



Wharton Borough Schools

PTA

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Dear Fellow Parents and Guardians,

A very heartfelt welcome to our new families and welcome back to our existing Duffy and MacKinnon families. It's going to be an interesting, exciting and fun school year and we just can't wait to share it with you!

We are looking forward to working with you, our students, teachers, and community to enhance our children's learning experience through various programs and activities. The **Wharton PTA** is a great rewarding way for you to be involved in your child(ren)'s educational experience! We'd love for you to be a part of that however you would like.

While our calendar isn't filled with the typical school activities and fundraisers as it has been in the past, we are looking forward to enhancing our children's experience in new, creative ways. The upcoming months will bring us all together virtually for now as we continue to navigate our new normal and keep our children healthy, safe and engaged in their learning environments. Fundraisers will be as contactless as possible, as will any activities we are able to bring to the children in school as well as at home.

We know all of us have chosen what works best for our families and we want you to know that we are all in this together, however that may look to each of us. We are Duffy and MacKinnon Strong. We are Wharton Strong!

Please consider becoming a member of the Wharton PTA and showing your support for all of our children. Being a part of the PTA membership does not obligate you to volunteer but does show your support for our children, help fund programs we support, keeps you informed about what is going on throughout the school year and gives you a voice in what we do each year. By being an active member and giving of your time and talent to enhance our children's experience, you'll make a direct difference in our children's lives and make life-long friendships. You won't regret the warmth in your heart that comes from giving back to our school community. ***Please fill out a membership form today. Additional membership forms will be located in both main offices as well as on the district website and our Wharton PTA Facebook page.*** Please also visit the Wharton PTA Facebook page for updates and links.

Our PTA Meetings will be held via ZOOM for the start of the school year and until CDC and NJS guidelines deem it safe for group gatherings to meet again. We meet typically on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm. However, ***our first meeting of the school year will be Tuesday, September 22nd at 7:30pm. Zoom meeting info will be forthcoming on the district website.*** Can't make a meeting, please feel free to contact me. I'm always happy to speak with parents to chat about what's new and noteworthy and how we can help make our children's experience the best it can be.

Have PTA membership Questions or ideas? Don't hesitate to contact me personally or any of our wonderful PTA executives. We look forward to getting to know you and your families and working with you to make this a wonderful year for our children!

I can't wait to meet you!

Sincerely,

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WELCOME TO YOUR PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

We are a diverse group of parents, teachers and community members excited about the future of kids in the Wharton Borough Schools. Join us and help make a difference in hundreds of lives—including the one's closest to your heart.

At this stage in your child's life and during these unprecedented times, it is more important than ever to stay involved in their education. In fact, over 500 independent studies show that when parents are involved in their children's education, it makes a tremendous difference. (Take a look at some of the statistics on the left.)

Joining the Wharton PTA makes this job a little easier. We provide an excellent opportunity for parents to meet one another, get comfortable with the school and its staff, and support each other's common goals. Plus, we have a lot of fun in the process!

Your Wharton PTA needs your unique talents, whether it's volunteering a few hours a month or a few hours a year, serving on the Board, attending meetings or sharing ideas for community involvement. There's something for everyone.

Come be a part of the team!

Adult Name: _____

Adult Name: _____

One Adult - \$10 Two Adults - \$20 (Checks to Wharton PTA)

Please contact me with more information

Child: _____ Grade: _____

Child: _____ Grade: _____

Child: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____

City and Zip: _____

Email: _____
(your information is completely confidential and will only be used for PTA purposes)

Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

How can we best reach you?

Email Phone (best time to call: _____)

Cell Phone/ text

**Think your kids don't
 need your help at
 school?**

**When parents are
 involved ...**

**Grades and test
 scores improve**



**There are fewer
 discipline problems
 at home and school**



**The school climate
 changes to one of
 inclusivity and good
 stewardship**



**Kids are less likely to
 use tobacco, drugs or
 alcohol**



**Middle school
 students are more
 likely to continue on
 and graduate from
 high school**



**Kids are more likely to
 attend great colleges
 and universities**

