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Newsletter

# Sage Hills PTA



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## The 411 on PTA



### What is the PTA? What does our PTA do?

PTA stands for Parent Teacher Association. At Sage Hills, our purpose is to do all we can to support our teachers, enrich our students' education, and bring our community together with a variety of fun and educational activities. We also support the school by finding volunteers for room parents, health/vision screenings, school pictures, book fairs, and other events.

### How do I get updates on PTA events?

To receive periodic texts about our events, send a text to 81010 with @4c2c7d as the message, or email the following address: 4c2c7d@mail.remind.com. You will receive 1-2 texts a month on average. Email us at sagehillspta@gmail.com to join our email list. You can also visit our blog and Facebook page, listed above.

### Do I have to join the PTA to help?

Certainly not. Anyone is welcome to become an official PTA member by paying a \$5 membership fee, but only board members are required to do so. As most of this fee goes to state and national PTA rather than our school, our favorite way for you to "join" is to volunteer! The back of this handout includes a list of ways we could use your help.

### I'd like to come to a meeting, but I have young kids with me...

Most of us do. ☺ Bring them! They are welcome.

### I want to help but I don't have a lot of time.

Many of our activities only involve a few hours of time commitment. If you are interested in helping, just let us know your interests and your constraints, and we'll help you find something that works for you.

### How are the PTA's funds used?

PTA's funds come from one annual fundraiser and from Boxtops. This money is carefully budgeted at the beginning of the year to cover the expense of our activities as well as administrative costs (ex. paper for fliers). We work hard to make our events free or as low-cost as possible. Any event fees (ex. play tickets, choir fees, or Hogwarts meals) go to cover the cost of the events themselves. Leftover money from any events go to our teachers for field trips and other grade-level activities.



## PTA Meetings

Meetings are open to all parents and teachers and take place at 12:30 in the library on the following days:

- September 21
- October 12
- November 9
- December 14
- January 11
- February 22
- March 21
- April 18
- May 16



## PTA Open Positions

We have a few more PTA positions open for 2015: a **Boxtops Coordinator** (counts and submits boxtops and other labels), a **Grants Coordinator** (applies for grants to benefit our school, such as a grant for a new playground), and a **Business Sponsors VP** (contacts businesses for donations for our various events). Additionally, we need **committee members** for all of our activities, particularly the Fun Run and Hogwarts. Check out the back for more information. Finally, in order to have a school choir this year we are in need of a new **Choir Director**.

# Volunteers: When We Work Together, Magic Happens!



## Fun Run

Committee Chair: Lacy Chambers  
September 12<sup>th</sup>

A family 1-mile Fun Run takes place at our school. We will also have a pancake breakfast. Committee members will help organize the breakfast and a bucket dump with our principal.



## Reflections

Committee Chair: Kate Hall  
September - November

A nationwide PTA Arts contest. Students will submit entries of literature, dance, visual arts, photography, film, and music. Committee members are needed to promote involvement, organize judges, and plan a celebration night.



## Teacher Appreciation Committee



SEP Committee Chair: Christie Esperson

SEP's in September & February

Teacher Appreciation Week in May  
Sage Hills teachers are the best, and we want them to feel the love! The teacher appreciation committee will help plan dinners for teachers during SEP conferences, organize a teacher giving tree for Christmastime, and plan gifts and activities for teachers during Teacher Appreciation week in May.

## Hogwarts



Committee Chair: Dana Moore  
October 23<sup>rd</sup>

Our biggest night of the year! Kids learn the magic of chemistry, zoology, astronomy, botany, math, and many other exciting subjects, all in the guise of Harry Potter's world. We also have a Diagon Alley full of magical shops and a yummy dinner. This event takes about 100 volunteers to pull it off—please let us know if you prefer to be on the committee for food, shops, free activities, or the House Cup Competition between the school grades.



## Arts Extravaganza

Committee Chair: Tyfani Balzotti  
Date TBD

New activity! A night of celebrating our students and their artistic talents. Committee members will help plan and decorate for the event.

## Safety Committee



Committee Chair: Lacy Chambers  
We would love to have parent help and support to host a red ribbon week, white ribbon week, and/or other safety activities throughout the school year. Committee members will also help put together student emergency kits.



## Spirit Week Committee

Committee Chair: Kara Martin  
Go Thunderhawks! We are looking for parent helpers to plan a fun week of activities that will boost school spirit.

## Family Dance



Committee Chair: Joni Luke  
February (Date TBD)

A super fun way for the family to celebrate Valentine's Day! Committee members are needed to help with planning, prizes, and decorations.



## Room Parents

Committee Chair: Heather Bruck  
Training September 3<sup>rd</sup>

Room parents at our school help their teachers by organizing the classroom volunteers and class parties, finding helpers for field day and other school events, decorating teachers' doors during Teacher Appreciation Week, and assisting the teacher with any other needs.

## At-Home Volunteers



Perfect for parents who can't volunteer in school, we would love to have parent helpers who can help PTA needs at home. Counting boxtops, creating gifts for teachers, making wands for Hogwarts, decorating posters - all help is much appreciated!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please add me to the Sage Hills PTA Email list.

*I'm interested in helping the PTA in the following areas:*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fun Run              | <input type="checkbox"/> Hogwarts         | <input type="checkbox"/> Spirit Week  | <input type="checkbox"/> At-home Help      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reflections          | <input type="checkbox"/> Arts Committee   | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Dance | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Screenings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Appreciation | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Choir        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____      |