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## Why START/Join A PTA/PTSA?

The number one reason to have/ join the **Parent Teacher Association (PTA)** is to benefit your child/youth. In doing so, you also help your school. But there are many more advantages. *Here are just a few:*

- \* **Get Connected.** There's no better way to know what's happening in your school.
- \* **Tap into a Network.** Parenting is not easy—PTA helps to share ideas, concerns and experiences with other parents and educators in the community. PTA functions are opportunities to meet other parents and teachers, building rapport & discussing issues that are on your mind.
- \* **Watch Yourself Grow.** By volunteering with your unit, you gain valuable experiences. It's an opportunity to put your skills and hobbies to use for good causes.
- \* **Witness Improvement.** By getting involved at your child's school you'll be part of the solution, helping make positive changes. Local PTAs can play an important role in advocacy, teacher support, fund raising to provide building improvements, curriculum-based programs, and social events—all vital to a school's success.
- \* **Be a Role Model.** By becoming a PTA member, you'll be demonstrating to your child the importance you place on education.
- \* **Enjoy Substantial Benefits.** Individuals and local units can take advantage of a host of benefits from PTA membership including discounts and offers from member benefits providers and sponsors, magazine subscriptions, leadership training, e-newsletters and much more.

**Parent Teacher and Student Associations (PTSAs)** include **student members** who are given the opportunity to develop or use their leadership skills. Middle & High school students participating in the PTSA get the chance to coordinate projects in addition to volunteering for their school and community.

***For less than 3 cents a day***, you can become a PTA/PTSA member, joining nearly 5 million other people who likely share some of your interest in issues affecting children. **Everyone—parents, educators, students and other citizens active in their schools and communities—are invited to join our not-for-profit organization.** *Parent Involvement is still very important in middle and high school!*

**PTA/PTSA's are networked with a district, state and national organization and its resources, advocacy and outreach unlike some parent teacher organizations.** Note, the PTA is **different** from the PTO. Also, your school benefits from this **investment** by enjoying what the PTA is able to offer because of its national prominence and affiliations. Many pay for *one cup of coffee*, what many PTA units ask for in **one year's membership**.

### How we Can Help and Contact Info!

Our NEKY PTA district will **HELP TO START** a PTA or PTSA at your school! We can provide **support, training and/or resources** to help you on your way! For more info and program ideas, visit [www.26pta.webs.com](http://www.26pta.webs.com) or [facebook.com/neky.pta](https://facebook.com/neky.pta). Please contact Brenda Martin, NEKY District 26 PTA President at 606-571-0917, [bdrumartin@hotmail.com](mailto:bdrumartin@hotmail.com); POB 104 Russell, KY 41169. Follow [@bdrumartin](https://twitter.com/bdrumartin), [@kentuckypta](https://twitter.com/kentuckypta) & [@nationalpta](https://twitter.com/nationalpta) on Twitter, Pinterest, & Instagram!