



## Your PTSA at Work: Making a Difference

Look at the list below to see how the Parent Teacher Student Association contributed to the McLean High School community last year (2008-09). With your assistance, we intend to do even better this year. Please show your support by joining the PTSA and participating in our fundraisers.

- Assembled the Guidance Office mailing before the school opening.
- Assembled the "Back to School" packets and provided volunteers for the packet pick up before the first day of school as well as volunteers for sorting the forms returned to the school.
- Organized and served a back-to-school luncheon for the teachers and provided gifts for teachers.
- Created a student directory for sale to parents at Back-to-School Night and throughout the year.
- Provided regular volunteers to fill in for the front office and activities office staffs, and assist in the clinic and library.
- Hosted a potluck dinner for newcomers to McLean the night of the second home football game.
- Prepared and served breakfasts for the teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week and on mini-conference day.
- Assisted in preparations for Senior Ethics Day, including fundraising, and recruitment of over 50 table leaders.
- Sponsored Parent Networking events, including an introduction to McLean High School for rising freshmen.
- Sponsored Health and Wellness programs for parents, including "Energizing the Teenage Brain."
- Sponsored an informational meeting regarding FAIRGRADE and kept the school and parent community informed of communications efforts with the School Board and local press on this issue.
- Provided financial assistance and volunteers to the McLeaders program.
- Prepared and served an end-of-the year luncheon for McLean High School teachers.
- Recognized the secretarial and clinic staff with gifts during Administrative Professionals Appreciation Week.
- Recognized the custodians with small gift certificates before the winter holiday.
- Provided a volunteer ombudsman to present concerns to the PTSA Board and/or the school administration.
- Elicited the support of hundreds of MHS parents for the Safe Community Coalition Resolution to address the problem of underage drinking in McLean.
- Created a bulletin board in the cafeteria to highlight student achievements and helped publicize student and school activities in the local community.
- Advocated for the interests of your students and school through support for the County, State, and National PTA's.
- Represented McLean HS PTSA at the Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council and Cluster I Assistant Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council.
- Represented McLean HS PTSA at the Safe Community Coalition meetings and events.
- Sponsored the Multi-Cultural Night highlighting the cuisine and talents of our international community.
- Recognized administrative staff at end of the year with a lunch and small gifts of appreciation.
- Wrote and edited 7 monthly McLean HighLites electronic newsletters.
- Maintained and updated regularly an informational website, [www.McLeanPTSA.org](http://www.McLeanPTSA.org).
- Facilitated parent sign-up for the Safeway, Giant, and Harris Teeter school support programs; the Giant BonusBucks program generated **\$9,867.45** in funds which were given directly to McLean High School.
- Sponsored an armchair fundraiser that raised a total of **\$21,819** which was given to the school to support vital educational activities; total PTSA donations to the school at the end of the year totaled **\$39,343.70**.
  - Part of the armchair fundraiser included a Student Assistance Fund which provided financial assistance with classroom materials and other education-related needs.
  - The armchair fundraiser was also used to provide funds for staff development, technology, purchases for the library and improvements in the building and grounds.