# Imagine Charter School at Broward Parent Teacher Organization (P.T.O.)

# PTO Membership Packet 2012-2013

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# Parent Teacher Organization (P.T.O.)
## Mission Statement

Established in 2008, the Imagine Charter School at Broward Parent Teacher Organization (P.T.O.) was created to support our schools, Imagine Charter School at Broward and Imagine Middle School at Broward, in the following ways:

- To partner with the administration and faculty to enhance communication with Imagine families
- To promote a sense of community among Imagine families in all grade levels
- To encourage a spirit of volunteerism among parents and students
- To provide the school with materials and or equipment that will enhance Imagine at Broward's curriculum, programs and facilities.

### *P.T.O. fundraising has provided:*

- Back To School Breakfast For Teachers
- Bleachers
- Front Door Mats
- Classroom Grants
- Teachers' Professional Development
- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- Front Office Filing Cabinets
- Smart Boards (Interactive Whiteboards)
- Classroom Easels/Book Cases
- Classroom Computer Speakers
- Intermediate Student Planners
- Athletic Equipment
- Funding for Field Day Expenses/Jump Rope For Heart
- Science Fair Judges' Lunch/Science Fair Awards
- Fifth Grade Graduation
- Character Education Essay Contest Luncheon
- Math Superstars Program
- Monthly Departmental Grants
- Clinic Supplies
- Student Field Trips
- Student Agendas
- Playground Equipment ($47,000 in playground improvements)
- End of the Year Party
- Intermediate AND Middle student planners
- Assistance building outdoor classroom (picnic tables, shed, and observation board)

IT IS OUR MISSION TO CONTINUE TO PROMOTE AND ENSURE EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AT IMAGINE CHARTER SCHOOL AT BROWARD.

# IMAGINE CHARTER SCHOOL AT BROWARD P.T.O.

## *2012-2013 Fundraising Events*

## Project : Play Safe

Last year the majority of our fundraising efforts were focused on raising money for ***Project Play Safe*** which entails the removal of the mulch which currently covers the playgrounds and resurfacing them with Spectra Turf. Spectra Turf, which is certified by IPEMS (International Playground Equipment Manufacturers Association), is a rubber safety playground surface which is not only beautiful, but would also eliminate the costly expense of laying new mulch every year. The approximate cost of this project, after getting several estimates is much higher than we originally thought. Well over $60,000 for all of the three surface areas. There are also other issues to consider such as the warranty and the issue of replacing or fixing should pieces of the playground get damaged. Considering these issues, we began to explore other options such as artificial turf for the playground areas. The artificial turf is also IPEMS approved, has a better warranty, is easier to fix should something happen and a little bit cheaper. (About $50,000 for all three surfaces). We now realize this is a long term plan and a huge investment of funds on a building that we do not own. We had looked into all of the grass surrounding the playgrounds being replaced with the turf but that project is well over $100,000!

This summer we spent $43,000.00 on the resurfacing the 2 main playground areas. We have one left to do which will cost about $23,000. We have a lot of work to do to be able to complete this project.

Below you will find a list of our 2012-2013 Planned and Ongoing Fundraisers. Each is listed with information regarding where the funds raised will be distributed and the dates in which it will take place. We hope this information will help families to plan which fundraisers they will participate in to help us reach our goals. If you have any questions about any of our Planned or Ongoing Fundraisers or would like to help with any of them, please email the PTO at imaginebrowardpto@gmail.com with "FUNDRAISER" in the subject line.

## 2012-2013 Planned Fundraisers

***August:*** **Jeans Club Membership**

This fundraiser ($25 per family) allows the student to wear jeans on Fridays with their Imagine uniform shirt or Spirit shirt. Additionally, it allows them to participate in our Casual Day (dress down) which is the last Friday of every month. The funds from Jeans Club will be distributed directly back to the Teachers.

***September 21st – October 5th:*** **Fall Catalogue**

September 21st marks the kickoff of our Fall Catalogue which has proven to be our biggest fundraiser of the year (last year it brought in $15,000)! The deadline for orders will be October 5th. We have set a goal to a very attainable goal of $16,000 this year and if we make it we will have an end of the year party for the whole school! All proceeds will be distributed to: Athletics $1000, Band $1000, and the remaining funds raised will go to **Project: Play Safe**.

***October 1, 2012*****: School Pictures**

***October 15th*****- 19th: Scholastic Book Fair Week**

**October 20th: Fall Festival**

This is a very fun day at Imagine. We will have bounce houses, face painting, small raffles and a 50/50 that had almost $500.00 in it last year! We will also add game booths this year ran by Imagine Middle. All proceeds will go toward our regular financial support to our school.

***December 3rd – 7th*****: The Holiday Shoppe**

This annual tradition gives our students the opportunity to shop for holiday gifts for loved ones (and themselves, too!). All proceeds will go toward our regular financial support to our school.

**Jan 7th- 11th : Boosterthon (Tentative)**

***Feb 7th:*** **Jump Rope for Heart**

90% of all proceeds from this event go directly to the American Heart Association; 10% of money raised goes back to the P.E. department.

***Feb 22nd –March 8th:*** **Original Art Work**

This fantastic fundraiser allows you the opportunity to turn your little artists work into a masterpiece, with gifts for Mother's Day, Father's Day, Teacher Appreciation or "just because". 75% of the K-6 profits will go back to the Art Department; 75% of the Pre-School profits go directly back into the Pre-School.

***March 14th:*** **Spring Pictures**

***March 15th:*** **Family Night**

This is a fun night for the whole family. Dinner will be served while baskets filled with all different great stuff will be raffled off. All proceeds will go toward our regular financial support to our school.

***April 29th-May 3rd:*** **Book Fair**

These funds directly impact the Media Center.

***May 10th:*** **Mother's Day Cake Decorating**

This one should be called a "Fun-raiser" because the kids and volunteers have so much fun decorating cakes for Mom and Grandma. Last year we raised **$500**- let's try to double that this year! All proceeds will go toward our regular financial support to our school.

## Ongoing Fundraising

**Box Tops for Education Campaign**- This is a super easy way to earn money for our school. Last year we raised more nearly $2,400 just by collecting and submitting box tops!! This ongoing fundraiser will begin on the first day of school and will run throughout the school year. You can find valuable information about this program at our website www.imaginebroward.org and on the Box Tops for Education website www.btfe.com.

**Labels For Education Campaign**- This program, which is commonly referred to as the Campbell's Soup Labels program, is just as easy as the Box Tops program. Simply save the labels from the many participating products and send them into school! For a list of participating products, valuable coupons and more information about this program, visit the school website at www.imaginebroward.org or the Labels for Education website at www.labelsforeducation.com.

**Imagine Pepperoni Grill Week -** (University and Wiles) **EVERY** month from the 8th through the 14th, when you mention that you are supporting Imagine, Pepperoni Grill will donate 20% of your dinner check back to our school. This is valid for both dine-in and delivery orders.

**Great Clips -** Our neighborhood Great Clips salons have teamed up with Imagine at Broward by offering a money saving coupon for all Imagine families. For every of one these special coupons redeemed, Great Clips will donate $2 to our school. YOU MUST PRESENT THE COUPON—you cannot just mention Imagine at Broward. The coupon can be found on our website, www.imaginebroward.org and in the school newsletter, the Phoenix Flyer.

**Ice Cream Monday**- Every Monday, students can purchase an ice cream or ice pop for $1 after lunch. All proceeds are distributed to a predetermined school department each month (see below). Last year we brought in over $3,615.35. These funds directly impact the immediate needs of our school!

**2011-2012 Ice Cream Grants**

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| September 2010 | $342.42- Clinic |
| October 2010 | $419.98- Music Department |
| Nov/Dec 2010 | $775.77- Field Day/Jump Rope for Hearts |
| January 2011 | $334.79 - Science Fair |
| February 2011 | $411.28 - Educational Support |
| March 2011 | $337.32 - Teacher Appreciation |
| April 2011 | $399.14 - Playground Equipment |
| May/June 2011 | $652.07 - P.E. Department |

**2012-2013 Proposed Ice Cream Grants**

| | |
|---|---|
| September 2012 | Clinic |
| October 2012 | Music Department |
| Nov 2012 | Field Day |
| Dec 2012 | Jump Rope 4 Heart |
| January 2013 | Educational Support |
| February 2013 | Science Fair |
| March 2013 | Teacher Appreciation |
| April 2013 | Teacher Appreciation |
| May/June 2013 | P.E. Department |

***Best wishes to all for a fantastic year! - ICSAB, P.T.O.***

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**Website:** www.imaginebroward.org **Email:** imaginebrowardpto@gmail.com

# We Need You!!

There are many opportunities for families to get involved at ICSAB! Please refer to the packets you received from your child's teacher at Meet and Greet for all the necessary documents to help you to become an ICSAB Volunteer. For your convenience, copies of these documents can also be found on our website at www.imaginebroward.org.

On the reverse of this sheet you will find a list of the many committees that will need parent volunteers just like you. Please take a look and see what committees best suit your interests and availability.

If you have any questions regarding volunteering, please feel free to contact us at imaginebrowardpto@gmail.com. Please put "Volunteer" in the subject line.

# Committee Descriptions

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**Lunchroom:** Volunteers are needed every day to assist in the lunchroom; additionally, volunteers are needed each Monday to help with Ice Cream Monday sales. Volunteer hours are no longer doubled for this service.

**Baking:** Baking or purchasing cakes, cookies or brownies for special events; organizing Bake Sales.

**Clinic:** our school is without a permanent school nurse; therefore, volunteers are needed to work in our school clinic each day; volunteers are provided with (and required to have) appropriate training and clearance.

**Fundraising:** volunteers are needed to assist in the organization and implementation of Fundraising Events such as Fall Festival, Fall Catalogue, Holiday Shoppe, etc.

**Publicity:** Assist in the creation, editing and distribution of monthly newsletter, the Phoenix Flyer; maintaining the school website; Facebook updates

**Book Fair:** Helping with the set up and break down of the Book Fair; assist with sales

**Box Tops for Education/ Labels for Education:** Box Tops are submitted by students, our school redeems these labels for cash for our school through General Mills. Each Box Tops is worth $.10--you'd be surprised how quickly that adds up. Last year our school earned nearly **$2,400.00** in Box Tops alone!

For more than 30 years, *Labels for Education* has been awarding free educational equipment to schools in exchange for proofs of purchase labels (or caps) from various Campbell's products.

Clusters compete to win monthly prizes for their classroom by attempting to collect the most Box Tops/Labels for Education each month. In addition, a Year End party is awarded to the cluster with the most Box Tops/Labels for Education collected for the year. Volunteers are needed to collect and count labels once each month; volunteers are also needed to update the Box Tops bulletin board twice each month and to distribute the monthly rewards.

**Math Superstars:** (Also known as Sunshine Math) This is a voluntary math homework program in which students do math worksheets to earn rewards; volunteers are needed to distribute and collect worksheets weekly, grade papers from home and assist with the reward distribution (Math Superstars Store) twice annually.

Please address any volunteer questions to imaginebrowardpto@gmail.com
Or, visit us on our website at www.imaginebroward.org to learn more.

# Jeans Day Is Back!!



"Jeans Friday" is a program that raises much needed funds for the School.

Students who participate…

1. Are allowed to wear jeans in place of uniform pants/shorts every Friday. All students are still required to wear either their Imagine Uniform Shirt or their Imagine Spirit Shirt on these days.
2. Are members of the "Casual Friday Club" in which they are allowed to *dress down on the **last Friday of every month**.

The *Annual* Cost Of Participation Is $25 *Per Family*.

Please send your cash or money order & **completed participation form** in a sealed envelope with JEANS FRIDAY written on the envelope. Please instruct your child to give this envelope to his/her teacher. ***No student may participate until we have received his/her completed form and payment.*** All money turned in without a form will be sent home and not accepted until a form is filled out.

***Parents will be called and required to bring proper school clothes for children who show up not in school uniform who have not joined the club.***

**All students must adhere to all rules and regulations set forth in the Dress Code section of the Broward County Student Code of Conduct for Dress Down Days. ***Any Family not in the club must wear the full school uniform every day unless there has been notification from the school otherwise.***

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2012/2013 Jeans Friday Participation Form

Child's Name: _____ Teacher/Grade: _____

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Child's Name: _____ Teacher/Grade: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Phone: _____

Parent Email: _____

Make certain your envelope contains:

- ☐ Payment of $25—CASH or Money Order only
- ☐ Participation form with the name(s) of student(s) and their teachers/grade indicated

# Jeans Day and Casual Day Dates

# 2012-2013

| August | | |
|---|---|---|
| Friday | 24th | |
| Friday | 31st | Casual |

| September | | |
|---|---|---|
| Friday | 7th | |
| Friday | 14th | |
| Friday | 21st | |
| Friday | 28th | Casual |

| October | | |
|---|---|---|
| Friday | 5th | |
| Friday | 12th | |
| Friday | 19th | Casual |
| Thursday | 25th | |

| November | | |
|---|---|---|
| Friday | 2nd | |
| Friday | 9th | |
| Friday | 16th | |
| Wed | 21st | |
| Friday | 30th | Casual |

| December | | |
|---|---|---|
| Friday | 7th | |
| Friday | 14th | |
| Friday | 21st | Casual |
| (Entire School) | | |

| January | | |
|---|---|---|
| Friday | 11th | |
| Thursday | 17th | |
| Friday | 25th | Casual |

| February | | |
|---|---|---|
| Friday | 1st | |
| Friday | 8th | |
| Friday | 15th | |
| Friday | 22nd | Casual |

| March | | |
|---|---|---|
| Friday | 1st | |
| Friday | 15th | Casual |
| Thursday | 21st | |

| April | | |
|---|---|---|
| Friday | 5th | |
| Friday | 12th | |
| Friday | 19th | |
| Friday | 26th | Casual |

| May | | |
|---|---|---|
| Friday | 3rd | |
| Friday | 10th | |
| Friday | 17th | |
| Thursday | 23rd | |
| Friday | 31st | Casual |

| June | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Thursday | 6th | Casual | (Entire School) |

# IMAGINE CHARTER SCHOOL AT BROWARD

## PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION (P.T.O.)
## Family Membership Form
## 2012-2013 School Year

There is strength in numbers! Please join our **Parent Teacher Organization** and help support our school. **Membership Dues are just $10 per family per year.** 100% of the dues collected are put back into our school and are spent on enhancing school programs for the benefit of all of our children. With your payment, you will receive a membership card, be entered in a raffle for a prize, and for a limited time, a free lanyard.*

**Please complete the form below and return with your cash or check payment.**
(Make checks payable to: **ICSAB, PTO**)



***The first class to reach 100% PTO membership will receive A $50 gift card to ACE Educational Supplies.***

***All classes with 100% PTO membership will receive an ice cream party!***

*Please complete the information below. Please complete only ONE form per family, even if you have more than one student registered at ICSAB. However, be sure to list all children with their respective teachers and grade level.*

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Parents' Name (s): _____

E-mail Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Child's Name: _____ Grade/Teacher: _____

Child's Name: _____ Grade/Teacher: _____

Child's Name: _____ Grade/Teacher: _____

*All paid memberships received by September 4, 2012 are eligible to receive a FREE lanyard (while supplies last) and a chance to win a Spirit Shirt or Jeans Day Club!

For Office Use Only:

Payment Type: Cash OR Check #: _____

Payment Received By_____

Payment Received (date): _____

Lanyard & Raffle Given: _____

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