

Welcome to the 2008-09 School Year

Join the PTA of the YEAR!

Being a member of the PTA is a good way to be connected, be heard, and be a role model.

Make Franklin School a GREAT School by joining in one of three ways:

- 1) Sign up in person at school events.
- 2) Pick up a form at the PTA bulletin board (just inside the main entrance of school) and turn the form in to the school office.
- 3) Download a form at www.franklin-pta.org and turn in the form in the school office. Anyone can join our Franklin PTA—neighbors, business owners, grandparents, etc.

If you want to vote on 2008-09 issues and Budget, you need to be a member.

What really is the PTA?

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Two years ago, when my daughter started at Franklin, I thought I knew what a Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) did. I was surprised by what I didn't know.

Here are a few things I now know for sure about the PTA:

- *The PTA at the National level was founded in 1897.
- *The PTA's mission in 1897 was to eliminate threats to children.
- *In 1914, the PTA supported the enactment of Child Labor Laws, so children under 14 would not be forced to work in factories.
- *In 1918, the PTA supported a nation-wide movement to establish public K-8 schools across the USA.
- *Since 2001, the PTA has supported activities related to nutrition, prohibition of drunk driving & services for children in crisis.
- *The PTA helps local schools have an extra pool of funds to offset the cost of field trips, equipment & special events.

Every person who joins the PTA helps the children of the USA. Your membership is registered with the State of Wisconsin. When one PTA member signs a letter or makes a call to a political leader, that member can say he/she represents several voters. For example, the Franklin PTA represented 121 voters. When I wrote a letter to our House Representative, Tony Staskunas, in support of a political effort, he was listening to 121 people instead of one mom from West Allis.



Take a look at these PTA activities!

All School PTA Cookout

Thursday, September 18th at 5:30 p.m.

Come start out the new school year with friends and food. This PTA sponsored event is a great way to meet new families and show support for our school.

Please look for more information in an upcoming flyer!

PTA Fall Fundraiser

Friday, September 26th

Every year the PTA strives to offer each of our children a variety of programs and activities. Dances, Holiday Craft Night, High Interest Day, and Field Day are just a few events possible through the monies raised during the fall fundraiser. Please look for more information regarding the fundraiser in an upcoming flyer!

(This is a tentative date and may be subject to change)

At the first PTA meeting:

Come check out what the Franklin PTA does at our first meeting on September 10th at 6:30 p.m. We will be discussing: 2008-09 Budget, Leadership & Chair positions and Fundraising. Feel free to come check us out, this meeting is open to anyone. We will be meeting in the choir room and supervision for children will be provided.



Upcoming Events

September 10th

PTA Meeting

6:30-8:00

September 11th

Market Day

September 18th

PTA Family Cookout

5:30

September 26th

Fundraiser Kickoff

October 8th

PTA Meeting

6:30

Please check out our PTA Pages sent out with the monthly newsletter from school. We will also have flyers sent out in the folders with updated and special information concerning our events. Also, feel free to check out our website which is listed below. Thanks for supporting our PTA and let's have a great year!

For additional information, please visit one of these sites

Franklin PTA: www.franklin-pta.org

WAWM Council: www.wawmpta.org, Wisconsin Council: www.wisconsinpta.org, National Council: www.pta.org