

Bells Mill Elementary School PTA
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Dear Bells Mill Family:

Welcome to a new and exciting year at Bells Mill Elementary School! We are looking forward to a fantastic school year, and would like to invite you to join the Bells Mill Parent-Teacher Association, and take an active role in making a difference in the education and success of our children.

In order to help our children and our teachers, the Bells Mill PTA advocates for our children and sponsors numerous programs in the areas of academic improvement, cultural arts, school events, staff appreciation and student affairs.

We help teachers purchase needed supplies for their classrooms; arrange parent volunteer programs during recess and to support teachers and staff in the classroom; provide lunch and event funds for Kids In Need; sponsor cultural arts assemblies and after-school activities; organize and sponsor community events such as International Night, Club Bells Mill, Ice Skating Night, Movie Night, Family Fun/Bingo Night and the Bells Mill Bash; show appreciation to our staff with classroom support; and much, much more. There is no question that the PTA is an integral and critical part of the Bells Mill Community!

When you become a member of the Bells Mill PTA, you are taking a big step toward being more involved in your child's formal education. Our dues are \$18 per family for this school year. This tax-deductible fee allows you to attend and vote at all PTA meetings, entitles you to receive our annual PTA Directory, and provides membership in our county PTA (MCCPTA), our state PTA (MDPTA) and the national PTA.

We hope you will take a few moments to complete the attached membership application. You may bring or mail the application and dues payment directly to the school, in an envelope marked "PTA Membership", or bring them with you to our Open House on Friday, August 26, 2011.

Please join us in working together to ensure that every child at our school has the best opportunity to learn and be successful.

Haylie Iseman
PTA President

Eris Norman
PTA President-Elect

Upcoming PTA Events:

- **Kindergarten Parent Orientation** on 8/25, 7pm - 8pm: Parents of incoming Kindergarten students should join for a back-to-school and get-acquainted session.
- **BMES Open House** on 8/26, 9am - 10am: See your new classroom and meet your teacher!
- **BMES Playground & Popsicle Social** on 8/26, 10am - 12pm: Join your friends on the playground for popsicles and fun after you meet your new teachers at the Open House. All Kindergarteners will meet on the K playground.
- **BMES Family Picnic** on 8/31, 6pm - 8pm: Meet your classmates and their families for a fun evening picnic! Bring a blanket and a picnic dinner or buy dinner from one of the many food trucks that will be there.
- **First PTA Meeting** on 9/6, 7pm - 9pm: Please join us for our first meeting of the school year.

Bells Mill PTA
2011-12 Parent Volunteer Committee Interest Sheet

Your involvement is a crucial element in the success of the Bells Mill community! We welcome volunteers for any and all of the PTA committees, events and activities listed below. Please choose as many as you would like and return this form to school in an envelope marked "I'm a PTA Volunteer". Thank you!

Parent Name _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

Student Name(s)/Grade(s) _____

- _____ **Allergy Awareness** – Provide education/ information regarding food allergies within the school community
- _____ **Bake Sales** – Help coordinate bake sale fundraisers at PTA events
- _____ **After-School Activities** – Help coordinate a wide variety of after-school clubs and classes for students
- _____ **Back-to-School Family Picnic** – Help with our annual welcome-back event
- _____ **Bells Mill Bash** – Help coordinate year end Carnival
- _____ **Black History Program** – Help coordinate this annual celebration
- _____ **Book Drive / Exchange** – Help coordinate the collection and exchange of books to/from students
- _____ **Book Fair** – Help coordinate our annual Fall book sale fundraiser
- _____ **Box Tops / Giant A+** – Promote & collect "Box Tops for Education"; manage Giant Bonus Bucks program
- _____ **Calendar** – Help coordinate the printed school calendar for distribution the first week of school
- _____ **Club Bells Mill** – Help coordinate four Saturday evening social events for students
- _____ **Cultural Arts Assemblies** – Help to review, select and implement cultural arts assemblies for students
- _____ **Directory** – Help compile and distribute Student Directory
- _____ **Discount Card Fundraiser** – Help to distribute and sell BMES cards that provide discounts at local merchants
- _____ **Family Bingo Night** – Help coordinate our annual evening of bingo, friends and fun
- _____ **Geography Bowl** – Help coordinate our new-this-year event of friendly competition and learning
- _____ **Ice Skating Night** – Help coordinate our annual ice skating night at Cabin John Ice Rink
- _____ **Innisbrook Sales Fundraiser** – Help coordinate our annual online fundraiser
- _____ **International Night** – Help coordinate event celebrating our diversity with food and cultural programs
- _____ **Kindergarten Orientation and Activities** – Help coordinate Kindergarten Social, Registration and Orientation
- _____ **Membership Committee** – Help to collect PTA membership forms and checks; distribute PTA cards
- _____ **Movie Night** – Help coordinate movie night and concurrent parent social
- _____ **Newsletter** – Help coordinate publication of Bells Mill Beacon (the PTA Newsletter) five times each year
- _____ **Parent Connection** – Help coordinate PTA Welcome Social for new families
- _____ **Photographer** – Help to capture PTA events in photos, for use in yearbook and display on PTA bulletin board
- _____ **Playground/Popsicle Social** – Help coordinate back-to-school welcome event
- _____ **PTA Bulletin Boards** – Design and maintain PTA bulletin board in front of school
- _____ **Read-A-Thon** – Help coordinate Fall reading fundraiser
- _____ **Recess** – ***We need as many volunteers as possible to supervise/coordinate/assist with recess activities***
- _____ **Reflections** – Help coordinate the annual MCCPTA Art Competition
- _____ **Restaurant Nights** – Help coordinate Ledo's Nights and other fundraising events at local restaurants
- _____ **Room Parent Coordinator** – Help to act as liaison between the PTA and the classroom Room Parents
- _____ **Science Fair** – Help coordinate our school-wide evening Science Fair
- _____ **Sock Hop** – Help coordinate our evening school dance
- _____ **Special Needs** – Help to provide information on county programs to parents of students with special needs
- _____ **Spirit Wear** – Help coordinate sale of Bells Mill T-shirts and other clothing and items
- _____ **Staff Appreciation Week** – Help coordinate recognition and appreciation efforts for staff
- _____ **Staff Appreciation Lunch** – Help with a luncheon honoring our staff during Staff Appreciation Week
- _____ **Staff Holiday Lunch** – Help with a luncheon honoring our staff during the holiday season
- _____ **Sunshine Committee** – Provide support (meals and other) to families and staff during times of need
- _____ **Talent Show** – Help coordinate our school-wide talent show
- _____ **Teacher Back-to-School Breakfasts** – Help coordinate three welcome breakfasts for teachers in August
- _____ **Volunteer Coordinator** – Help to coordinate teams of parents/guardians to assist in the classrooms and Media Center
- _____ **Walk for the Homeless** – Help coordinate our annual fundraiser for the Stepping Stones Homeless Shelter
- _____ **Webmaster** – Help maintain the PTA website
- _____ **Yearbook** – Help compile the school yearbook

Bells Mill Elementary School Cards

The new BMES cards are here!

Only \$10, they pay for themselves in just days.

Buy Yours Today!

The Card Discounts begin **NOW**, and run through September 2012.
Cards will be for sale at Bells Mill events at the start of the school year.

This year's BMES Card Merchants:

Domino's Pizza	Robek's	Cici's Pizza
Vince & Dominic's Pizza	Baskin Robbins	Jiffy Lube
Subway	Zohra	Sbarro
Breadsmith	Ben & Jerry's	Jerry's Subs and Pizza
Player's Pass	Panda Express	Ledo Pizza



11/01/12-01 FOR FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES CALL 888-845-0727 - WWW.SUPERGREEN.COM

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