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# Why Join the WHES PTA?

We all have one goal - to make a difference in the lives of our children and their education.



## Membership is \$10.00 per person per year.

For every \$10.00 membership, \$5.75 goes to WHES PTA, the remaining \$4.25 goes toward paying our dues at the State and National PTA.

#### What is the PTA?

PTA is a partnership between parents and educators who strive to enhance student learning and enrich the lives of the students within the school. It is also a forum for parents to obtain knowledge and voice their opinions about what is happening in their school.

A common misconception about the PTA is that all they do is organize fundraisers and school events. Fundraising is an important and integral part of the PTA. The funds raised by PTA help support many needed programs within the school. By being a member of and attending PTA meetings you provide a voice as to how the funds that are raised should be spent within our school.

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The number one reason to join the PTA is to benefit your child. In doing so, you also help your school. But there are many more advantages. Here are just a few:

**Get Connected.** There's no better way to know what's happening in your school.

**Discover Great Resources**. The PTA offers a variety of programs designed for parents as well as students.

**Tap into a Network.** Parenting is not easy - it helps to share ideas, concerns and experiences with other parents and educators in the community. PTA functions are opportunities to meet other parents and teachers, building rapport and discussing issues that are on your mind.

**Watch Yourself Grow.** By volunteering with your PTA, you gain valuable experiences. It's an opportunity to put your skills and hobbies to good use for a good cause—your child and all children in the community.

**Speak Up.** Because the PTA is a forum for exchanging ideas, you are encouraged to make suggestions. PTA can be a way for you to more effectively suggest change at your child's school.

**Witness Improvement.** By getting involved at your child's school you'll be part of the solution, helping make positive changes. Local PTAs play an important role in fundraising to provide building improvements, curriculumbased programs and social events – all vital to a school's success.

**Be a Role Model.** Set a good example for your kids by being involved yourself. By becoming a PTA member, you'll be demonstrating to your child the importance you place on education.

**It's flexible.** The PTA has progressed to meet the changing needs of parents. There are a variety of small ways parents can help and be involved in PTA depending on your availability.

#### **Join Us Today!**

For less than 3 cents a day, you can become a PTA member, joining nearly 6 million other people who share your interest in issues affecting children. Everyone—parents, educators, students and other citizens active in their schools and communities—are invited to join our not-for-profit organization.

#### Why Not Join?

Hmmmm.... Can't think of any!