

### **What is the Hopewell Elementary School PTA?**

The Hopewell Elementary School PTA is a non-profit organization that is completely funded by the generous contributions of its members. It is part of the largest volunteer child advocacy association in the nation. This nationwide association reminds our country of its obligations to children and provides parents and families with a powerful voice to speak on behalf of every child while providing the best tools for parents to help their children be successful students.

### **Why become involved in the PTA?**

- ✓ *It's good for your child* – Research shows that children whose parents are involved do better in school and have less disciplinary problems.
- ✓ *You'll get connected* – there's no better way to know what's going on in your school than to be involved in the PTA.
- ✓ *You'll be part of a network* – You'll be involved with a group of parents who share a common goal of improving the school for the children.
- ✓ *It's FUN* – especially when you bring a friend!!

### **Why Attend Monthly Meetings?**

Monthly meetings are held on the first Monday of each month (except for December) in the school cafeteria. Your voice and opinion matters! Members attending meetings have the opportunity to discuss, evaluate and vote on PTA issues. We welcome your ideas and opinions.

### **Where do your donations go?**

The PTA makes it possible for *EVERY* student to participate in field trips; attend assemblies; enjoy cultural, arts and wellness activities and participate in our *Reading is Fundamental* program. Our PTA supports and funds other programs including the Miler Club. Thanks to PTA funding, all teachers receive a stipend for classroom materials. Additionally, the PTA provides agenda books, weekly readers, playground supplies and instructional technology.

### **Why should you volunteer?**

Together, Everyone Achieves More. Without the time, talent and efforts of our members the PTA will not succeed. As a volunteer it is important to recognize the impact you can make simply by offering a little bit of your time in a school. Try thinking about it like this: for every minute you free up time for a teacher, whether it is making copies or shelving books, it is one more minute the teacher can assist a struggling reader. For every time you volunteer at a family event sponsored at the school it is one more opportunity to show your own children the importance of giving back, the importance of their school and the importance of education. So be proud to volunteer, make it a priority and know that your children are watching everything you do to learn what is important, and if you make their school a priority on your list, they will too.

### **How can you help?**

- *At school* – as a library aide, copy room helper, or on special school days (like picture day).
- *From home* – counting Box Top labels, proofreading the school directory, or baking.
- *As a committee member* – help with the many events and programs throughout the year including: Yearbook, Teacher Appreciation; Family Socials, Hopewell Festival.
- *As a "Blue Moon" volunteer:* Can't commit to a committee right now? Sign up for the "Blue Moon" Committee and we'll contact you whenever we need help to see if you can lend a hand.

### **How can you stay connected?**

- Attend monthly PTA meetings
- Read the monthly PTA newsletter
- Visit the PTA website:  
<http://www.slsd.org/HopewellElementary.cfm?subpage=83953>
- Volunteer!!! Remember, it's fun.

### **2012-2013 Officers**

Melissa Woodring, President  
Melissa Welsh, Vice President  
Erica Baittinger, Treasurer  
Alisa Farrell, Corresponding Secretary  
Karen Trackim, Recording Secretary

**Make sure you mark your calendars for these other PTA sponsored events:**

October 19, 2012 – Fall Social

November 13-15, 2012 – Book Fair

December 1, 2012 – Annual Holiday Marketplace,  
Breakfast with Santa and Trim-a-Tree

March 15, 2013 – Spring Social

May 31, 2013 – Hopewell Festival

Questions? Concerns?  
Contact us. We welcome your input!!

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## **Hopewell PTA Meeting Dates**

**2012-2013**

*All meetings are held in the  
Hopewell Elementary school cafeteria*

October 3, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

November 7, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

January 2, 2013 at 2 p.m.

February 6, 2013 at 2 p.m.

March 6, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.

April 3, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.

May 1, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.

Be a part of the Hopewell Elementary School PTA.  
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**2012-2013**

**HOPEWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA**

**WELCOMES YOU!!**



Please join us for our first meeting  
Wednesday, October 3, 2012  
9:30 a.m.  
Hopewell Elementary School Cafeteria