



# Bells Mill ES Parent Teacher Association

General Meeting – October 5, 2021

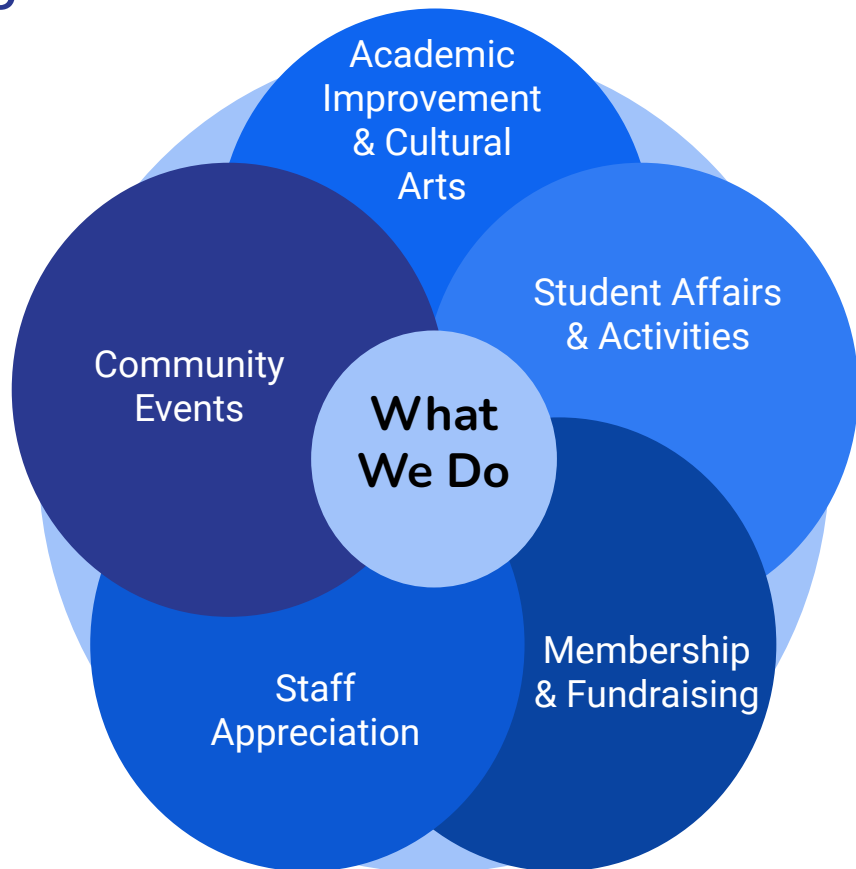
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# Tonight's Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Treasurer's Report
- Membership & Fundraising
- Upcoming PTA Activities
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
- MCCPTA Delegate Update
- Keep in Touch with PTA
- Q&A with Dr. Smith & Mrs. Kemp
- New Business
- Adjourn

# Welcome! Thanks for coming tonight!

- Dedicated to making a difference in the education and school experience at BMES
- Priorities for this year:
  - Partner with school to address community needs and concerns
  - Help the school community thrive during the ongoing pandemic
  - Stand up diversity, equity and inclusion activities more fully
  - Increase membership and parent engagement



# Meet our Board of Directors

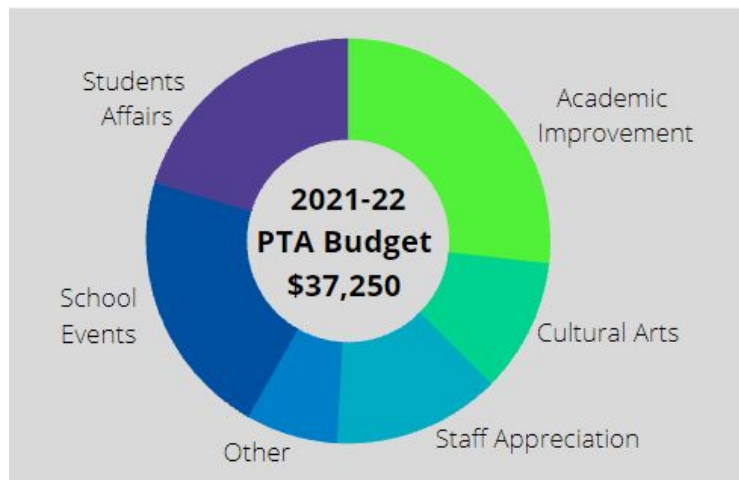
<b>President</b>	Debbie Fleischer
<b>VP of Fundraising &amp; Membership</b>	Devin Donaldson
<b>VP of Communications &amp; Family Engagement</b>	Lindsay Brecher
<b>VP of Diversity, Equity &amp; Inclusion</b>	Asmaa Seif-Eldin
<b>VP of School Community Events</b>	Amanda Klueger
<b>Treasurer</b>	Alison Jacknowitz
<b>Secretary</b>	Jessica McClellan
<b>Delegates</b>	Divya Tonse & VACANT
<b>BMES Principal</b>	Dr. Stacy Smith

# Thank you, volunteers!

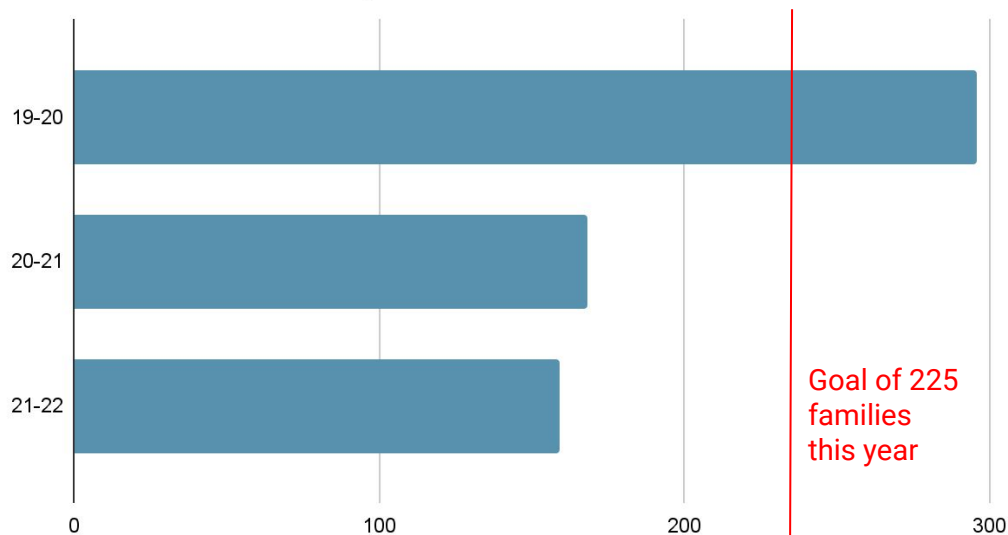
- **Matthew Barlow** for managing our website!
- **Amy Matush & Andrea Silvia** for organizing our membership data and directory!
- **Georgia Karamalikis** for spearheading the Back to School Picnic with help from Divya Tonse, Asmaa Seif-Eldin, Fayuan Wen, and the PTA board!
- **Amanda Klueger, Lindsay Brecher, Rachael Abramson, and Ali Jacknowitz** for hosting two Kindergarten summer playdates!
- **Rachael Abramson** for organizing our Spirit Wear for our fundraiser!
- **Belinda Tan** for scheduling monthly Restaurant Night fundraisers!
- **Shara Reiter & Lindsay Brecher** for sending out our weekly Bear Posts!
- **Kemi Newman, Ali Jacknowitz, and Debbie Fleischer** for recent teacher appreciation efforts!
- The **PTA Board** for hosting the popsicle social, overseeing all activities, and pitching in where there are holes!
- **To all of you who have volunteered to help with future activities this year – THANK YOU!**
  - **Find volunteer opportunities at [bellsmill.org](https://bellsmill.org)!**

# Treasurer's Report

- Annual budget of \$37,000 from membership fees, donations, and fundraisers
- Approved budget and monthly treasurer's report posted at [bellsmill.org](https://bellsmill.org)
- Deficit budget for this year, where we will spend more than we make, relying on our "rainy day" funds



BMES PTA Membership



# We'd like you to join PTA this year!

- Join online at [bellsmill.org](https://bellsmill.org), through AtoZ Membership Toolkit (directory), or our hard copy form
- Membership dues
  - Family Membership – \$25
  - Teacher Membership – \$10
- Suggested donation
  - Dues make up <15% of our budget so we ask families to consider donating to help fill the gap
  - If you can, we ask families donate \$100 to the PTA to help fund activities and programs
  - There are lots of ways to support the PTA -- either financially or by volunteering
- Each family that joins will receive a new Bells Mill car magnet
  - Coming home soon for those who joined online!



# Sign up for our BMES Family Directory

- PTA assembles a directory to help families keep in touch. You control what is included!
- The AtoZ Connect Platform was updated and everyone must create a new login
  - Go to <https://bellsmillpta.membershiptoolkit.com/home>
  - Click “Register/Login” then “Create Account” – Create your family’s account and click “verify my email”
  - Check your email for a link to complete the process. The link expires in 2 hours. If you do not receive the email, check your spam or junk folders.
  - Finish your registration – Parent/Family and Student Info and School Directory/Publish Preferences
  - Visit the Store – Join and/or Make a Donation to Support the PTA
- Download the new “Membership Toolkit” app or access the directory online



# Spirit Wear Fundraiser

Order online at

<https://sportsextraonline.com/collections/bells-mill-es>

Get free shipping to school with code "Ship2BE" and items will be distributed to your child

Order by Friday, October 15, 2021

Every Friday is Spirit Day!



A promotional graphic for a Spirit Wear Sale. The background is yellow. In the center, the text "SPIRIT WEAR SALE" is written in large, bold, blue capital letters. Surrounding this central text are six circular images, each with a blue border, connected by a blue line. The images show: 1. A circular logo for "BELLS MILL ELEMENTARY" featuring a brown bear. 2. A blue t-shirt with a white graphic. 3. A blue t-shirt with "BELLS MILL" and a large white "B". 4. A pair of dark blue pants with "BELLS MILL" written vertically in white. 5. A white tank top with "BELLS MILL" and a large blue "B". 6. A blue t-shirt with a white graphic. At the bottom of the graphic, the URL "HTTPS://SPORTSEXTRAONLINE.COM/COLLECTIONS/BELLS-MILL-ES" is written in black capital letters.

**SPIRIT WEAR  
SALE**

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# Restaurant Night Fundraisers

- **Playa Bowls Cabin John – Friday, October 8, 2021, 8am-8pm**
  - Mention Bells Mill Restaurant Day when ordering
  - They will donate 10% of sales to Bells Mill ES PTA
- **Mark your calendar!**
  - Potomac Pizza (Potomac Village) – Wednesday, October 27 – 20% of sales
  - Chipotle (Potomac Village) – Wednesday, November 17 – 33% of sales
  - Panda Express (Westfield Montgomery) – Friday, December 3 – 28% of sales
- We made **more than \$500** from the California Tortilla Restaurant & Baskin Robbins Scoop Night!



# Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

- Looking for Bells Mill representatives for the MCCPTA Special Education and Gifted & Talented Education Committees
  - Track issues, such as Compacted Math, and share information back to Bells Mill
- NAACP Parent Committee meetings
  - First meeting on October 13. See <https://naacppc-md.org/>
- Plan programs for Black History month and Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month
  - Looking for volunteers!!
- Further Partnership with South Lake ES
  - Thanksgiving Food Drive with community partner Nourish Now

# MCCPTA Delegate Report

- MCCPTA advocated for outdoor lunch, revisions to quarantine and testing protocols, and other COVID-related protocols
- Released advocacy priorities for review and comment by local PTAs
  - Communication
  - COVID-19 Response and Recovery – Academics, Facilities & Transportation, Policy
  - Curriculum
  - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
  - Health, Wellness, and School Climate
  - Ombudsman
  - Transportation & Facilities
- We will distribute to Bells Mill via Bear Post for review

# Upcoming Community Events

- Magic & Muffins
  - Saturday, October 30 at 10 AM on the blacktop
  - Tailored to students in Head Start, Kindergarten, and First Grade
- Outdoor Movie
  - Details coming soon!
- Virtual and Outdoor Events throughout the winter and spring
  - Talent Show, Bingo Night, Science Fair, STEM Night, Geography Bowl, and Bells Mill Bash

## Keep in Touch!

- Sign up for weekly Bear Post emails at [bellsmill.org](https://bellsmill.org)
- Visit our [website](#) for volunteer opportunities, contacts, resources, and more
- Email us at [info@bellsmill.org](mailto:info@bellsmill.org)
- Like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/bellsmill>
- Attend a monthly PTA meeting – first Tuesday of each month!
  - See you on Tuesday, November 2

# Town Hall with Dr. Smith & Mrs. Kemp

Address questions submitted in advance

Questions taken during meeting as time allows