

TODAY'S STUDENT, TOMORROW'S FUTURE
MANDEVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL PTA

August 7, 2015

Dear Parents:

On behalf of the Mandeville Middle School Parent Teacher Association (PTA), welcome to the 2015-2016 school year. We look forward to your involvement in another exciting year ahead.

At MMS, parental involvement and support of school activities are critical. The PTA is the backbone for that involvement. Please join today by completing and returning the MMS PTA Membership forms included. Annual dues are only \$6 and it makes a huge difference for our school. Without your contributions and participation we could not offer successful enrichment programs nor provide needed funding for the classrooms. To cite just a few of the programs we sponsor:

- Accelerated Reader (AR) to encourage kids to develop a love of reading and create life-long learners.
- Reflections and Safety Poster Contests to help kids think and express their creativity.
- Junior Achievement and Bank Days to open their minds to future career opportunities.
- Cultural Arts Festival to expose them to cultures and artistry around the world.

Finally, the MMS PTA provides a means for you to voice your opinions and suggestions. We are always looking for ways to improve programs and better motivate our kids. Your participation is the key to our success. Within this package you will find many ways you can get involved, whether helping at the school or from home, weekly, monthly or one time. It's up to you. And remember, parents, grandparents, friends and relatives are all welcome to join to support your child. Corporate memberships are also available.

Please take a moment to review the enclosed information and complete the forms. To ensure you are kept up to date on what's happening at the school and in your child's classroom, it's especially important that you complete the Contact Permission Slip. Please return all forms to your child's teacher in the envelope provided.

The most important gift you can give your child is your time and your support. We in the PTA believe it is of the utmost importance to do everything we can to enhance the learning environment of our children. I look forward to getting to know you better this upcoming school year.

Sincerely,

Chrissy Bourlet
President, MMS PTA 2015-2016

IMPORTANT – PLEASE COMPLETE!!!
Mandeville Middle School Email/Phone Permission Slip

We need your permission to contact you by email and/or phone about activities in your child's classroom!

The PTA cannot contact you about upcoming classroom activities, volunteer opportunities and other important information you need to know, unless you give us your permission. Please complete this form and return it to your child's homeroom teacher. Notification of school-wide events, classroom activities, field day, contests and festivals are all sent out by email. We want to ensure you are informed of all these important and fun events!

Parent/Guardian #1 Name: _____

Email (PLEASE PRINT): _____

Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian #2 Name: _____

Email (PLEASE PRINT): _____

Phone: _____

Student Name _____

Homeroom Teacher/Grade _____

I authorize MMS PTA to contact me at the email and/or phone listed above.

Parent Signature _____

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED.

THANK YOU!!!

******Join the Mandeville Middle School PTA Facebook Page for updates too!******

MMS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Teacher's Name _____ Grade _____

Child's Name _____

Teacher's Name _____ Grade _____

Child's Name _____

Volunteer Name(s) _____

Volunteer Telephone Number(s) _____

Email address (*PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY*) _____

**** Following is a list of opportunities to get involved at MMS. Please check those activities you are interested in and return the forms back to your child's teacher in the envelope provided. Thank you!*

Opportunities within the Classroom

- Room Parent** - Organizes winter holiday party. Participates in some special events. Communicates with classroom parents as needed.
- Co-Room Parent** - Equally divides the responsibilities of the Room Parent as described above.
- Class Sitters** - Sit with the students while the teacher is away from the classroom for meetings (usually 1 to 2 hours).
- Door Decorator** - Decorates the classroom door. Materials will be provided.
- Teacher Assistant** - Assist teacher with classroom projects; stapling, laminating, and copying. (As needed)

Bi-Weekly & Weekly Volunteer Opportunities

- Office Volunteers** - Assist the office staff with answering phones and assisting students and visitors in the front office. (Shifts: 7:30-11am or 11-2:41pm; bi-weekly)
- Library** - Assist librarians with shelving and checking in/out books. (Weekly)

Special Events, Cultural Arts & Fundraising Volunteer Opportunities

- Grandparents' Day/Week** · Volunteers needed during this event to help with set up and photos. (Sept 16-18)
- Abilities Awareness Day** · An MMS program which educates students on the special needs of others. (Oct 15)
- MMS Harvest Hullabaloo** - Hullabaloo is held at the Castine Center. We will need many hands to help set up, distribute/count tickets, manage the game booths, donate baked goods and more. We will also need volunteers to help plan for the event and manage some of the projects (for example, arranging for games and booths). (Event Date: Nov 13; plus any preparatory support you can provide)
- Art Festival** - Volunteers to lead different art projects and to help on the day of the event. (April 8)
- Candy Sale** - Work with committee chairperson to process, distribute and collect orders.
- Book Fairs** · Organize, display and help sell books at book fairs. (Sept 11-18; April 15-22)

Open PTA Positions

We still need to fill some critical PTA chair positions – please let us know if you're interested in any of these positions by checking the boxes below. We hope you join us! Please contact Chrissy Bourlet at cbourlet@charter.net if you have any questions.

- Abilities Awareness Day (1 or 2 positions still open)** - You will work with Judy Meyers, counselor, to coordinate activities and presenters and get volunteers for this program.
- Art Fest (2 or 3 positions open) (April 8th)** - Coordinating activities and guest speakers, scheduling, finding presenters/activities and overseeing the school wide project.
- Food Drive** – Once a month (2nd week of the month) you will send out fliers about food collection, and on Friday morning of that week you will transport the food to the Samaritan Center Food Bank in Mandeville.
- Fundraising (2 or 3 positions open)** - Organize annual PTA Spring fundraising sale.
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- PTA Reflections & Safety Contest (2 positions open)** - Coordinating, organizing and submitting the students contest submissions

Volunteer Name(s) _____

Volunteer Telephone Number(s) _____

Email address (*PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY*) _____

Description of MMS PTA Fees

Individual Membership Fee - \$6.00 per membership. Parents, grandparents, relatives and friends may all join the MMS PTA. This fee includes membership in the national, state and local PTAs. Joining gives you the right to vote at PTA meetings and a voice in your child's education.

Your PTA membership is critical to ensure our enrichment programs continue and adequate resources are available in the classroom.

MMS Technology Fee (\$10 per student contribution)

At Mandeville Middle School each classroom is equipped with at least three multimedia computers with Internet access, a printer, Elmo projectors, TV, and/or VCR/DVD. MMS classrooms currently have Promethean boards and the library houses scanners, digital cameras, and LCD projectors for student and teacher use. MMS teachers are trained in integrating the latest software to enhance their lessons and students in learning.

To help continue funding MMS' technology, we are collecting a **\$10** technology fee from each student.

MMS Cultural Arts Fee (\$10 per student contribution)

The PTA Cultural Arts Committee is looking forward to another great year of art. A **\$10** per student art fee will cover all materials and performances. Each student has the opportunity to participate in all the cultural arts activities offered at MMS.

- Professional performances
- Written & Illustrated
- Art Fest Celebration
- Reflections and Safety Art Contests

MMS Accelerated Reader Fee (\$6 per student contribution)

Reading is one of the most important skills children will ever learn. MMS is committed to this belief and has invested both time and money in the Accelerated Reader program. AR is a computer based online program that promotes reading at each learner's personal level. Students read books according to their potential and then take an online test to assess their comprehension. The AR program requires a yearly subscription.

MMS Faculty & Staff Appreciation Fee (\$6 per student contribution)

What would we do without our wonderful faculty and staff at Mandeville Middle School? Help us show them how much we appreciate them and their dedication to our children. Each year, we collect **\$6** per student to assist us with a Faculty & Staff Back-to-School luncheon, quarterly treats, Faculty & Staff Appreciation Week, and supplementing school supplies to be used in the classrooms.

Corporate and Business Memberships

MMS Corporate PTA Membership (\$25 business contribution for 5 memberships).

In addition to offering individual PTA memberships, MMS also offers Corporate Memberships. For **\$25**, your business will receive 5 membership cards and a certificate saying you are a "Proud Corporate Member of the Mandeville Middle PTA" to be displayed at your place of business. What a great way to show your support to the children of MMS!!

Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

_____ # of MMS PTA Corporate Memberships x \$25 = _____ Amount to be enclosed in PTA First Day Envelope

Business Sponsorships.

You may also become a business sponsor by placing an ad in the MMS quarterly newsletter that goes out to all students and their parents.

Name: _____

Business/corporation: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Sponsorship Levels

- Gold \$100** – Full Page ad
- Silver \$50** – Half page ad
- Bronze \$25** – Quarter page ad

Please make all checks payable to: **"Mandeville Middle School PTA"**.

**Please note that we are only able to include your corporate advertisement in our newsletter. We are not able to promote any events.