

CANNELLA PTA

Fall 2013

NEWS

Connecting Parents, Teachers and Students

Upcoming Events.

Welcome Back Dinner & General PTA

Meeting ...Aug. 27 @ 5:30

Labor Day No School...Sept. 2

Fall Catalogue Fundraiser...Sept. 6-20

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Hello and welcome to a new year at Cannella Elementary! We hope your summer was fun, and you're ready for an amazing school year. We have a lot of exciting and fun things planned for this year.

First, I would like to introduce our executive board for the 2013-2014 school year:

President: Christine Westreich

Treasurer: Candy Peake

Recording Secretary: Tracy Maguire

Volunteer Coordinator: Jael Noda-Vera

Media & Communications: Judy Soto

Corresponding Secretary: Open position

Membership Coordinator: Cindy Munoz

Way's N' Means: Open position

We still have some open positions on our board. If you are interested please contact us and we will give you more information.

Welcome Back Dinner & General PTA Meeting

We would like to invite all our families to join us for a welcome back dinner. We will also be holding our first PTA General Meeting of the year. Come join us for dinner as we would like to get to know our new and returning families. We would like welcome anyone to share any ideas or ask any questions they may have for the PTA.

Technology

The PTA has some great news to share! The PTA applied for a grant, and was awarded 10 Amazon Kindles'. Over the summer, the PTA also purchased 40 more. This year 2nd to 5th grade classrooms will be able to use them in the classrooms.

The PTA has decided to focus on creating a Science Lab for the school. We will be purchasing items for the teachers to use during Science classes. Teachers will be able to borrow items for experiments. We will be adding items throughout the year and will be accepting any donations made towards this.







Volunteering

As you may or may not yet know, we are a busy group. This is where you can come in! We need your help, and so do your children. Volunteering is an important part of what we do, and we are always looking for parents who want to get involved. We have plenty of opportunities where you can help. Over 500 independent studies on parent involvement show that when parents get involved in their children's education grades go up, test scores improve, children are more likely to attend better schools after high school, they have fewer discipline problems and they're less likely to use drugs and alcohol. Get involved TODAY!

Our PTA is part of the National, State, and County Parent/Teacher Association's that strives to enhance children's educational experiences. Being part of these organizations, we must pay annual dues. To offset these dues, every year, we have a membership drive. Becoming a member does not mean you automatically sign up to volunteer, it just means you support our group and believe in what we're doing. As a member you are also eligible for benefits! Last year we had 189 members – this year we set our goal for 250! All parents, caregivers and family members, along with school faculty can be members, for only \$5! Please enroll or renew your membership for 13-14 and help us achieve our membership goal!

All volunteers must fill out a SERVE form, which are available in the school office..

Ways to help your school

	The best way to help your school is by joining the PTA. Mothers, Fathers, Sisters, Brothers, Grandparents, Cousins and anyone else you know may join the PTA. Even your local businesses can join!
	Cut Box Tops from your favorite products. Send them into your school with your child. Cannella earns \$0.10 for every Box Top!
	We ask you to send in your gently used uniforms, spirit shirts, and shoes. You can donate, swap for different sizes, and also available for those in need.
	Most teachers have a wish list, which you can request a copy of. You can also buy extra school supplies and send them in to your student's teacher.