

Welcome Back FSUS Families!

PTSA is off to a great start this year hosting membership and spirit merchandise tables at all of the orientations, serving a Welcome Back Breakfast to our teachers and staff, and hosting a Boo Hoo Breakfast for all our teary kindergarten parents as they dropped off their big kids for their first day of school. I really enjoyed talking to so many of you during our orientation week and back-to-school events. Everyone seems very excited about this school year.

Many of you have asked how you can be involved at FSUS this year. You can be involved in a lot of different ways:

Join or renew your membership with PTSA. We will send you this newsletter and other notices filled with information about volunteer opportunities at the school and all the great plans we have to support our faculty, students and their families.

Join the FSUS Listserv. This is the most immediate way to get important school news. A perfect example of the value of timely information was the unexpected closing of FSUS in anticipation of Tropical Storm Fay.

Join our Room Parent program. PTSA is organizing "Room Parents" to take the lead in gathering and sharing contact information for a class or area. These parents will keep in touch with the families of your student's classmates and receive updates of what volunteer opportunities exist in the classrooms.

Support our ongoing fall product fundraiser. This is our main fundraiser for the year and it allows PTSA to provide great programs for the students such as recycling, cyber safety and media literacy, and safe routes to school. We also hope to increase the number of teacher mini-grants available to the teachers and offer Family Fun Nights. This is just a small sample of the programs PTSA can do this year if we reach our fundraising goal.

Clip and save your Box Tops, Campbell's Labels, Tyson Panels and Community Coffee Labels for our ongoing Collections Fundraiser. Your efforts translate into real money and credit for needed supplies for our school.

I strongly encourage you to get involved in your PTSA. Remember you don't have to make a huge time commitment; an hour of your time can make a difference.

Finally, please join me on Tuesday, September 16 at 6:30PM in the Tomahawk Café for PTSA's first General Assembly. We will outline our plans for the year and offer a proposed budget for the memberships' consideration and approval.

Please contact me if you have any questions about PTSA, or if you'd like to join or to volunteer. We have a couple of chair and co-chair positions available in Awards, Teacher-Staff Appreciation, and Health & Safety. We also need help with website development. Remember, we're all in this together and by working together we will have a great year!

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