



The Sherman Parent Teacher Organization (SPTO) would like to welcome you to the 2009-2010 school year. We are a non-profit group governed by an executive board, which is elected by the general membership. Our purpose is to enhance the educational experience for our children. We hold informal open meetings each month and all members are invited to attend and share their thoughts and ideas, as well as to keep informed of ongoing school activities and policies. The SPTO thrives on parental input and we hope all families will join us in our effort to do great things for our school and our children.

On the back of this letter you will find your SPTO Family Membership Form. If you wish to become a member of the SPTO, please fill out the form and return it promptly to the main office. The annual fee is \$20 and check should be made payable to the "SPTO". Upon payment you will become a voting member of the PTO. In addition, you will receive a handy "Note to School" notepad and your family will be included in the Sherman School Directory. This directory contains all Pre-k through 8th grade student class lists, family information (i.e., e-mails, addresses, and telephone numbers of all Sherman School families) – good for party invitations, homework help, play dates, etc., – and other valuable school information all in one convenient booklet.

Please return your membership form in an envelope addressed "SPTO membership" by October 16th. The class with the highest membership return will be awarded an ice-cream party compliments of the SPTO, so be sure to get them in soon – the competition is fierce!

The SPTO looks forward to meeting all new members and hearing their input and fresh ideas. All meetings are held in the cafeteria at 8:30 AM, just after drop-off, on the second Wednesday of each month. Please come and join us for a cup of coffee and learn firsthand what's going on in our school. Children are always welcome!

Sincerely,

Sherman Parent Teacher Organization