

Bells Mill Elementary School PTA
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Dear Bells Mill Families:

Welcome to a new year at Bells Mill Elementary School! We are looking forward to a fantastic school year and invite you to join YOUR Bells Mill Parent-Teacher Association (PTA).

Why should you join? We advocate for the children and sponsor programs such as academic improvement, cultural arts, parenting lectures, fun community events, staff appreciation and student affairs.

What does the PTA do? We help teachers purchase supplies for the classrooms * arrange parent volunteers * provide lunch and event funds for Kids In Need * sponsor cultural arts assemblies and after-school activities * organize and sponsor community events such as International Night, Club Bells Mill, Ice Skating Night, Movie Night, Family Fun/Bingo Night, Bells Mill Bash * distribute a free annual directory of students to all Bells Mill PTA families * represent BM at local PTA meetings * and much, much more!

I want to volunteer! Great! Volunteering to chair or help with an event is an exciting way for parents to take an active role in their children's school experience. There is something for everyone – full time working parents, families with their first child in kindergarten and “legacy” parents sending their last family member to 5th grade! Please consult our list of activities and opportunities to help.

[\(http://bellsmill.org/about/committees/\)](http://bellsmill.org/about/committees/)

I don't have time to volunteer! That's OK. If you don't have the time or the desire to volunteer we still need your PTA membership dues and donations in order to support our programs and to provide programming for those less fortunate. Please take the time to join and donate today!

How do you join? Go to our PTA [website](http://www.bellsmill.org) (<http://www.bellsmill.org>) to become a member and stay up-to-date on Bells Mill news and events.

How much is it?

- \$20 – per family to join the PTA. This tax-deductible fee must be renewed yearly. It provides membership in our county PTA (MCCPTA), our state PTA (MDPTA) and the national PTA. As a member, you will also receive a FREE copy (plus on-line access) of the Bells Mill student directory. ***The school directory will ONLY be distributed to PTA members!***
- \$100 – Voluntary Donation to PTA ***NEW THIS YEAR*** – NO MORE FUNDRAISERS!!! In order to fund our PTA sponsored activities, we are asking each family to contribute \$100 or whatever you can spare.

How else can you get Bells Mill PTA info? Check out the PTA website and sign up to receive Bear Post emails – (They're free!) Our weekly PTA newsletter will keep you informed of all things Bells Mill related, including info from Mrs. O, volunteer sign ups, calendars, links to additional information, etc. To sign up, go to our homepage (<http://www.bellsmill.org>)

We are excited to start a new school year and look forward to meeting all the Bells Mill families new and old! Please feel free to contact us with questions.

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