

Benfer Parent Teacher Organization, Inc.

The purpose of this organization is to promote the welfare of children in school, home and community and also to promote and enrich the quality of education at Benfer.

Volunteers are a critical part of the success at Benfer Elementary School. There are so many opportunities to volunteer at events, in the classroom or library...before, during, and after school. Before you volunteer, it is required that you sign up through Klein ISD as an approved volunteer with an approved background check. Helpful links are included below for your convenience. Please consider volunteering at Benfer...the students and staff love seeing all parents at the events helping our Bobcats!

Volunteer and additional information for Benfer PTO visit our Facebook Page:

[Benfer PTO Facebook Page](#)

Volunteer General Information

[Klein ISD Volunteer Information](#)

Volunteer Application

[Klein ISD Volunteer Application](#)

Background Check

[Klein Background Check](#)

Just a few examples of ways you can help:

1. Fifth Grade Appreciation Committee - assist in planning the celebration of the fifth graders' last year at Benfer
2. Hospitality - bring food for teachers for a PTO sponsored luncheon
3. Memory Book - photograph and assist memory book chair people with layouts
4. Room Parent and Assistant Room Parent - coordinate with the parents for classroom events and coordinate teacher appreciation gift. Each teacher has different needs for their room mom in their classroom; please reach out to the room mom coordinator for more information.
5. Classroom Reader - read to classes Kindergarten through 2nd Grade
6. Watch Dog Dads - dads can spend a day on campus helping with a variety of activities at Benfer

...and many, many more!

Contact the Volunteer Coordinator Jennifer Doubrava at benfervolunteers@gmail.com with any questions!

Benfer Partners for Fundraising:

Kroger

Please be sure to visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com to link your Kroger card to Benfer Elementary PTO! If you don't have a Kroger card, pick one up for free at any Kroger store. Create your account online, link the card to your account, and then enter 83246 or Benfer Elementary PTO as your community rewards recipient. Just use your card every time you shop at Kroger and verify that Benfer Elementary PTO is shown on the bottom of your receipt.

Note: Each family must renew their Kroger rewards **annually!**

Amazon Smiles

You shop, Amazon gives. Benfer Elementary PTO is enrolled in the Amazon Smile program. This is a simple way for you to support Benfer every time you shop...at no cost to you. Amazon will donate a portion of the eligible purchases to Benfer PTO. To set this up, go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/760541208> , login, and select Benfer Elementary Parent Teacher Organization Inc as the nonprofit organization you'd like to support.

Other Ways to Support Benfer's Programs:

1. Collect Box Tops and send them in with your student.
2. Amazon Smiles - shown above
3. Order Pizza Zone and mention Benfer the first Wednesday and Thursday of each month
4. Register your Kroger card at www.rewardyourschool.com.
5. Attend spirit nights advertised on PTO facebook page and in Tuesday folders
6. Purchase pizza at "pizza night ins" at events such as Stem Night, Open House, etc. The proceeds go directly to Benfer Elementary.

If you have any questions, please contact Sheetal Solai at benfervp1@gmail.com or Lindsay Dailey at benfervp2@gmail.com.

What have the PTO fundraising dollars been used for? Below are just a few examples:

1. Chromebooks
2. Guided Reading Library for all grade levels
3. Agendas for grades 1st through 5th
4. Field Trips
5. 5th Grade Appreciation
6. Muffins with Mom and Donuts with Dad
7. New Word Wall and Paint in Library

Exxon Program

Volunteer Involvement Program

The Volunteer Involvement Program (VIP) was designed by ExxonMobil Foundation and Corporate Public Affairs to encourage employees, retirees and other eligible participants to actively contribute their time and talent to non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations. In return, ExxonMobil provides financial contributions to these organizations based on the number of hours volunteered. For Day of Caring, VIP grants provide an opportunity for each Campaign to earn dollars that will go directly to the agency at which you volunteer. Grant dollars will be allocated back to Campaigns for credit and tracking purposes.

VIP Grant Overview

VIP grants are available for individual volunteer activities and for team volunteer events such as DOC, with separate application procedures. VIP rules and regulations can be found on the ExxonMobil Intranet at:

www.easymatch.com/exxonmobil

Meet the PTO Board Members

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Any general questions can be directed to benferelementarypto@gmail.com.

Thanks for supporting Benfer and contributing to the success of our students!