
- Organized restaurant nights and fundraisers to raise money for our school.
- Organized social events such as ice cream social, movie night, penguin patch holiday shop, and spring fling, and special breakfasts.
- Initiated disABILITY awareness week and donated over 30 themed books to our school library.
- Organized the book fair.
- Organized after school programs.
- Designed the yearbook.
- Paid for subscription for Brain Pop.
- Paid for our safety patrol picnic.

There's a lot more to be accomplished, and we need your help. Despite what you might see on TV, our parent group is not a bunch of crazed, power-hungry moms. We are moms and dads, uncles and aunts, grandparents, and friends who care about our children and education. We are welcoming and friendly. We are your neighbors, and we share many of the same concerns you do.

But that's not the only reason to take part. There have been more than 500 independent research studies about parent involvement. The results are startling. When parents get involved in their children's education, grades go up, test scores go up, children become more likely to pass and to attend better schools after high school, they have fewer discipline problems, and they're less likely to use drugs and alcohol.

Volunteering doesn't mean a huge time commitment. An hour or two a semester makes a big difference. And we have jobs to fit your time schedule and interests. We even have tasks that don't involve coming to the school at all.

Won't you join us? Just fill out the back of this form and return it to the school, or contact Lori Jean at loriljean1@gmail.com. It's easy—and it really makes a difference!

Sincerely,
Lori Jean
PTA President

I would like to run for a PTA position this year....

- ___ Book Fair Chair (set up and run the fall book fair).
- ___ Directory Chair (put together and distribute our school directory).
- ___ Special Breakfasts Chair (organize our three special breakfast...donuts with dudes, grandparents and muffins with misses).
- ___ Courtyard Committee Chair (organize courtyard cleanings throughout the year).

I cannot run for a position, but I would like to help with...

- ___ The ice cream social
- ___ The book fair
- ___ International Night
- ___ Special Breakfasts
- ___ Teacher Appreciation
- ___ Spring Fling
- ___ Movie Night or Bingo Night
- ___ Maintaining our outdoor courtyard
- ___ Speak at a PTA meeting on a particular topic (topic: _____)
- ___ Other (_____)

Your Name: _____

Student(s) Name and Grade: _____

Email Address: _____

Please plan to attend our first PTA meeting, on October 2, 2018 at 7:00 pm in our media center. You can meet the board and chair members as well as the principal and vice principal. We will discuss what we would like from the PTA in the 2018-2019 school year. Your input matters!!