



**Welcome to the 2016/2017 School Year
at Horizon Elementary School,
from your PTA Board!**



Dear Parents and/or Guardians of Horizon Students:

As we get ready to start the new school year, your **Horizon Parent Teacher Association (PTA)** would like to welcome you to another amazing school year for our students, your families, and our incredible teachers and staff.

Our PTA welcomes all families at Horizon and is excited to work with you to help strengthen our family-school partnership. We invite you to join the PTA (dues are just \$7 per person) and to volunteer as your schedule permits – and even if you can't volunteer, your PTA membership will still help us support our school.

With your support, our PTA is able to do incredible work at Horizon. PTA helps our teachers by providing them with start-up funds for their classroom supplies and helps them throughout the year with volunteers. We also provide support for the Media Center, the Art and Music departments, the Clinic, the P.E. department, Guidance Counseling, the school's *Leader in Me* Program, the AR Program, and field trips. We support various school programs, including Gifted Education, Lego Robotics, Destination Imagination, Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students), Space Week, Fire Safety Week, the Science Fair, Field Day, Book Fairs, International Night and more. We also help with Donuts for Dads, host Muffins with Moms, host the annual PTA Reflections Arts Contest, and of course we present the popular Elf Shelf Holiday Shoppe in December. Two years ago PTA put new computers in each classroom, and with the funds you helped raise last year PTA installed a beautiful new covered gazebo in our playground that students can use as a stage or a gathering place and teachers can use as an outdoor classroom. To fund all of PTA's work, we host one major fundraising effort each year – the *Horizon Hustle Fun Run* - which takes place in September and is successful thanks to your support and the support of local businesses.

Communicating with you is extremely important us, because we want to keep you informed about what is going on at school and let you know ways to be involved. We invite you to visit our PTA website: **HorizonElementaryPTA.org**, and to "like" us on *facebook* at [facebook.com/HorizonPTA](https://www.facebook.com/HorizonPTA). (You do not need to be a member of *facebook* to read our posts on that site.) We also hope you will read the monthly newsletters and notes we send home, and attend our PTA meetings the second Monday of most months. We also want to hear from you, so we invite you to email our board members and committee members with any questions/comments you may have. Our email addresses are listed at **HorizonElementaryPTA.org/about-us**.

School starts on **Wednesday, August 3rd** and Open House is on **Monday, August 1st**. At Open House you will have a chance to meet your child's teacher(s), see their classroom(s) and drop off your school supplies. Plus, you can stop by the PTA tables to learn more about us, to buy spirit wear and class shirts, to fill out your PTA membership form, and to sign up to volunteer. No matter how little or much time you have to volunteer, we WILL find a job for you (at home or at school)! And even if you can't volunteer, we still encourage you to join the PTA to help support our school. We are also looking for corporate sponsors, so if you own or work for a company that would like to partner with our PTA, please let us know. Open House starting times are staggered based on your child's grade. They are as follows:

- **Grades 2nd, 4th and 6th from 5:00pm - 5:30pm**
- **Grades Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd and 5th from 6:00pm - 6:30pm**

PTA is proud to partner with parents, teachers, administrators and businesses to enrich our students' lives and provide our children with the best education experience possible. We look forward to another fantastic year at Horizon! Our first monthly PTA meeting will be on **Monday, September 12th at 6:00pm** in the cafeteria. We hope to see you there!

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