



WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN PTA

PLEASE Join Pleasant Valley PTA for 2016-2017

We all care about our children. Some of us just don't know how we can make a difference or don't have the time to volunteer because of other obligations. Pleasant Valley and Washington State PTA can be your voice and can help make a difference in the lives of ALL our children. As a large organized body we can impact decisions at the National and State levels that affect our kids at Pleasant Valley...don't you want to have a voice in your child's education? Please become a member and stay connected with important issues and information about school. You can pick up your membership form in the lobby of each school or print from the website www.pleasantvalleypta.com Please return it with your payment to the PTA box in the lobby.

Why Join the PTA? The number one reason to join the **Parent Teacher Association** is to benefit your child. In doing so, you also help your school. There are many PTA advantages:

- **Get Connected.** There's no better way to know what's happening in your school...we provide information on our website www.pleasantvalleypta.com and our Facebook page. We also send home monthly reminders for school and PTA events.
- **Discover Great Resources.** The PTA offers a variety of programs designed for parents as well as students.
- **Tap into a Network.** PTA functions are opportunities to meet other parents and teachers, building rapport and discussing issues that are on your mind. You can share ideas, concerns, and experiences.
- **Watch Yourself Grow.** By volunteering with your PTA, you put your skills and hobbies to use for a noble cause--your child and all children in the community.
- **Speak Up.** 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, curriculum-based programs, and social events.
- **Be a Role Model.** By becoming a PTA member, you'll be demonstrating to your child the importance you place on education.
- **Enjoy Substantial Benefits.** Members can take advantage of a host of benefits from PTA membership including discounts and offers from member benefits providers and sponsors, magazine subscriptions, leadership training, e-newsletters and much more. When you become a PTA member, you join more than 145,000 people in Washington State and over 5 million people nationwide who share your interest in issues affecting children. Everyone--parents, educators, students and other citizens active in their schools and communities--is invited to join our not-for-profit parent association.

ABOUT Washington State PTA (WSPTA)

The Washington State Parent Teacher Association (WSPTA) is the largest child advocacy association in the state with over 145,000 members comprised of parents, students, teachers, administrators, and business and community leaders devoted to the educational success of children and the promotion of family engagement in schools. WSPTA is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit association that prides itself on being a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for families and communities, and a strong advocate for public education. Membership in WSPTA is open to anyone who wants to be involved and make a difference for the education, health, and welfare of children and youth.

The Importance of Involvement

Research shows that students do better when their families are involved both at home and at school. Grades are higher. Test scores rise. Self-esteem grows. Schools improve. WSPTA has been connecting parents to their children's education for more than 100 years. It is the defining organization for parent involvement. See what it can do for you.

5 Great Reasons to Be Part of WSPTA

1. **Be in the know.** PTA helps you keep up with what's happening in your school and how you can support your child's education.
2. **Access great resources.** PTA provides information on topics ranging from homework help to bullying prevention to media safety to child health and more.
3. **Build relationships.** PTA connects you to other families through meetings, events, and communications, and helps build a sense of community.
4. **Hone your skills.** PTA offers opportunities for you to use your talents to benefit children and the school. PTA can help you expand your skills too.
5. **Speak up.** PTA can be a way to more effectively suggest changes at your child's school and in your community, and to be involved in making them happen.

PTA Member Benefits- As a member of WSPTA, you join a national network of families, educators, and leaders, PTA members receive many great benefits:

- A monthly e-newsletter addressing parenting issues
- Special offers and discounts from PTA's corporate supporters
- Leadership training through conferences, workshops, and free e-learning courses
- Discounted rates for PTA conventions and on subscriptions to PTA's *Our Children* magazine
- PTA Takes Action Network, with updates on legislative issues affecting children, families, and schools, as well as alerts that give you an opportunity to weigh in on key federal policy issues with your members of Congress.

Team Up with WSPTA- Everyone is invited to join WSPTA: moms, dads, teachers, principals, students, aunts, uncles, grandparents, caregivers, businesspeople, advocates, and community members.

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