



# WOODLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

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## Woodlin PTA 2021-2022

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Dear Woodlin Families,

The Woodlin Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) welcomes everyone for the 2020-21 school year. We hope the first week has been a good one for you and your family.

The last year and half have been a challenge for virtually everyone: students, parents, and educators. And this year we continue to face the challenges of living and learning through the Coronavirus pandemic. We are grateful for the resilience of our school, teachers, and students.

The coming year will bring a big change for our community as Woodlin moves to the Grosvenor Center this winter. We're confident that all of us—parents, teachers, and students—will continue to do our best as we start another year of change and growth.

The Woodin PTA is an all-volunteer organization that works together on behalf of all Woodlin children. We support the students of Woodlin by:

- Developing enrichment programs to enhance our kids' academic experience;
- Hosting community-building events for all of us to enjoy;
- Advocating on behalf of the school's needs at the local, county, and state levels; and,
- Fundraising to support the school, and our teachers and school staff.

Our goals for the PTA this year are to improve communication and build community! We hope you will join us and get involved. You don't need any special skills or talent, just an interest in making our community stronger and better. Whether you can contribute your time as a volunteer, your support as we advocate for the best learning environment for our children, or your resources by donating to our PTA, the bottom line is that we need you! Some of you may have ideas on how we can do things differently and better. We welcome each of you in whatever capacity you want to and can be involved.

### **Please join the PTA!**

The PTA is a great way to show your support and help fund our programs. If we have a lot of members, we have a strong voice when advocating for Woodlin. Individual memberships are \$12 and family memberships are \$20 per year. Go to <http://woodlinpta.org/pta-membership/> to join.

### **Please join our listserv!**

This looks to be a dynamic year, with advocacy for use of outdoor space and the temporary move to Grosvenor Center. The listserv is our best way of communicating with you. Visit <http://woodlinpta.org/join-the-listserv/> to join our listserv, even if you don't officially join the PTA (but please join us!).

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## **Visit our website!**

Our [website](#) has up-to-date information about the PTA, email addresses for Board members, and calendar of upcoming activities, programs, and events, among other useful information for volunteers.

## **Attend PTA Meetings!**

We'll hold 5 PTA meetings this year focused on issues of interest to Woodlin parents.

Friday, September 10th, 6:30pm	Zoom, PTA budget and discussion on upcoming activities.
Tuesday, October 5th, 7:00pm	Zoom, School administration will discuss the move to Grosvenor Center
Tuesday, December	Zoom, agenda to be announced
Tuesday, February 8th , 7:00pm	Grosvenor Center, including tour of the holding school
Tuesday, May 3rd, 6:30pm	Sligo Middle School, PTA elections and end-of-year celebration

Whether you're a new parent to Woodlin or have been part of our community for a few years, we need your support to help us achieve our mission as a PTA.

## **Enrichment**

The PTA runs programs that enrich our students' learning by supporting after-school clubs and in-school activities. We are currently planning for fall, winter, and spring sessions of [after-school clubs](#). During the first week or two of school, look for registration information. In addition, we support in-school activities, such as assemblies to celebrate our diverse community, cultural arts, and the broader world. If you are interested in helping plan arts residencies for this coming year, please let us know!

We're also planning to hold an Earth Day/STEM celebration on April 23rd at Sligo Middle School that will include lots of hands-on science activities, a clothing swap, and a performance. We'll need many hands to pull this off. If you are interested in coordinating the overall event, planning one of the pieces or just helping out, please let us know!

## **Community Events**

We're hoping that our community events will be back in-person this year. All events planned for this fall will be outdoors, with movie night on October 6th and our family dance on November 20th. However, we'll continue to follow expert guidance and will adapt as needed to ensure the safety of our community.

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We've pushed out international celebration to the spring in conjunction with our spring fair. If you are interested in working on that, please let me know!

We also plan events throughout the year to show appreciation for the amazing teachers and staff at Woodlin.

### Advocacy

After many, many years of strong advocacy by the Woodlin community and your PTA, a new Woodlin school building is on the horizon. Woodlin will be moving to the Grosvenor Center this winter until our new building is ready for the 2023-2024 school year. The PTA will remain actively involved in advocating for a safe and modern learning environment for Woodlin's students and teachers.

### School support

The PTA provides resources to Woodlin to support our incredible educators. This includes funds for each teacher and grade-level group for classroom activities, and other resources to help our teachers be their best.

Two years ago, with funding from the PTA, Woodlin sent a group of teachers to [Responsive Classroom](#) training. The Responsive Classroom approach integrates academic and social-emotional skills to create a positive, effective learning environment. Three years ago, the PTA provided funds for the school to purchase enrichment-curriculum in reading, writing, and math that is used in all grade levels to supplement the basic MCPS curriculum. This supports the PTA and Principal's Jackson's commitment to making sure every child has access to enrichment opportunities.

Your financial contributions make it possible for the PTA to provide these opportunities. And while we don't yet know what the school might need this year, we want to be in a position to support Woodlin when the opportunity arises.

### Fundraising and Volunteering

Fundraising and volunteering are necessary for everything the PTA does. We have two major fundraisers each year: the fall fun run (Dash of the Runaway Wizards) and an on-line spring auction. Plans are underway. If you'd like to help, let us know!

In addition, your participation in Snider's receipt collection, the [Amazon smile program](#), dine-outs, spirit wear sales, and the book fairs all provide funding needed to support PTA activities.

Please consider giving your time and talents to the PTA. Whatever your strengths and interests, we can find a place for you.

Here's to supporting our school, students and teachers have a successful 2021-2022 school year!