

**Bells Mill Elementary School PTA**

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Dear Bells Mill Families:

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year at Bells Mill Elementary School! The PTA is part of the Bells Mill family and community. We need you for continued success :)

This year, the PTA will continue its focus on strengthening our school community. There is strength in numbers; so please join the PTA! Membership dues support community events, cultural arts assemblies, academic improvement, parent lectures, staff appreciation events, and numerous other enhancement activities.

Dues, which are tax-deductible and must be renewed yearly, are only \$25.00 per family. These dues provide required membership to our county PTA (MCCPTA), the state PTA (MDPTA), and the national PTA. Once again, we will be raising funds through a direct donation campaign. We are asking that each family contribute \$100.00; an amount over \$25.00 that you can spare. A fun donation amount to consider could be \$181.00 (that's just a dollar per school day)! Those who would like to contribute more, please do! You can join and donate at our Bells Mill PTA website at [www.bellsmill.org](http://www.bellsmill.org).

It takes a village to run the PTA and we need you to be part of that village! We have volunteer positions for everyone; whatever your work schedule may be. The PTA can raise thousands of dollars, but it means nothing if we do not have volunteers to run the amazing events that are planned. Please consider becoming a committee chair as well. Maybe you are ready to become even more involved and learn the ropes to become a board member! The BMES PTA needs you!

Remember to sign up to receive Bear Posts. Bear Post is the PTA's weekly newsletter that will keep you informed of all things Bells Mill, including information from Ms. Oglesby, volunteer sign-ups, calendars, links to additional information, etc. You can sign up at [www.bellsmill.org](http://www.bellsmill.org).

We are looking forward to a wonderful 2016-2017 school year! Please feel free to contact us at any time with comments, questions, and/or concerns! You can find our contact information at [www.bellsmill.org](http://www.bellsmill.org).

The 2016-2017 PTA Board

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