

A Message from Your Central Elementary PTA

As we blast off into a new school year, your Central Parent Teacher Association would like to welcome you!

For new parents just lifting off or returning parents set for re-entry, 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 chose 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 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 working together.

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PTA

Membership

2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR

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 “Good Citizen” 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 6 new smart boards — one for each pod. 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 & Ice Cream Social, the Sock Hop and even

regional competitions like *Reflections*, 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 \$5 (membership includes a copy of the Central Elementary Student Directory). Just complete the form to the right to become a member.

The biggest benefit of 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 \$5 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 the collective power of our 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!

Support Central’s PTA

Join Today!

- I want to join the PTA! I am enclosing a check for \$5 for each member of my household that is joining (students are not permitted to join PTA).
- I am renewing from last year; I am enclosing a check for \$5. My address/phone/email has not changed.
- I am including a tax-deductible donation in the amount of \$_____.

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, ie: home, work, mom, dad) _____

COMMUNITY NAME _____

Please return this form and \$5 (checks to: “Central Elementary PTA”) in a sealed envelope, to you child’s teacher. Deadline to be included in the student directory is September 20, 2007.

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, Entral 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 closings, reminders for deadlines and events, etc.