

Gunpowder Elementary School PTA Membership Drive

I'm Rose McQuay and I am your 2009-2010 Gunpowder Elementary School PTA membership chairperson. I am excited to be returning to a position that I held many years ago here at Gunpowder. I know first hand what the PTA can accomplish in a school year. We are very fortunate to have a group of dedicated parents and teachers who consistently put your children first.

Last year the PTA sponsored many activities that included everyone's favorite "Hot Dog Night", which by the way will be held on Friday, September 25th. Bring your blanket and come out to meet your Gunpowder faculty, staff and other parents! Best of all if you join the PTA you can eat for FREE! That's right, if a student recruits one member, 1 adult and 1 student will eat for free. If a student recruits two or more members, 2 adults and all the children in the family will eat for free. What a deal! Some other activities that the PTA sponsored were the Holiday Bazaar, Winter Carnival and Scoop-Swap. The PTA also sponsored many great assemblies. A couple of which were the Science Center assembly that featured a chemistry presentation and The Children's Theatre, a theatre in the round production. In addition to all of the many more activities sponsored by the PTA, the PTA also selects three graduating seniors who attended Gunpowder Elementary School and awards each of them a \$500.00 college scholarship.

Every individual who joins the PTA helps not only his or her own child but also every child. Imagine how strong our community could be if every parent, every community member and every business leader got involved in PTA. PTA membership is not limited to the parents in this building. It is open to anyone. Ask your grandparents, aunts, uncles, dentist, hairdresser and anyone else that you can think of that cares about children. Remind them that they aren't required to attend the PTA meetings but are welcome any time they choose to come. The Gunpowder Elementary PTA is an individual member organization, which means we are an organization of individuals who voluntarily join to support the work the PTA does.

With that said, I ask you this evening to be a voice for our children. Join the PTA! Membership dues this year are once again \$8.00 for the first member and \$7.00 for each additional member. The Gunpowder Elementary School PTA had 100% membership in the past and I know we can do it again! As an extra incentive, each homeroom that has 100%, that is every student is represented by at least one member, will receive a Pizza Party! In addition to this the student that recruits the most members will receive a \$100.00 U.S. Savings Bond. The second and third place winners will each receive a \$50.00 U.S. Savings Bond. In the event of a tie the top recruiters names will be placed in a raffle style drawing to select the winners. Members may join at any time throughout the school year but the deadline for the Pizza Party/Savings Bond Contest will be 11-1-09.

When sending in your membership dues please include each of your students' names as well as their homeroom teachers' names to ensure that all of your children receive proper credit for the memberships. Each family will be receiving three membership forms, if you want additional forms your child's homeroom teacher will have extras, just send them a note requesting additional. Thank you in advance for choosing to join this wonderful association and for putting our children first.

Sincerely yours,
Rose McQuay
Gunpowder Elementary School
PTA Membership Chairperson

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