

## 2020-2021 Howe PTA Officers

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## 2020-2021 Officer Election Process

- 2020-2021 nominating committee will be formed at the November PTA meeting
- The slate of 2020-2021 officers will be presented at the February PTA meeting
- Officers will be voted on during the March PTA meeting

## PTA Mission

To support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools and before governmental agencies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children;

To assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children; and

To encourage parent and public involvement in the public schools of this state.

## PTA Purpose

To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, community, and place of worship.

To raise the standards of home life.

To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth.

To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth.

To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education.

**Howe PTA is a member of the Mt. Lebanon Council PTA, the Pennsylvania PTA, and the National PTA.**

PTA's mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

- PTA Values
- Collaboration
- Commitment
- Diversity
- Respect
- Accountability



“To Provide the Best  
Education Possible for Each  
and Every Student”

Howe Elementary PTA  
(parent-teacher association)  
is a partner at Howe Elementary  
School to support the mission of  
Mt Lebanon Schools and enhance a  
community and culture of learning

We invite all Howe parents,  
guardians, teachers, and staff to  
become a member of Howe PTA

We have six PTA meetings from  
September to May. Join us for meetings  
and subscribe to the to keep up on the  
latest news and share your concerns  
and ideas

## **Howe PTA organizes volunteers and raises funds to support programs for Howe students and families, and to purchase educational materials for the students**

### **PTA's Two Fundraisers**

**Sunny Funny Fair** - a carnival featuring games, an art pavilion, food, prizes, and a raffle; held in late September or early October

**Read-a-thon** - a 10-day emphasis on reading that culminates in an assembly; held in late February/early March

### **PTA's Programs**

**Weekly Newsletter** – keep up to date on upcoming PTA, Howe, Mt Lebanon School District and community activities

**Howe Angels** – Howe PTA funds musical instruments and/or other activities for families with financial hardships

**Howe PTA Membership Directory** – Directory of PTA members that includes parents, teachers, children's names. Great for organizing play dates or birthday parties

**Spirit Wear** – Twice a year PTA volunteer(s) provide an opportunity to purchase Mt. Lebanon and Howe clothing

**Scholastic Book Orders** – PTA volunteer(s) provide the opportunity to add to your home library by sending fliers and organizing orders

**Library Volunteers** – PTA organizes volunteers to help shelve books in Howe Library

**Home Room Parents** – PTA organizes a parent/guardian volunteer for each classroom to coordinate classroom parties, etc.

**Reflections** – a state-wide art competition organized by the Pennsylvania PTA

**Cultural Arts** – provides educational school assemblies for the students that exposes them to arts such as dance or music

**Author Visits** – provides an opportunity for children to meet the authors of children's books and strengthen their understanding of writing

**Vision Screening** – one of the oldest PTA committees, this program trains volunteers to screen area preschool children for vision difficulties and is part of PTA's commitment to promote the welfare of children in the community

**Juvenile Protection** – a committee that works with the municipality on pedestrian safety issues around local schools

**Howe Yearbook** – PTA volunteers create a yearbook containing pictures throughout year and offer it for sale in spring

**School Supplies** – an opportunity to buy school supplies specified for your child's grade with just a few computer clicks and have them delivered directly to the school

**Teacher and Staff Appreciation** – PTA organizes and provides a lunch before school starts and teacher/staff appreciation week

### **PTA Annual Events**

**Sunny Funny Fair** - a carnival featuring games, an art pavilion, food, prizes, and a raffle; held in late September or early October

**Odyssey of the Mind** – a team-based, creative problem-solving tournament supporting STEAM education. Teams form in September-October with the regional tournament held in March

**Read-a-thon** - a 10-day emphasis on reading that culminates in an assembly; held in late February/early March

**Scholastic Book Fair(s)** – a book sale that makes it easy to add to your home library; held in November

**Family Events/Game Night** – a fun evening featuring things like games or movies; it's a great way for Howe families to get together; held in November/early December

**Howe's About a Gift** – a "two-day sale" where students can practice budgeting and math while they pick out small gifts for family members or themselves

**Lunch Clubs** – usually held during winter months, lunch clubs gives kids enriching activities instead of indoor recess. Past lunch clubs include chess, yoga, science, legos, maker space

**Spelling Bees** 4th-5th Grades – a great way to encourage students to improve their spelling; held in January, February

**Science Fair** – a fun way for students to find their "inner inventor" and display their scientific knowledge; held in February

**Howe's Got Talent** – a great way for Howe students to show their many talents, including dance, music, magic, and more! Held in Spring

**Howe We Started** – 5<sup>th</sup> graders spend the day learning and participating in events about the history of how our country started; held in May

**Family Reading Night** – a celebration of reading including "floats" about books, book-themed cake raffle and fun for all; held in May

**Field day** – All kids spend the day doing outside athletic activities; held in June

**All PTA activities are possible because of the dedication of PTA volunteers. Please volunteer!**