



ARABIC IMMERSION MAGNET SCHOOL  
PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

Dear AIMS Community,

Welcome to AIMS and the 2017-2018 school year! We are ready to dive into this new academic year and would like to share with you our goals to help make AIMS a top school in Houston.

We aim to:

- **Foster community**--We aim to accomplish this by spearheading events that help get our students and families interacting outside the classroom. Through a PTO website, school directory, festivals, parades and sporting events, AIMS PTO will help create not just a strong school, but a strong community.
- **Support our teachers**--Without our faculty and staff, AIMS would not exist. They work hard everyday to impart the knowledge of two languages and the skills necessary to advance in a competitive and globally minded world. AIMS PTO will aid their mission by providing teachers direct monetary funds for training and classroom supplies. In addition, provide support through lunches, parent volunteers, break room snacks, etc.
- **Enrich the curriculum**--Ms. Adams and now Ms. Ballouli have worked hard to bring the IB curriculum and Arabic arts instruction to our students. We will take it a step further by bringing additional resources to our campus to enrich the learning environment of our students. Whether it be the addition of a garden, new programs for all students or clubs focused to specific interests, the PTO will enhance our children's experience in learning.

We have a bold mission and lofty, yet attainable goals. That said, many of these goals require money. Our fundraising goal for the academic year is to raise \$300/student. This would equate to a total of **\$90,000** raised over the course of the year. These funds would pay things such as: IB program (~\$10,000), IB teacher training (~\$2,500), teacher discretionary funds (~\$7,000), teacher grant money (~\$9,000), Art Car funds (~1,000), Festival underwriting (~3,000) and much more.

You can help us raise these funds through a variety of ways:

- Join the PTO for \$10 per family. This simple act could pay for the required IB teacher Trainings.
- Come to the Arabian Nights and Silk Road festivals. The purchase of T-shirts, concessions, sign-up parties and wristbands help support the PTO in its mission.
- Donate directly. Write a check made out to AIMS PTO, or visit [www.aimspto.org](http://www.aimspto.org) to make a one-time, quarterly or monthly donation. View our sponsorship levels and see how your direct donations can win you a parking space for the year in the faculty lot.
- See if your company provides matching funds for your individual donation.
- Visit [www.aimspto.org](http://www.aimspto.org) to see additional ways you can help support your PTO, your school and most importantly your child.

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