

Welcome Back To School

Hello Parents,

As summer comes to an all-too-quick finale and school begins this week, the PTA is back to work. We are really looking forward to a great year! We have a proposed; budget and PTA Calendar, with lots of great events planned for 2016-2017.

But we can't do it without you! This is a transition year for the PTA. Many of us have been involved for many years and have youngest children who are preparing to move on. We invite you to get involved. We have lots of opportunities for those who have only an hour or two and for those who would like to be leaders. Be a part of this amazing DCES community! We are all so lucky to be a part of it and with your help; we can make it even better.



CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

Did you know that the PTA has a website? There's lots of great information there already and we plan to add even more as the year progresses. Go to dcespta.org and have a look!

JOIN PTA

****New This Year**** Join PTA online! Go to dcespta.org to sign-up and make your payment. The price for membership this year is \$20 per family and \$10 for staff. This includes your membership card.

DIRECTORY

Each year, the DCES PTA publishes a student directory for all those who would like to participate. This is a great way to get email addresses for party planning and friendly get togethers. Every family can be included in the directory but only PTA members receive a copy. This year you can fill out the form online. Simply complete the [Directory Information Form on our website](#).

FUNDRAISERS

Did you know that if every family donated around \$50 per child in their household we would be fully funded for the year? (Go to dcespta.org to find out where the money goes. You might be surprised at what we pay for.) This year, we are working to streamline the fundraising calendar, trying to eliminate the constant "noise" by too frequent requests for money from so many different areas. Also, our primary fundraiser, the Deer Dash 5K & 1-Mile Fun Run is not as profitable as it once was and requires many wo/man hours. We are hoping to turn this into a Family Fun Event this year and eliminate it as a primary fundraiser.

We are working to determine which fundraisers are the most profitable and most preferred by the parents and community. You may receive notice of various fundraisers this year. Please don't feel you need to participate in every one. Just know we are trying a variety of programs to find the best and most profitable for our students and school community.

Our first fundraiser will be purely donation-based. No selling, no baking and no sponsor collecting, and all donations go right to the PTA! Look for something to come home in your child's folder in early September. If this proves successful, we may not need any more fundraisers for the remainder of the year, leaving us to focus on putting together high-quality experiences for the students and staff at Deer Crossing!

We hope you all have a great 2016/17 School Year.

The PTA Board