



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PTA

What is the PTA?

The Sunnyside PTA is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to making Sunnyside an even better place for our children to learn and grow. We accomplish that mission by educating parents, advocating for students, and promoting involvement in the school. Our members are primarily parents of students and teachers at the school, but anyone who is interested in helping can participate. The Sunnyside PTA is a local chapter of the Minnesota and national PTA organizations.

What does the PTA do?

The PTA promotes involvement in the school by hosting several activities throughout the year. These events give students, teachers, families, and other members of the community the chance to meet and have fun together. Last year we hosted two family fun nights, a carnival, a science fair, a ball, and grandparents' day.

We help the school provide a better environment and greater learning opportunities for the students. Last year we helped fund fieldtrips, supported Track and Field Day and the NFL's Read 30/Play 60 program. We provided books and periodicals and new projector screens for eleven classrooms. The Artist in Residence Program ignited a love of learning in the students as they helped paint the murals by the library. The PTA also helps the teachers to buy those crucial little extras that aren't in the district's budget, but make such a difference in the classroom.

Does it cost anything to participate?

No. The Sunnyside PTA pays all dues. All you have to do is show up at a meeting.

When and where are the meetings?

We usually meet on the second Tuesday of the month in the Sunnyside library. We provide a light dinner at 6:30. The meeting starts at 6:45 and lasts about an hour.

Do I have to get a babysitter to go to a meeting?

No. We provide FREE childcare. We organize activities in the gym for the kids. They have fun and you get to concentrate on the meeting.

How does the PTA fund its work?

The PTA raises funds throughout the year in a variety of ways. Some of the events hosted by the PTA, particularly the carnival, generate revenue through ticket and concessions sales. We also participate in corporate programs like Box Tops for Education. In the past, the Fall Fundraiser raised money through selling products. This year, we're trying a few new ideas.

What can I do to help?

Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated. We need all kinds of resources: time, talent, donations. Do you like to plan events? Organize? Help during an event? Contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Gregg Tranowski at Gregg.tranowski@allina.com to discuss what opportunities are available and how you can best help.

How can I learn more?

There are lots of ways to learn more about the PTA. Information will be posted on the Sunnyside PTA bulletin board located at the school's main entrance. Events, meetings, and volunteer opportunities will be publicized in the Scoop and on Twitter @SunnysideElemen. You can also contact any of the Executive Board members. They would be happy to talk with you about the PTA and how you can help make Sunnyside brighter. We also have information on the web:

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