

August 20, 2010

Dear Franconia Parent/Guardian,

On behalf of the 2010 - 2011 PTA Board, I would like to welcome you back to Franconia Elementary, or if you are new to the school, welcome! My name is Carylin Waterval and I will be your PTA President this school year.

The Franconia Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is about men and women working together toward a common goal. That goal is creating a better school and a better educational experience for our children. We strive to create an atmosphere where teachers and administrators can do their best work—and so can our children.

The PTA helps Franconia in many different ways. Last year, we:

- Aided teachers by providing money to attend conferences and workshops.
- Improved school technology by purchasing three SMART boards for classroom.
- Purchased a mobile laptop computer cart to provide more flexible classroom computers
- Provided children without lunch money a sandwich, so that no one goes hungry.
- Helped to offset transportation costs for field trips.

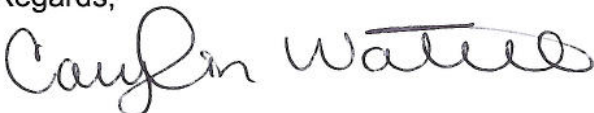
I encourage you to become a PTA member. Research shows that students do better when their families are involved both at home and at school, grades are higher, test scores rise, self-esteem grows and schools improve. With budget cuts affecting many areas of our school, and our school renovation in progress, we need your support to ensure we can continue providing new technology and supplies to our school. and support our fundraising activities throughout the year.

The PTA appreciates everyone's membership, because each member increases the PTA's ability to support our children. Volunteer information will be distributed in the first PTA Newsletter which will be sent home the first week of school. Volunteering doesn't mean a huge time commitment, an hour or two makes a big difference. We have a variety of jobs to fit your time schedule and interests.

The PTA Membership form is enclosed, you can turn the form in at the PTA Ice Cream Social at Open House on Thursday, September 2 or send to school with your child. I look forward to meeting many of you at our "new event", the Ice Cream Social and at Back to School Night on September 16.

Please feel free to contact me anytime if you have questions or concerns. I can be reached at 703-924-2681 or [carylin\\_mother2@yahoo.com](mailto:carylin_mother2@yahoo.com).

Regards,



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Franconia PTA