

September 2018

Dear Family and Friends of WAS Students,

On behalf of the Walnut Avenue School Parent Teachers Association (PTA), welcome to our new school year! We invite you to join our efforts to make WAS a wonderful place for our children by becoming a member of the PTA. PTA is a grassroots association working exclusively to improve the education and well-being of all children at home, school, and in the community. As a member of the PTA, you are part of the largest child-advocacy association in the state of New Jersey. Your membership is a statement of commitment to your children and your community.

Everyone is invited to join the WAS PTA family! **Your \$9.00 membership fee per parent enables the PTA to jump-start our funding for the year so we can provide children, parents and teachers with programs that help make our school so special.** The success of our membership drive and various fundraisers throughout the year contribute to PTA-sponsored events, activities and purchases such as Trick or Trunk, Pajama Bingo, Variety Show, new playground equipment and benches, water fountains, visiting performers, supplemental payments for class trips and end-of-year festivities – just to name a few! Although your support by volunteering for fundraising activities throughout the year is important and appreciated, membership dues provide the majority of funding for our PTA. Your membership truly has a direct impact on your child and the quality of our school.

The WAS PTA has set a goal of 100% membership participation from all families, with prizes for those classes who meet this goal. Please join us! Simply complete the attached form, enclose it and the dues payment (**CHECKS ONLY PLEASE**, payable to **WALNUT AVENUE SCHOOL PTA**) in an envelope and send it back to school with your child. We also appreciate a \$1/family donation for event refreshments and any further voluntary contribution that you choose to make.

Our PTA maintains an online WAS PTA database that will serve as a membership directory accessible by all paying members. Also, the New Jersey PTA is entirely “green,” so instead of receiving a paper membership card you will receive an “e-card” welcoming you and confirming your membership. Joining families will also receive a WAS car magnet so you can easily display your school pride!

The 2018-2019 school year promises to be filled with educational activities and family fun. With exciting school-wide themes and new adventures ahead, we hope you will take this opportunity to strengthen your partnership in your child’s education and join the WAS PTA. Our first PTA meeting will be held on Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 7:00pm in the WAS cafeteria (free babysitting is provided). Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there!

Thank you,

Kristin Cohen  
PTA 2<sup>nd</sup> VP/Membership Chair  
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## Walnut Avenue School PTA Membership

Parent Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Child(ren) at WAS and Grade/Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred email address (please write clearly!!): \_\_\_\_\_

(this is where your membership e-card is sent, so please be sure to include an email!)

Dues: \$9.00 per parent          # of parents \_\_\_\_\_ x \$9.00 =          \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Tax Deductible Voluntary Contribution          \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$1.00 donation per family for refreshments          \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed (CHECKS ONLY, payable to WAS PTA)          \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like your information to be published in our online school directory?    \_\_\_ yes          \_\_\_ no