

# Farnsworth Middle School - PTA News 09.2023

### **WELCOME TO FARNSWORTH!**

The FMS PTA is very excited to start the 2023-2024 school year! We have many ways in which you can get involved. Many hands make light work. Even if you do not have time to volunteer, supporting the FMS PTA by purchasing a membership and participating in our fundraising efforts helps a lot.

We would like to welcome our new 6th grade families. The PTA at FMS works very much like your elementary school PTA. Information about PTA events is sent via Parent Square. This system is the main way the school and the PTA communicates with our families. FMS PTA updates can also be found on social media - check out our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages!

### **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

Joining the PTA is one of the easiest ways to support the activities the PTA provides to your children. Join by visiting our online website at <a href="https://www.farnsworthpta.memberhub.com/store">www.farnsworthpta.memberhub.com/store</a>, using the below QR code or you may also use the paper membership form (please fill it out and send in an envelope marked "Attn: PTA Membership" with your child). Students can turn the form into their House office.



## OTHER WAYS TO HELP

PRICE CHOPPER TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS: Register your AdvantageCard number online (https://www.pricechopper.com/tools-schools). Our school number is 15787. If you are already registered with FMS, you need to do nothing. New families, please register your card with your new school.

HANNAFORD HELPS: Deposit your Hannaford "school dollars" that you receive at checkout in the FMS slot in the store collection tower located at the front of the store. This program runs in the fall and the school earns cash for these receipts.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION: Look for more information at <a href="https://www.boxtops4education.com/s/">www.boxtops4education.com/s/</a> to download the app on your phone and start scanning receipts.

## **FUNDRAISING**

Our fundraising efforts help us support the social and educational programs the PTA offers to students, teachers and staff at FMS. These include author visits, teacher grants, FMS Road Runner, dances, National Junior Honor Society, welcoming activities for 6th graders and graduating activities for 8th graders. This year we are planning several fundraisers. We are kicking off the year with an apparel sale and Craft Fair.

APPAREL SALE: mid-September; keep a look out for the online apparel store.



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CRAFT and VENDOR FAIR: Saturday October 21st 2023; 10:00-2:00, food trucks, raffle and bake sale are planned! Admission is free, come shop!

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Did you know that your PTA membership comes with many benefits? The obvious benefit is helping us to provide educational and social opportunities for the students at FMS. As a PTA member, you receive free and useful information, numerous discounts and special rates. You can learn more about member benefits by visiting <a href="https://www.pta.org/home/run-your-pta/marketplace/Save-Money-with-Member-Offers">www.pta.org/home/run-your-pta/marketplace/Save-Money-with-Member-Offers</a>

#### **VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteers are ALWAYS needed to help with planning and at PTA events. If you are interested in participating, please email the FMS PTA at <a href="mailto:fmsptaguild@gmail.com">fmsptaguild@gmail.com</a>.

# PTA OFFICERS (2023 - 2024)

President: Suzanne Cifarelli

Vice President: Nicole Aldi

Treasurer: Rebecca Spalten
Secretary: Ann Marie Lizzi
Membership Coordinator: Nina Levy
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PTA Board members can be reached via email at fmsptaguild@gmail.com

# PTA MEETING SCHEDULE (2023 - 2024)

Meetings for the 2023-2024 school year will be virtual. A link will be sent out through Parent Square prior to the meeting.

- September 18, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
- October 23, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
- November 13, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
- January 8, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
- February 12, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
- March 11, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
- April 15, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
- May 20, 2024, 7:00 p.m.