

CLEMENS CROSSING PTA MEMBERSHIP AND FUNDRAISING FORM

After trying lots of different fundraisers over the years, the CCES PTA's major fundraiser is a direct donation program (and later in the fall, a Read-a-thon). Rather than sell wrapping paper or other merchandise, we ask each family to contribute \$50 in addition to their membership dues to support the programs we sponsor throughout the year. Families have let us know that they prefer to make donations where the PTA receives 100% of the proceeds. Our fundraising goal is \$10,500 and if every family makes the suggested \$50 contribution and joins PTA, we will easily reach it.

We rely on both PTA membership dues and direct donations to provide the programs we sponsor throughout the school year, so be sure to join PTA in addition to making a donation. While we encourage all of our families to be involved with PTA, membership does not obligate you to volunteer your time.

STEP 1: INDICATE YOUR CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT

The suggested fundraising donation is \$50 per family, however, please know that we would greatly appreciate any amount your family feels comfortable giving.

_____ \$100 _____ \$75 _____ \$50 _____ \$25 \$ _____ Please fill in amount

Total CCES PTA Tax-Deductible Direct Donation \$ _____

STEP 2: SELECT SINGLE OR FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

Single PTA Membership _____ \$10

Family PTA Membership _____ \$15

Join as an individual, and receive a free CCES car magnet!
When you join as a family, you'll receive TWO!

STEP 3: PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian First and Last Name #1 _____

Parent/Guardian First and Last Name #2 _____

Child 1 Name _____ Grade _____ Homeroom Teacher _____

Child 2 Name _____ Grade _____ Homeroom Teacher _____

Child 3 Name _____ Grade _____ Homeroom Teacher _____

Total CCES PTA tax-deductible direct donation as listed above \$ _____

Amount of PTA Membership as listed above \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

**Please return this form to school in the attached envelope along with a check made payable to
CCES PTA by September 30 or join and donate online via PayPal at
www.clemenscrossingpta.org.**

Clemens Crossing Elementary School PTA is a 501c3 non-profit organization (EIN: 52-1199209). Your canceled check or credit card receipt will be your donation receipt. To request a tax receipt, contact Jeff Bloom at treasurer@clemenscrossingpta.org. For questions about our direct donation fundraising program and/or PTA Membership please ask our Membership Chair, Hyung Chang, at hschang23@gmail.com.

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**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
CCES PTA MEMBERSHIP AND FUNDRAISING PROGRAM**

WHAT IS THE CCES FUNDRAISING PROGRAM?

After trying lots of different fundraisers over the years, the CCES PTA's major fundraiser is now a direct donation program. Rather than sell merchandise, we ask each family to contribute \$50 in addition to their membership dues to support the programs we sponsor throughout the year. The PTA will receive 100% of the proceeds and donations are 100% tax deductible! Our fundraising goal is \$10,500 and if every family makes the suggested donation, we will easily reach it.

This year, we will again sponsor a Read-a-Thon to include other members of our school community (e.g., neighbors, friends, co-workers, extended family members) in our fundraising program. Again, rather than buying merchandise, they can sponsor students' reading goals with their tax-deductible donations and *all* proceeds will benefit the PTA.

HOW DO I JOIN THE PTA AND MAKE A CONTRIBUTION?

It's super easy! You can join the PTA and make your contribution at the same time online at www.clemenscrossingpta.org or by sending the direct donation and membership form to school in the attached envelope along with a check made out to CCES PTA.

DO I NEED TO JOIN THE PTA IN ADDITION TO MAKING A DIRECT DONATION?

Yes! We need you to join AND donate. The number one reason to join the PTA is to benefit your child. Joining PTA also provides other advantages such as:

- Creating opportunities to connect with CCES families.
- Providing the opportunity to shape the PTA as members have voting privileges and can serve as PTA officers.
- Connecting our school community to many resources at the national, state, and county levels. Through our affiliation with PTA Howard County, we learn about many initiatives and events, including those sponsored by Howard County Public School System.
- Receiving discounts from retailers through PTA's National Member Benefits Provider Program. Go to PTA.org to activate your membership and check out available discounts.

HOW IS MY DONATION USED?

The PTA funds many programs that benefit our students including Cultural Arts class enrichment programs, Family Fun Night, Roller Skating Night, Bingo Night, International Night, Paw Print Press, Science Fair, teachers' classroom fund, field trip support, and the spring carnival.

WHAT IF MY BUDGET IS TIGHT?

We understand that back to school costs can be significant. We suggest that families donate \$50, but appreciate ANY amount you can give. As this is our major fundraiser, every dollar we raise makes a difference in the programs we can provide. Remember, you can donate at any time during the school year. Our goal this year is to have 80% or more of our families contribute any amount to our direct donation program.

CAN YOU TELL ME ABOUT OTHER PTA AND SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS?

The PTA raises the majority of its funds in the fall through the direct donation fundraising campaign and the read-a-thon, however, we also sponsor other programs that provide revenue to our PTA including the book fair, holiday shoppe, restaurant nights, and spirit wear program.