#### **PTA**

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#### **About PTA**

#### WHAT IS PTA?

The PTA (Parent Teacher Association) is a private, non-profit organization of parents, teachers, students, and community members who strive to better the lives of children.

We are part of an association that is organized at the local, state, and national levels. By joining your local PTA, you are automatically a member of the state and national associations.

The PTA is the largest child advocacy volunteer organization which speaks for the interest of all children and their safety,

health, welfare, and education.

### HOW DOES PTA SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL?

Your local PTA takes a multifaceted approach to supporting all children in our school. We reinforce and strengthen classroom studies by providing teachers with financial support for field trips, classroom material, and programs.

We sponsor a variety of programs and projects including, but not limited to:

- Back to school Night
- Teacher/Staff Appreciation
- Field Trips
- Classroom Activities
- Extras for Classrooms
- Sports Equipment and Activities



#### 2020-2021 PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD

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#### How can I help?

If you have any questions, please contact us via email at <a href="mailto:Contact.bvpta@gmail">Contact.bvpta@gmail</a>. If you have more than one student, then please contact the appropriate chapters for their respective school.

#### 10 MYTHS ABOUT JOINING THE PTA

## #1 Only moms and teachers need to join the PTA.

A strong PTA needs the support of parents, family members, teachers, school staff, and

community members. Anyone who cares about children belongs in the PTA!

### #2 Joining the PTA means I have to volunteer.

The PTA appreciates everyone's membership, whether or not a member volunteers. You will not be sucked in to a black hole of volunteering!

# #3 I have to be a board member or chair a committee to join the PTA.

You do not have to serve on the PTA Board or chair a committee to join the PTA. Your

beautiful smile and wonderful support will suffice!

## #4 PTA membership never expires, I only have to join once.

Each new school year begins a new PTA membership year. Your PTA membership will be good for the entire school year!

## #5 I don't have the time to join the PTA.

If you are unable to volunteer your time, please consider becoming a member of the

PTA and give your financial support. You will have the satisfaction of knowing that your

support helps fund events and activities for the children throughout the school year!

# #6 I'll get roped into volunteering if I attend a PTA meeting.

There will be opportunities to get involved, but no pressure. Just pass along the signup

sheet if you are unable to participate. No judgment here!

## #7 The PTA is only for stay-at-home parents with nothing else to do.

Your fellow PTA members are family and community members who want to support the kids and the school. Most members are juggling bills, household chores, kids, sports, and homework, just like you!

# #8 My child's life will be the same whether or not I join the PTA.

Not only does membership put you in direct communication with other parents and

teachers, it shows you child that you are interested and invested in their educational experience.

### #9 The PTA has all the help they need.

The PTA always wants and always needs volunteers! If you choose to volunteer, you

decide your time commitment!

## #10 I have an idea but the PTA isn't interested.

New ideas are always welcome! It's important to keep our PTSA fresh and exciting!