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The Parkside PTA Newsletter

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First PTA meeting and \$donations\$ for supplies

Let's get started! Please join us for our first PTA meeting **Thursday, Aug. 23 at 5:30 pm** in the cafeteria. If you're new to Parkside, this meeting is a great opportunity to learn about PTA, what we do and how you can get involved through one of our committees (see descriptions below). Childcare will be provided. Also, a big thank you to everyone who bought a supply bundle. It's a time, money, and headache saver—especially for the teachers! If you haven't already, please purchase a bundle or two at the meeting or by clicking on the link at the bottom of the homepage of the school's website—

AtlantaPublicSchools.US/Parkside, so that PTA can continue providing this service. Finally, mark your calendars for our first **Bake Sale on Aug. 31—Panda Pride Day**, which is always the LAST Friday of each month.

The Communications & Outreach Committee works to better communicate and connect our parents and families with PTA, as well as with the community Parkside serves. This includes publishing this newsletter and writing articles for neighborhood publications. Committee members also develop collateral for PTA events and make sure Parkside has a presence at community events like the Grant Park Farmers Market.

The Events Committee organizes at least three PTA-sponsored events, including Screen on the Parkside Green, our joint King feeder school Fall Festival, and Spring Family Dance. The committee conducts all aspects of event planning including activity and vendor management and volunteer recruitment.

The Fundraising Committee considers fundraising opportunities as they arise and implements them and solicits corporate yearlong sponsorships for PTA. Currently, additional fundraising is done through the Bake Sales (monthly), Book Fairs (biannually), and Corporate Sponsor Programs (Box Tops, AmazonSmile), but more ideas are always welcome!

The Teacher Appreciation Committee supports and celebrates our teachers and administration by hosting the Teacher Appreciation week in May, and at least one other breakfast during the year. The committee also runs the monthly PTA coffee/tea cart for teachers and coordinates Room Parents.

The Garden & Wellness Committee promotes school wellness by providing wellness activities, advocating for wellness policies at the school, and supporting farm-to-school educational events and programs that encourage consumption of fresh, healthy food while connecting students to where food comes from. The committee maintains the school's Learning Garden which serves as the foundation for these learning experiences and conducts vegetable and fruit tastings based on what's growing in the garden.

On Facebook?
Search for our
parents group,
"Parkside Elementary
Parents," where you can
ask and answer
questions, share
experiences and engage
with other parents.



Thank you to our first \$1,000 sponsors of the year!



Mark Your Calendars!

Parkside Elementary 2018-2019 PTA Meetings and Events

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
August 25-26 Sat-Sun, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Parking Lot Fundraiser Summer Shade Festival	Volunteers needed: Go to tinyurl.com/SSFparking
August 23 Thursday, 5:30 p.m.	PTA Meeting	Childcare provided
August 28 5:00-10:00 p.m.	Dine Out – Your Pie	Make sure to mention that you are there for the Parkside Dine Out
September 2 Sunday, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Parking Lot Fundraiser House in the Park Festival	Volunteers needed: Go to tinyurl.com/HITPparking
September 18 Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.	PTA Meeting	Childcare provided
September 28 Friday, dusk	Screen on the Parkside Green Outdoor Movie Night	Volunteers needed Event Chair: Bridget Fancher
October 20 Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	“Commit to King” Fall Festival at MLK Middle School	Volunteers needed Event Chair: Katie Howard
November 1 Thursday, 5:30 p.m.	PTA Meeting & Chili Dinner	Potluck – bring chili and fixings! Childcare provided
December 13 Thursday, 7:15 a.m.	Teacher Appreciation Breakfast	Volunteers needed Event Chair: TBD
January 15 Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.	PTA Meeting	Childcare provided
February 8 Friday, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.	Family Dance	Volunteers needed Event Chair: Caitlin Lee
March 16 Saturday, 8:00 a.m.	Parkside Stride 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run	Volunteers needed Event Chair: Sarah Cannon
March 21 Thursday, 5:30 p.m.	PTA Meeting	Childcare provided
April 23 Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.	PTA Meeting & Officer Elections	Childcare provided
May TBD	Scholastic Book Fair	Volunteers needed Event Chair: TBD
May TBD	Teacher Appreciation Week	Volunteers needed Event Chair: TBD