

The PTA Executive Committee meets monthly to manage PTA business between general body meetings. Board meetings are open to any PTA members.

PTA Executive Board

Ushma Shukla, President

Anita Richburg, 1st VP

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Look for the PTA booth at Open House. There you will be able to:

- Join the PTA and pay dues
- Purchase your agenda
- Purchase Spirit wear including shirts, hair ribbons and tumblers
- Sign up for Committees
- Learn more about the PTA

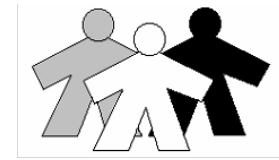
I look forward to meeting you there! It's going to be a great year!

Sincerely,

Ushma Shukla, PTA President

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Welcome to the 2017-2018 School year from the Farmington Woods Elementary PTA!



Our Mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for children.

Our PTA serves as a forum where parents, teachers, administrators, and other concerned adults discuss ways to promote quality education, strive to expand the arts, encourage community involvement, and work for a healthy environment and safe neighborhoods.

Read on to learn more about:

- Who we are
- What we do
- How you can help (get involved)

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What does the PTA do?

Advocate for our children!

Did you know that child labor laws and school lunches are a direct result of PTA advocacy? As members of the PTA, your voice strengthens the voice of others as we advocate for the needs of our children.

Recently many changes have been made to education funding in NC that directly impact the lives of our children. As a PTA, we seek to support and speak on the behalf of children and youth not only in the schools but before governmental agencies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children. (If you would like to get involved in advocacy contact Michelle Wilson at michijohns@hotmail.com)

At the school level the PTA supports our school in many ways. Our major fundraising happens at the beginning of the school year to guarantee revenue for our programs throughout the year. Last year, through our fundraising efforts we were able to provide:

- 4 amazing cultural arts performances such as Footworks Percussive Dance and Doug Berky's Theater and Masks
- \$75 in classroom start up funds to each teacher
- Discounted classroom agendas for 2nd-5th grades
- Scholastic news subscriptions for all students
- Minigrants which were used for many learning tools for our classrooms such as language kits, sensory items for our ID Mod classrooms, Ipad minis for Music, and more
- 4 Beautiful New Picnic Tables!

The PTA also sponsors the National PTA Reflections Arts Contest. We have had county and state winners in the past four years. Look for details about this contest in September. Entries will be due end of October.

New this year:

This year a new site/app called **MemberHub** will be replacing our student directory and newsletters. This will be provided free of charge to the school by the NC PTA. All PTA communication including sign ups and online payments will be available through **MemberHub**. Details will be provided at Open House.

How can you help?

Join the PTA!

It only costs \$6.50 for a single membership and \$12.50 for a family. Membership has its benefits. If you join by Sept 9, you will receive 1 free ticket to the World Dance in March! This will be our 4th annual dance and is a fun filled evening enjoyed by all. (If you would like to help with the World Dance please contact Anita Richburg at anitarichburg@gmail.com.)

Volunteer!

- No amount of help is too big or too small! We have over 30 committees.
- No time, no problem! Many tasks take less than 1 hour
- Our most pressing needs are: Hospitality Chair and committee, Audit Chair, Fun Run volunteers, Cultural Arts committee, Yearbook Assistant, Do Dads Chair, Teacher and Staff Appreciation Chair

Attend General Body Meetings

We will have 3-4 general body meetings throughout the year. The first will be in September. We will be voting on the budget during this meeting. The budget will be available for review prior to the meeting on our website www.farmingtonwoodspta.org.

Support our Fundraisers:

- Last year, the Go Play Save Fundraiser earned \$8000 (**This year's fundraiser begins September 1st**)
- By clipping Boxtops and Labels for Education, the PTA earned \$1800.
- Our first Global Fun Run earned **\$18,000!!!** By running this program entirely through our volunteers we were able to keep all of this money for our school!
- The Bookfairs directly benefit our library.
- The Art to Remember program directly benefits the Art room.
- Don't forget to link your Harris Teeter, Kroger, Lowe's and Food Lion cards to our school! Last year, this brought in close to \$1500. The instructions are on our website.
- Check for employer matching programs!