

# What has the PTA done?

**The history of the PTA is rich. Did you know the PTA was a driving force behind these accomplishments?**

- \*25 mph school speed zone
- \*Drug free school zones
- \*Education for children with special needs
- \*Establishment of Latch Key child care programs
- \*Establishment of a juvenile justice system
- \*Creation of kindergarten

**The work of the National PTA never stops. National PTA works every day to better the education, health and well-being of today's children.**

- \*Sponsors the annual Reflections arts program to promote creative expression
- \*Lobbies for important changes to federal legislation such as No Child Left Behind and the Child Nutrition Act.
- \*Meets with state and national officials to support public school funding and child wellness initiatives
- \*Promotes male involvement through its MORE (Men Organized to Raise Engagement) program.

## PTA Membership

Membership is open to everyone. FPS PTAs are autonomous but supported by national, state and district associations. When you join a Farmington Public Schools PTA, you are helping National PTA, Michigan PTA, Farmington PTA Council and your local unit.

## PTA Benefits Everyone

PTA addresses issues that are important to parents and public school administrators. We fight for the same thing—full funding, quality teachers, capabilities for schools to thrive.

PTAs focus on what students need to be successful in their learning, including nutrition, health, and well-being. Whether the issue is school safety and behavior, enrichment programs, physical fitness, or healthy breakfasts, PTA works with school administrators to ensure that children are prepared to succeed.

Our PTAs are self-funding. By inviting the entire community to join, we generate membership fees to pay for programs. FPS PTAs and PTSAs organize fundraising events. Proceeds support school-based programs, building improvements, and educational and social events.

## Member Benefits

PTA members enjoy special treatment from PTA National Sponsors including Office Max, Sharp Electronics, Liberty Mutual and T-Mobile. For a complete list of special offers, visit [www.pta.org/benefits](http://www.pta.org/benefits).

### Need to know more about the work of your local PTAs and PTSAs?

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## What FPS PTAs Are Doing

You may not be aware of all the great things our own PTAs are accomplishing on behalf of our community's children. Support goes far beyond classroom assistance. Below is just a sampling of the work our parent groups support on behalf of children and families:

### Health and Wellness

- \* PTAs are sponsoring walkathons and mini-marathons to replace candy-based fundraisers. Parents are also encouraged to participate.
- \* Members serve as "Field Day" volunteers to introduce students to new sports activities in a fun, inviting atmosphere.

### Beyond the Classroom

- \* Parent volunteers lead enrichment groups like WordMasters, Junior Great Books, Destination Imagination, Math Olympiads and Math Pentathlon to provide additional learning experiences.
- \* PTA financial resources are used to sponsor school assemblies, visiting authors and reading month initiatives.
- \* PTA Council sponsors Farmington TAL (Together for Accelerated Learners), a network of parents seeking additional social and academic opportunities for their school age children.

### Within the Community

- \* PTAs represent families with school-age children on community and district committees such as Pledge for Success, Facilities Study, Call to Action and the Teen Suicide & Depression Taskforce.
- \* PTAs host free parent forums on topics such as financial aid, school discipline, nutrition & exercise, bullying, food allergies and internet safety.



## BECOME A PTA MEMBER

As a parent, you have the opportunity to become involved in PTA from the first day your child walks in the school doors in Farmington Public Schools.

PTA membership is not just about attending meetings or volunteering. When you join PTA, you add your family's voice to the nation's original and premier parent involvement group. PTA has more than 25,000 local units and more than 5 million members.

Not all decisions affecting a child's school happen at the local level, and the Mission of the PTA is to address the educational and social needs of all children. For more than a century, PTA has been a driving force in national educational policies and programs.

Today, PTA continues to champion the importance of parent/family involvement, safe and nurturing environments, and proper funding, curriculum, and leadership in our public schools.

PTA membership drives are launched every year as part of the back-to-school campaign at your school. Look for membership information and join! Grandparents, neighbors, teachers, principals, and building staff are all welcomed and encouraged to join.



# PTA<sup>®</sup>

Parent Teacher Association is the largest volunteer parent organization in the United States. Founded in 1897, PTA provides support, information, and resources to families concerned about the health, education, and welfare of children. Membership to PTA is open to all.

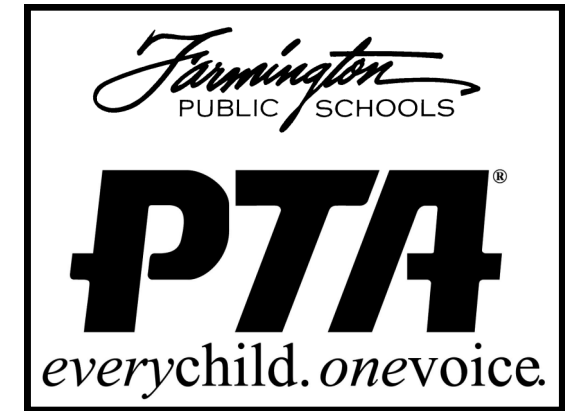
***"Every child needs someone who cares. Someone to make sure they eat healthy, stay safe, have the right school supplies, get enough sleep and exercise. Someone who will speak out on their behalf and on behalf of all children. Children also need someone to help them learn and to help them love to learn— both in and out of school and for the rest of their lives. Children who learn are children who succeed. And our world's future depends on the success of every child."***

—Jan Harp Domene  
National PTA Past President



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The Farmington PTA Council represents 17 PTA and PTSA (where S stands for Student) units in the Farmington Public Schools district. More than 4,600 parents, grandparents, staff and administrators joined FPS PTAs for the 2010/2011 school year.



## Join In!

Alameda Early Childhood Center PTA  
Beechview Elementary PTA  
East Middle School PTSA  
Farmington Central High School PTSA  
Farmington High School PTSA  
Forest Elementary PTA  
Gill Elementary PTA  
Harrison High School PTSA  
Highmeadow Common Campus PTA  
Hillside Elementary PTA  
Kenbrook Elementary PTA  
Lanigan Elementary PTA  
Longacre Elementary PTA  
OE Dunkel Middle School PTSA  
Power Upper Elementary PTSA  
Warner Upper Elementary PTA  
Wood Creek Elementary PTA

***Connecting you to a world  
where every child succeeds  
in learning—and in life.***