

Meadows PTA 2014 Membership Packet

Dear Parents:

Welcome to Meadows Elementary School! The 2014 - 2015 PTA board is proud and excited to serve our school and your children. Our main goal is to obtain 100% participation from our Meadows families and to encourage all families to get involved in the Meadows' community. Whether you are a new or continuing member of the Meadows family, we invite you to join us in supporting your children and their teachers in any of the following ways:

- **Membership:** Your basic PTA Membership is **FREE** (a \$10 value)! However, for each parent who joins, the PTA must pay \$4.50 in membership dues to the National PTA and State PTA for educational advocacy for our children, so *please consider making a donation to cover the expenses needed to fully support and supplement your child's education with the tools, events and programs that Meadows PTA works to provide.*
- **Donations:** We are asking for a donation of \$90 per child or \$180 per family, in order to reach our goal of raising \$20,000 for our Meadows PTA fund. This is *approximately \$.50 a day* for each day your child is in the classroom. Your donation is what makes it possible for us to enrich your child's year, as well as provide for many basic necessities. The PTA pays for field trips, technology (e.g. SmartBoards, computers, cameras, ink, educational software, etc.), on-campus book fairs, assemblies, classroom supplies, and many more programs that directly benefit your child(ren)'s education. In addition, many Bay Area employers will match your donations so please inquire internally.
- **No-Hassle Fundraising:** With your everyday expenses, you can help fund additional expenses for our school via eScrip, Lucky S.H.A.R.E.S., Shoparoo, General Mills Box Tops, and Office Depot. More information will be provided on these "free" funding opportunities.
- **Volunteering:** Please consider donating your time and getting involved in your child's education by helping at school events, including, but not limited to activities that occur during regular school hours. Whether you only have a few hours available per trimester or are available on a regular basis, your help is what keeps our school going! Your children benefit from seeing your time investment in their school. Your hands-on involvement increases their motivation in their work, thereby raising their self-esteem and pride which helps improve their educational experience and growth.
- **PTA Meetings:** PTA meetings are your opportunity to voice your opinions and ideas. We discuss and vote on how to spend our raised funds, so your attendance is highly encouraged! We want to hear your ideas and input. Also, please feel free to bring your children to the PTA meetings. We will have dinner available for the children, as well as light snacks for all attendees.
- **Electronic Mail:** By going paperless and using electronic mail, we hope to save \$4,000 - \$6,000 of your donations that can be better spent in the classrooms and for your children's activities. On the membership form, if you do not provide an e-mail address, then your child will bring home paper newsletters and notices from the PTA.

Please feel free to contact any of the PTA Board members with any other questions or concerns at info@meadowspta.org

Warmest regards from your 2014 - 2015 PTA Board:

President: Leola Meiners
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Meadows PTA Membership & Directory

Please fill out the information below to receive your free membership and return this form to the PTA box. If you want your free membership, but do not wish to include your information in the directory, please check the box below. A student directory of contact information is useful for students and parents that you will find invaluable throughout the school year. The directory is intended for use exclusively as a personal reference by our school community and is only available to families who choose to be listed.

Please print clearly:

Child(ren):

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Grade _____ Room _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Grade _____ Room _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Grade _____ Room _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Grade _____ Room _____

Mother (include last name if different): _____

Email: _____ Home phone: _____

Cell phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Address (please include zip code): _____

Father (include last name if different): _____

Email: _____ Home phone: _____

Cell phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Address (please include zip code): _____

Special Talents your family can offer to help the PTA: _____

- ☐ Check here if you want your free membership, but don't want to be listed in the directory

REQUIRED for FREE membership: Parent/Guardian signature: _____

PTA Directory Sponsorship

Business sponsorships for the Meadows PTA Directory allow us to print the directory at a smaller expense from our PTA funds, and this is a wonderful way to let the Meadows community about your business, in addition to helping support your school. Space for these ads will be printed in the back of the directory.

If you are interested, please complete this form, with your camera-ready artwork or reproducible business card.

- ☐ I would like to be a Directory **Bronze** Sponsor (Name, Address, and Phone Listing): \$20.00
- ☐ I would like to be a Directory **Silver** Sponsor (Business Card ad space): \$30.00
- ☐ I would like to be a Directory **Gold** Sponsor (Half-Page ad space): \$50.00
- ☐ I would like to be a Directory **Platinum** Sponsor (Full-Page ad space): \$75.00

Name: _____ Contact Phone: _____

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

PTA Survey

Please provide the following information to assist in our planning efforts.

1. What activities would you like to see the PTA sponsor / provide?

☐ After School Arts Programs

Comments: _____

☐ Music – instrumental

☐ Music - choral

Comments: _____

☐ Sports

Comments: _____

☐ Field Trips/Assemblies

Comments: _____

☐ Language Classes

Comments: _____

☐ Active lifestyle instruction (e.g. yoga, martial arts, etc.)

Comments: _____

☐ Other

Comments: _____

2. What improvements around the school would you like to see the PTA sponsor?

☐ Update playground

☐ Additional playground equipment

☐ Sports equipment for PE

☐ Other

Comments: _____

3. Please provide any other ideas or feedback:
