

WHAT IS THE PTA?

The PTA funds and volunteers help to support:

- ♦ *ACT (Cultural Enrichment)*
- ♦ *Bingo*
- ♦ *Bowman's Big Backyard (K-5 outdoor science)*
- ♦ *The Bowman Directory*
- ♦ *Bowman Fall Festival*
- ♦ *Boxtops for Ed*
- ♦ *Clubs for Students*
- ♦ *Craft Fair*
- ♦ *Emergency Financial Aid*
- ♦ *Field Trip Support*
- ♦ *Hospitalities and Coffees*
- ♦ *Insider's Guide*
- ♦ *International Festival*
- ♦ *Library materials and volunteers*
- ♦ *METCO Activities*
- ♦ *Movie Nights*
- ♦ *Museum of Science traveling science program*
- ♦ *Open Circle Training*
- ♦ *Playground*
- ♦ *Safe Routes to School*
- ♦ *Science Fair*
- ♦ *Some school supplies*
- ♦ *Some enrichment materials*
- ♦ *School beautification*
- ♦ *Staff Professional Development*
- ♦ *Stipends for Staff*
- ♦ *Staff Appreciation Week*
- ♦ *Technology Advancement*
- ♦ *Variety Show*

The role of the PTA

The PTA is a voluntary organization which brings together parents, teachers, school staff and sometimes students at Bowman School, building parent involvement and community for the welfare of the school. The Bowman PTA plays an important role in fundraising to support unfunded or under-funded curriculum-based programs, infrastructure improvements and social events—all vital to our school's success.

Membership - We Need You !

The number one reason to join and get involved in the Parent Teacher Association is to benefit your child by helping our school. The Bowman PTA is self-funding and has the flexibility to respond to the immediate needs of the Bowman teachers and their students. As a member, you benefit by:

- ♦ **Bowman Directory:** Each PTA member receives this school directory which provides class lists, and contact information for students and staff. Many families use this directory to contact friends, make new ones and organize playdates.
- ♦ **Getting Connected:** There's no better way to know what's happening in your school.
- ♦ **Tapping into a Network:** Parenting is not easy—it helps to share ideas, concerns and experiences with other parents and educators in the community. PTA functions are opportunities to meet other parents and teachers, building rapport and discussing issues that are on your mind.
- ♦ **Watching Yourself Grow:** By volunteering with your PTA, you gain valuable experiences. It's an opportunity to put your skills and hobbies to good use for a good cause.
- ♦ **Sharing your ideas:** Because the PTA is a forum for exchanging ideas, you are encouraged to make suggestions. PTA can be a way for you to more effectively suggest changes at Bowman
- ♦ **Positive Improvement:** By getting involved at your child's school you'll be part of the solution, helping make positive changes.
- ♦ **Be a Role Model.** By becoming a PTA member, you'll be demonstrating to your child the importance you place on education.

PLEASE CONSIDER A 2008-09 BOWMAN PTA MEMBERSHIP

PTA IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, Aug 25, PTA Welcome Back Coffee for parents and staff

- ♦ 8:30am to 10am
- ♦ Information and conversation
- ♦ Bowman School lobby

Saturday, Sep 6, Bowman Fall Festival

- ♦ 10am to 3pm, rain or shine

Wednesday, Sep 10, 1st PTA Meeting

- ♦ 7pm

Thursday, Sep 18, Back to School Night

- ♦ details to be announced
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PTA FUNDRAISER AND EVENTS, 2008-09

- ♦ PTA Membership Drive
 - ♦ Fall Festival
 - ♦ Innisbrook Gift Wrap
 - ♦ Book Fair (fall)
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SPECIAL FUNDRAISERS, 2008-09

- ♦ ACT (Arts Created Together)
 - ♦ Book Fair - Library (spring)
 - ♦ 5th Grade Activities Fundraisers (light bulb sale, movie night)
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OTHER PTA EVENTS, NON-FUNDRAISING

- ♦ Safe Routes to School Program
- ♦ Bowman Creates (craft fair) (winter)
- ♦ International Festival (spring)
- ♦ Variety Show (spring)
- ♦ Science Fair (spring)
- ♦ Family Math Night
- ♦ Bingo Night
- ♦ Teacher Appreciation Week events and luncheon