

## A Message from *Your Central Elementary PTA*

Your Central Parent Teacher Association would like to welcome you to a year where we are **Constructing a Bright Future!**

From the new parent just beginning to *lay the foundation for a love of learning* to the returning parent that is *working on the building details*, we want you to know that Central's PTA is very involved in your child's education.

### We hope you'll join us!

It can be a little involvement or a lot. If you choose to volunteer, you can work from home or work at the school. If you decide to participate in our PTA events, you can head a committee or you can show up to do a single task – your level of involvement is completely up to you.

Inside this brochure, we've given an overview of what the PTA does over the course of the school year. Have a look and then sign up to help where you can. Remember, PTA does not work because of a handful of people – **PTA works because it is a collective effort of many, many people together.**

### Your 2008-2009 Board contacts:

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## Join Today!

- I want to join the PTA! (choose this option if you are new to PTA or have new info.)  
Enclosed is a check to pay for: #\_\_\_ membership(s) (\$8 each which includes a directory)  
(a membership is per individual, not a household)
- I want to **renew** my PTA membership. My address/phone/email has **not** changed.  
Enclosed is a check to pay for: #\_\_\_ membership(s) (\$8 each which includes a directory)  
(a membership is per individual, not a household)
- I am including a tax-deductible donation in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

**\*Optional:** My ethnicity is:  White  African-American  American-Indian  Hispanic  Asian

\*This information is being collected for Anne Arundel County PTA for the sole purpose of seeing who our PTA members are and how we can best work for EVERY family. No personal information is shared with the county—only the demographics. NO family is obligated to give this information.

(neatly print the information below as you would like it to appear in the School Directory)

PTA MEMBER #1 NAME:

PTA MEMBER #2 NAME:

CHILD'S NAME #1

TEACHER/GRADE

CHILD'S NAME #2

TEACHER/GRADE

CHILD'S NAME #3

TEACHER/GRADE

CHILD'S NAME #4

TEACHER/GRADE

ADDRESS (attach additional page for alternate addresses)

CITY, STATE, ZIP

PHONE

EMAIL (add multiple emails, i.e.: home, work, mom, dad)


COMMUNITY NAME


Please return this form and payment (checks to: "Central Elementary PTA") in a sealed envelope, to the front office.


**Deadline to be included in the student directory is September 19, 2009.**


Please note: This form serves to process your membership and create our student directory. The directory is only distributed to PTA members; data is neither sold nor posted online. If you chose not to be listed in the directory, simply do not fill in the address fields. However, we'd like you to include your email, since we do have an email list for PTA, Central Elementary School and Edgewater family events. You may opt out of the list at any time, but please give it a try. Many of our teachers and parents found it very useful last year for updates about school closing, reminders for deadline and events, etc.

## What does *Your* PTA do?

 **We volunteer.** Parents are welcome at Central, and help at all levels – from the stay-home mom who makes the “award” buttons to working moms and dads who help with beautification and hospitality. We have parents who work at the school weekly, and some who go on a field trip once a year. This high level of involvement gives our boys and girls a huge advantage over other public school students – it is like a second staff to assist faculty and administration.

 **We advocate.** We have representatives who attend school board meetings and talk to our council about legislative developments that affect Central. We are the public voice of parents.

 **We provide Financial Support.** Previously, we have purchased large capital improvements, like the stage curtain and the rock wall. Just last year we helped the school to acquire smart boards and document cameras for the classrooms. In addition, we fund enrichment activities, like clubs and cultural arts assemblies. We buy library books and give each and every teacher a discretionary fund.

 **We sponsor School Fun.** Your Central PTA funds fun family events like Author-Artist Night and Ice Cream Social, Math Madness and

Math Night, and even regional PTA competitions like the *Reflections Program*, where students compete in art, photography and writing.

## What Can Your Family do to help?

Become a PTA Member.

Signing up is easy and costs only \$8 (which entitles you to a copy of the Central Elementary School PTA Student Directory—an invaluable resource). Just complete the form to the right to become a member.

The biggest benefit for membership is that you can be involved, helping to enrich your child’s education. You get to participate in and vote at membership meetings and attend planning sessions. For \$8 you join an energetic and enthusiastic group—one that makes a real difference in your child’s school life every single day of the school year.

Your PTA is the voice of parents at Central Elementary. It is the voice of the school to the county and it is that collective voice that can make a difference.

Finally, you needn’t limit your family to just one member. Moms and dads are both welcome to join, as are teachers, staff and even grandparents (sorry, no students). If you want a say in how PTA and Central work together, join today!

Central Elementary School

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## A Bright Future

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2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR