



SUBJECT: PTA For Your Child!

Hello!

It's time for another exciting school year to start and an important part of **Robert Frost Elementary** is our PTA.

Robert Frost Elementary 's PTA supports critical academic needs, is an active voice on decisions that impact your child's health, safety and quality of education, and builds a stronger, more inclusive school community. We invite you to join and *PTA For Your Child* because increasing our membership, even by one, makes it possible to provide:

- **Maturation Program**
- **Teacher Appreciation Night**
- **SEP Dinner**
- **Eagle Store**

There is no wrong or right way to be involved – anything you can give, whether it's time, donations or money, will support your child's potential. We invite you to join because we can do more together than apart. It only takes 5 minutes: <https://frosteaglespta.new.memberhub.store>.

Sincerely,

Joanie Stewart, Frost PTA Treasurer

FAQs and Talking Points

▪ Why should I join PTA?

First and foremost, PTA is for every family who has a child at the school. PTA is for moms, dads, caregivers, grandparents, teachers and the broader community!

PTA offers all parents and caregivers the opportunity to be engaged in their child's potential. Being a member of PTA means that you are part of a powerful association and action plan that is focused on programs and initiatives that strengthen your child's education.

PTA membership and dues support your child by funding essential educational and curriculum needs; advocating on behalf of children and educators at the local, state and national levels; and building an inclusive school community for all families. Join PTA for your child because increasing our membership, even by one, makes it possible to provide important educational resources, speak up on important issues and create a stronger school community.

▪ Where does my money go when I pay membership dues and how much does it cost?

PTA dues are \$6 and directly support your child. \$1.25 of PTA dues helps fund essential school resources and curriculum needs, including maturation, red ribbon week and teacher appreciation. The remaining \$4.25 of PTA dues support advocacy efforts at the local, state and national levels, impacting decisions affecting your child's health, safety and quality of education.

▪ Does PTA membership require volunteering and attending meetings?

The only thing required of you to be a member of PTA is to pay the annual membership dues. Beyond that, however you choose to PTA is up to you. PTA offers all parents and caregivers the opportunity to be engaged in their child's potential. From volunteering at school events to participating in local, state and national advocacy efforts to holding PTA leadership roles – the level of involvement is up to you. There is no wrong way to PTA!

Membership in PTA can involve as much or as little time as you have to offer. There is no wrong or right way to be involved – anything you can give, whether it's time or money, will support your child's potential.

▪ Do I have to pay online or can I pay with cash?

Yes, you can pay with cash. However, it would be better for our board members for you to pay online. This eliminates handling money in a pandemic, trips to the bank, and time. Being a board member requires 50-100 hours per year of our time, which we volunteer. Any time saved is much appreciated.

▪ Can I just make a donation?

Yes. You will find a donations section in the school store where any donations can be made. Just follow the link, <https://frosteaglespta.new.memberhub.store>.

▪ How does PTA impact my child?

- PTA provides schools access to experts, resources, trainings and dozens of nationally recognized educational enrichment programs that impact a child's education such as the Family Reading Experience, in partnership with the Reading is Fundamental.

- PTA funds the nation's largest and longest running student arts program, Reflections®, which provides students access to arts, music, literature, dance, drama and visual arts.
 - PTA's national advocacy efforts have helped establish universal kindergarten and the National School Lunch Program, the juvenile justice system and anti-child labor laws.
- **Why is there a processing fee for online memberships?**
First and for most it saves time. It saves our board members from having to count money and make several trips to the bank. It keeps us from having to handle cash during the pandemic. It keeps more money in and working for our schools. We chose to pass processing fees on to members as to not take money from Peter to pay Paul.

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