



From the SHMA-FTA Board President

It's hard to believe the summer is almost over and the 2010-11 school will be starting in just a few weeks. As we start to plan for this school year I wanted to explain a little about the Family Teacher Association (FTA) and how each family can positively impact our charter.

The FTA's mission is to get families connected to each other and to our school staff in order to enhance the overall educational experience of our children and to help our school make a positive difference in our community.

Our goal is to have 100% of our families join the FTA. To join the FTA you simply need to complete the attached form and make a donation to the FTA. The FTA does not have a set amount required to join, each family can make a donation that is appropriate for them. Many of you have asked how do I know what is the right amount to donate. I have listed several of the events the FTA funds each year.

- FTA provides funding for classroom gardening, parties and spring festival participation. The FTA gives \$25 per child to each class - Approximately 200 students this will total - \$5000
- FTA sponsors our "Welcome Back Party" at the YMCA - This event is fun for the entire family and it gives our families a chance to get to socialize outside the classroom. Approximate cost for this event \$400
- FTA sponsors our "New Family Breakfast" at school - This event is designed to answer questions and explain our different events throughout the year. Approximate cost for this event \$50.
- FTA sponsors the FTA Staff Appreciation Luncheon - This event is our opportunity to show our appreciation to the staff for quickly getting the year underway and making our children's learning environment a very special experience - Approximate cost for this event \$550
- FTA sponsors refreshments for the Holiday Show - Approximate cost for this event \$150
- FTA sponsors our End of Year Party - A Night with the Threshers - FTA invites the staff and a guest - Approximate cost for this event \$400
- The FTA funds over \$6500 in special events each year

The FTA will host two fund raising events this year, our fall festival and our golf tournament. These events help fund the above items as well as other special purchases that allow us to enhance our children's classroom experience.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. You can email me at kbellamy22@verizon.net or 813-760-5433.

Warm Regards

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