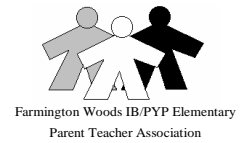


Dear Farmington Woods Families,



Welcome back to Farmington Woods Elementary and a special welcome to our new families! The Farmington Woods staff and the PTA are preparing for an exciting and productive year. August 29th will be here soon! We invite you to join us in our efforts to support our children's learning experience.

I am very excited to serve in the role as PTA President this year. I have served on the board for the past 5 years in various capacities. I am a parent of a rising 2nd grader and rising 5th grader who truly love and enjoy Farmington Woods. I look forward to working alongside each of you this year, as we continue to support the solid traditions, programs and structures at Farmington Woods Elementary.

The primary purpose of the PTA is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. As a member of the PTA, you provide a voice for our children. Your involvement is essential in helping the PTA influence decisions that affect our children's welfare.

There are numerous ways for you to contribute and get involved. Every little bit helps! All programs require volunteers and/or financial resources. Most require both! Therefore, fundraising is necessary for us to provide these wonderful programs for our children. For those not interested in participating in fundraising programs, we will gladly accept direct contributions to the PTA. We also ask that you check to see if your employer provides matching contributions!

We are returning to the Go, Play, Save coupon books as a fundraiser this year. I know many of you will be glad to hear this. Detailed information will go home with students soon after school begins. This year we are very excited to announce that we will have our very own, PTA sponsored, Fun Run in November! We are excited to host our Fun Run as 100% of the money raised goes directly to the PTA!

As a member, you are eligible to vote at PTA meetings, receive a student directory, and be an advocate for your children! If you complete the membership form and pay the required member fee, you will receive a free ticket to the 3rd annual Farmington Woods World Dance taking place on March 24th!!!

Warmly,

Anita Richburg

Anita Richburg, PTA President

PTA Year End Report 2015-2016

• The Go, Play, Save Fundraiser earned over \$8,235
• Our fifth annual Boosterthon Fun Run earned \$17,675
• By clipping Box Tops and Labels for Education, the PTA earned approximately \$2,335
• Students enjoyed 4 cultural arts performances including Digeridoo Down Under and a writer-in-residence, Michael Beadle, who worked with all classes.
• The mini grant program provided many new useful learning tools for our school and classrooms including: Geocache GPS kits; I-pads for the Inquiry Center; Reading Comprehension & Speech Therapy tools; 3-D Geometry Shapes; & Spanish curriculum games & kits.
• Teachers received \$50 classroom start-up funds.
• The PTA was able to provide Scholastic News as a source of non-fiction reading material for all classrooms. We were also able to provide funding for agendas for students in grades 2nd-5th!
• After fundraising efforts and saving for a few years we were FINALLY able to get a resurfaced black top!! We are excited for you to check it out this year!

FWES PTA UPDATES!

The 2016-17 PTA budget will be available on our website www.farmingtonwoodspta.org as of August 19th. Please take a moment to review it. **We will be voting on the budget as well as the board representative for the open Members at Large position on September 15th prior to the curriculum night sessions.**

Spirit Wear will be available for purchase during **Meet the Teacher on Aug. 26th**. If an item you want is not available, you can place an order by **September 21st**. An order form can be downloaded at <http://farmingtonwoodspta.org/fundraising/spirit-wear/> This year we are excited to offer a new logo in addition to previously offered designs, and there will be new colors available including: yellow, royal blue and pink! We will also offer hair bows and ribbons!

Student Agendas for 2nd-5th Graders—All 2nd-5th Graders need an FWES agenda to use daily. Agenda are \$3 and should be purchased at Open House. Teachers will distribute the 1st week of school in classrooms.

GO, PLAY SAVE FUNDRAISER BEGINS SEPTEMBER 1ST (SEPTEMBER 7TH FOR KINDERGARTEN)!

Student Directory

The FWES Student Directory is a great tool for keeping connected at FWES (such as birthday invitations, play dates, & homework help!) All families are invited to be included, but only PTA members receive a directory (electronic this year). You can complete a membership form online at www.farmingtonwoodspta.org or complete the electronic sign up information in your child's classroom at Meet the Teacher. Please participate whether or not you join the PTA!

3rd Annual World Dance plans are in the works. The dance will take place on **March 24th** at FWES!! If you're interested in helping to plan this family fun event, please contact Bari Lawhorn (barilawhorn@gmail.com).

Don't Forget!! This year PTA membership has more privileges!! If you become a PTA member by completing the membership form online at <http://farmingtonwoodspta.org/membership/>, by September 9th, you will receive 1 free ticket into the FWES World Dance!!!

"E-News in the Woods" is an online newsletter to keep you updated on FWES happenings. In an effort to conserve paper please book mark our website & subscribe to the newsletter. You can subscribe by clicking on the E-Newsletter link on the PTA website.

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The PTA could use your help on the **Fun Run, Hospitality, & Book Fair committees**. Please Contact Anita Richburg at president@farmingtonwoodspta.org if you're interested in filling any of the positions listed above.

You can view the complete list and contact information for members of the PTA Executive Council at <http://farmingtonwoodspta.org/pta-leaders/>