



EAGLE VIEW PTA FAQs

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What is the Eagle View PTA?

The Eagle View PTA, or Parent Teacher Association, is a membership organization that brings parents and teachers together so we can work to help our children thrive and learn. Over 5 million people belong to PTAs nationwide, making it the largest child-advocacy volunteer association.

Who runs EVES PTA?

The PTA is run by volunteers, parents of children in our school, and teachers from our school. The board of directors is the core team, although every individual who joins PTA plays an important role. Our by-laws are the rules that we follow.

Why should I get involved?

- You can get advice from other parents. Find out about the best babysitter in town, where the kid-friendly restaurants are, which field trips are the most fun to volunteer for, get recommendations for good pediatricians and tutors, and add your own knowledge to the pool.
- You'll gain a greater understanding of broad educational issues.
- You'll improve teacher morale by reinforcing the parent connection and showing parent appreciation.
- You'll be up-to-date on what's going on at school. Not only will you know when school events are happening, you'll also learn about new staff, student accomplishments, new rules, budgets, and changes in curriculum.
- You can influence important decisions. You will get to vote on how PTA-raised funds are allocated, suggest new projects, and voice your opinion on issues affecting your child.

How much does it cost to join?

Membership dues are \$15.00 per family (two adult members); \$10.00 per person (one adult member); and \$5.00 for teachers. Membership dues are used for projects that the membership decides to do. A percentage of the dues support efforts at the state and national levels.

When does the PTA meet?

The PTA meets on the second Tuesday of every month from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the EVES Library. All PTA members are invited to attend meetings.

What happens at PTA meetings?

At PTA meetings you'll hear reports of the various officers, including the President's report, the Treasurer's report, the Principal's report and Committee reports. You'll have a chance to interact with other parents, with the school administrators and teachers and be among the first to learn about important school issues. All PTA members in attendance vote on various motions raised and are welcome to present new ideas for consideration.

What if I can't attend meetings?

You can keep up with PTA activities and find opportunities by regularly checking our website, www.eagleviewpta.com. Also, the PTA sends out regular updates just to PTA members and PTA members are the first to receive the PTA newsletters.

But what does the PTA really do?

EVES PTA is a very active group, doing many things that benefit all of our children. Here is a list of just some of the activities that we sponsored over the past year:

Bingo Night, Movie Night, International Night, First Annual EVES Fun Run/Walk, two Book Fairs, Basketball Night, and various cultural arts programs, including Essence Dance Troupe, Joe Romano: The Magic is Real and Arithmeticles.

What are membership dues and funds raised from events used for?

In addition to sponsoring the various events listed, the PTA provides funding for bus transportation for field trips; purchased the benches located around the playground; funded reading materials and books for the school; funded after school Spanish classes; and purchased the popcorn machine.

What if I don't have any time?

It only takes a moment to join. It's not the amount of time you can contribute that's most important, but rather your commitment to help PTA make a difference in the lives of EVES children.

Volunteers are the backbone of the PTA and volunteers are what keep the PTA moving ahead and in the right direction. Volunteers come in all shapes, sizes, and personality. The bottom line is that EVES PTA volunteers are there for our children. We need time, funds and good will from all of our parents to maintain and expand our programs. It is a joy to be involved and know that you are a part of the place where your children get their main source of education from all day!