



PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)

24001 Ridge Road | Germantown, MD 20876 |

School Hours: 9:25 a.m. – 3:50 p.m.
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August 2019

Dear Cedar Grove Families,

Welcome to the start of another great school year at Cedar Grove!! I hope that you had a wonderful summer! My name is Jessica C. Carter and this is my second year as your PTA President. Whether you are new to our school or a returning family, our primary focus is the same – the children!

Together, the PTA executive board -- Cathy Petersen, Sonal Purohit, Jordan Beckwith and I -- are looking forward to providing enriching and enjoyable programs and activities for the students this year. This upcoming year we will be supporting our annual events like the *Back to School Picnic/Color Run, the Holiday Shop, Science Expo, Read Aloud Night, the End of Year Picnic*, as well as some exciting new additions. Along with these fun family activities, our PTA is also delighted to provide the children with enjoyable and enriching assemblies throughout the school year.

Becoming a PTA member is easy, and your dues go directly to supporting our activities and more. When you sign up you also receive the CGES PTA Directory, an invaluable tool when planning birthday parties, carpools, playdates, etc., and this is given to PTA members ONLY. We are holding our membership Raffle again this year for early PTA membership sign up. This will begin on August 29 at Open House, and will end on September 13, at the Back to School Picnic.

Please remember that it is not mandatory that schools offer these fun activities. They are provided and paid for by the help and support of our teachers, and parents like you and me. To make all of these things happen, we are asking for your support. There are many opportunities to help, and we appreciate your time and effort spent making our organization successful. Below are opportunities for parents like you to become a PTA member and lead our annual events!

Here is the list of events that are in immediate need of PTA members to coordinate:

-Volunteer Coordinator:

Organize volunteers for PTA committees and events, hold at least one volunteer orientation for new volunteers each year.

-Around the World Night:

Committee members will coordinate and help organize the event for families to showcase their heritage by displaying artifacts, sharing food, and/or participating in the multi-cultural fashion show.

-Cultural Arts:

Organize 3 to 4 cultural arts assemblies for students throughout the school year. There is a cultural art showcase that runs for a few days in September/October where you can preview many of the cultural art performers.

-Spirit Wear:

Committee members advertise and order school logo clothing, distribute flyers, collect payment and then distribute the Spirit wear. Items will be sold through flyer distribution to the entire school and also at certain PTA events.

-Landscape and Gardening Committee:

Committee members help to clean and maintain the school courtyard and beds around the school throughout the year.

-Talent Show:

Committee members coordinate talent show process such as; advertising, holding auditions, coordinating the venue, practices, and the evening performance.

-After School Program Coordinator:

Gather information on vendors and make recommendations to the PTA board. Once vendors are selected, coordinate timing, room reservation, advertising/recruitment, and communication with school staff.

Please contact me if any of these positions are of interest to you. If our parents do not step up to take on these important roles, there is a chance that these programs and events will be cut this year, and our children will miss out on these things that make our school special and create treasured memories. Any effort is appreciated and if this is your first event, the entire Cedar Grove PTA family will help and support you with making these events a success!

During Open House on August 28th, come join us in the All Purpose Room after visiting your new classrooms and meeting your new teachers for an Icy Pop Social! We will have a PTA table for you to come by and ask any questions you may have.

Finally, don't miss out on our Back to School Picnic/Color Fun Run on Friday September 13th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The picnic is a great way to introduce yourself to the staff, meet new families in your children's classes, and will be the last day to enter in our PTA membership Raffle.

Being a part of the Cedar Grove PTA family will increase parent participation and will instill so much pride in our schools, our children, and most importantly within ourselves. Please contact me any time (jessicac113@gmail.com) about PTA events and activities. I am here to assist you in any way that I can. I look forward to meeting and working with each of you.

Thank you and have a great year!

Jessica C. Carter

PTA President