

# PTA FUNCTIONS

Below is a list of events that are provided by the PTA in order to make each year a more memorable one for Forest Avenue Students. You help to make these events possible through your purchase of a PTA Membership, volunteering, and supporting our fundraisers throughout the school year.

Cultural Arts: Forest Avenue has the largest Cultural Arts budget in the district and the children really do benefit from these performances, which are offered to the all students in the form of assemblies and evening events.

Fall Fundraiser: The PTA offers fundraisers to the whole school to help fund the many events we offer throughout the year. It is because of all your support that we have been able to do so much.

Book Fairs: The PTA organizes and runs the two book fairs, one in the fall the other in the spring. We purchase books and donate them to the classrooms and library. We also purchase books for the FAB program.

Family Walk Night: We supply apples and water to all those who come out to walk with family and friends. We do this twice a year, fall and spring.

Red Ribbon Week: The PTA decorates the school and grounds with red ribbons while the teachers help the children understand their pledge against drugs. There is also a dress theme each day with a slogan against drugs.

Picture Day: The PTA organizes picture day in the fall, allowing all children to sit to have their picture taken for the yearbook, which is offered for sale at the end of the school year. We also have a picture day, in the spring. The fifth graders have two group pictures taken, one on the playground and the other the blacktop where the children are placed in their graduating year configuration. Both of these group photos are placed in the yearbook.

Fall Festival: This is a fun night for the whole family. We try to bring families together for an enjoyable evening with entertainment paid through our Cultural Arts Program. We offer concession, raffles, and 50/50.

FAB: Forest Avenue Books- We are the only school in the district distributing books twice a year to our children at no cost. This is done in December and June.

Holiday Gathering: Another fun night for the whole family with entertainment paid through our Cultural Arts Program. We have a special guest arrive right after the show. We offer concession, raffles, and 50/50.

Holiday Fair: The PTA finds a vendor to supply items for the children to do their holiday shopping. Volunteers offer their time to help the children shop within their means and to help them out at the check-out register.

Family Night: Another night of fun with family and friends with entertainment paid by our Cultural Arts Program. We offer concession, raffles, and 50/50.

PARP Pajama Night: PTA provides milk and cookies for Pajama Night. We also offer prizes for the contests during the two weeks of PARP (Parents as Reading Partners). We also have a Cultural Arts related show for all the children during the day.

Jump Rope for Heart: The PTA works along side the gym teachers and supplies water for all the children who participate in Jump Rope for Heart.

Gym Night: The PTA supports gym night by providing fruit and water for the children that come to gym night.

Supermarket Games: This is our biggest fundraiser and we reach out to many to make it a success. We ask for donations such as gift cards, new and unused merchandise that we can put together to make baskets to raffle off. We collect donations of food for the Supermarket Games part of the night. We also do a 50/50 raffle.

Circus Week: Although Circus Week is considered Cultural Arts, this is our biggest expense. It allows all students to learn circus techniques all week during their gym classes. It also allows the graduating fifth grade class a chance to experience something they've never done before, to perform in a mini-circus in front of all their parents and friends. It's a lifetime memory that we're very proud to afford each child.

Staff Appreciation Lunch: The PTA, on a minimum budget, hosts a lovely lunch for the entire staff of the Forest Avenue School.

Incoming Kindergarten Screening: The PTA assists the Reading and Speech Teachers, by helping the incoming kindergarten parents prepare paperwork for the screening by the teachers.

Field Day: The PTA supplies the ice pops for all the school children at the end of field day.

Yearbook: The PTA organizes everything from the pictures from picture day, "through the years" pictures, 5<sup>th</sup> graders baby pictures, dedications, grade level pictures and event pictures.

Family Picnic: Each year Forest Avenue has an end of the year picnic and although there have been restrictions placed on what we can have, we seek entertainment that will allow fun and excitement for all.