



□ *Editor's note: This is one in a series of feature stories concerning organizations that benefit the Imperial area. Volunteering in a community, through organizations, is a way to pay back for the benefits that the community offers an individual.*

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On Oct. 10, 2011 the Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) at Chase County Schools (CCS) was brought into being. The purpose of the organization, according to Elementary Principal Pat Lane, is to support the students and staff at CCS, as well as bringing the kids and their families together in the school.

The group sponsors such events as the Scholastic Book sale, which raises money to purchase books for CCS; and Doughnuts for Dad and Muffins for Mom, two before-school breakfast activities.

PTO has volunteered at Imperial Theatre and has sponsored a movie for grades four through six. It has held ice cream socials for elementary students prior to school starting.

Recently, the organization held a super nacho meal for the Young Americans visiting Imperial.

PTO has also donated books to the ESU #15 Speech Language Services room at CCS, raised money for smart boards and contributed supplies for classrooms.

Other activities are planned, according to President Tonya Wilson, including a family night.

PTO is all volunteer, with parents and community members all welcome. Meetings are held the second Monday of the month from 7-8 p.m. in the elementary art room.

"We want to get more parents involved and have more of a voice in the school," Wilson stated.

Other officers are Tracey Coleman, secretary, and Tiffany Reeves, treasurer. A vice president is needed.