

Coastal Middle School
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Dear Families,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome each of you to Coastal Middle School. As PTSA Board Members, it is among our responsibilities to talk with you about our organization, enroll you as a member, and very importantly, encourage you to get involved in our school.

Your 2012-2013 PTSA Board Members

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What is the PTSA and who can become a member?

Our PTSA is part of a National Parent-Teacher Association that strives to enhance children's educational experiences. The PTSA advocates on behalf of children on the local, state, and national levels. Being part of a National Organization such as this requires us to pay dues. Becoming a member does not mean you automatically sign up to volunteer; it simply means you support the organization. We had over 80 members this past year and hope to increase that number exponentially this year. All parents, caregivers, and community members, along with school faculty and students can become a member for only \$6.00 each. Please enroll or renew your membership for 2012-2013 by completing the enclosed Membership Form.

A list of PTSA meetings at the bottom of this sheet is also located on the school website and our PTSA website. Coastal Middle School has a Facebook page and twitter page as well. Please visit our pages to receive updates, connect with other fans, and share comments. This year we have added a few informational sessions for you to learn more about a variety of topics, to include what it's like to be a parent at Coastal Middle School and how to get involved in our community.

Become a Volunteer. Get involved! Have fun!

Over 500 independent studies on parent involvement show that when parents get involved in their children's education, grades go up, test scores improve, and fewer discipline problems occur. We are looking for volunteers to be a part of several new committees that we feel are important to the upcoming school year. Please let us know which committee you would like to be a part of. We have several that absolutely need your help and expertise.

PTSA Dates to Remember for 2012-2013 School Year (*full calendar on back of this letter*)

Thursday, August 23 rd	Coastal Middle School Open House	3:30 – 5:00 pm
Saturday, August 25 th	Parent Orientation	9:00 – 10:30 am
Tuesday, September 18 th	Volunteer/Committee Info Meeting	5:45 – 6:30 pm
Tuesday, September 18 th	School Year Kick-Off Meeting	6:30 – 8:00 pm
Monday, October 1 st	Reflections Entries Due	
Tuesday, October 16 th	Parent Event Night "CMS 101"	6:30 – 8:00 pm
Tuesday, December 4 th	Holiday Concert/Book Fair	6:30 – 8:00 pm
December TBD	Parent Event Night "CMS 201"	6:30 – 8:00 pm
Tuesday, February 12 th	General Meeting	6:30 – 8:00 pm
January TBD	Parent Event Night "CMS 301"	6:30 – 8:00 pm
Tuesday, May 14 th	Reflections/Board Elections	6:30 – 8:00 pm
May 6-10	Staff/Teacher Appreciation Week	

We look forward to a wonderful school year! Thank you for your support!