

Hello Crestview Families!

Welcome to the start of another great school year at Crestview Elementary School.

I would like to take a minute to introduce myself. My name is Heather Sims, mom of Abby in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and Catherine in KDG. This is my second year as president, and I am looking forward to another great year leading the Crestview PTA.

So why did I decide to take that leap and get involved in the PTA a few years ago? It's simple – to know what's going on in my daughters' school: be the first to learn about new programs, hear teachers talk about what's going on in their classrooms, learn the needs of the building, talk with other parents, have a forum to voice concerns, and get answers for questions.

So you might ask – why should I join the PTA? What does the PTA do for my family? Well, I am going to wager that PTA does more than people realize.

#### **Did you know?**

- Students at Crestview DO NOT pay for their field trips. The PTA covers the cost of transportation and entrance into the venue.
- We all know teachers put a lot of their own money into their classrooms and the PTA helps cover some of that burden. We give each teacher \$100 towards their classroom for supplies/materials.
- PTA brings in various groups for enrichment activities for students such as Mr. Stinky Feet, Stone Lion Puppet Theater, week long John Mulvey Improv Workshop, Ernie Miller Nature Center for Kansas History and many others throughout the year.
- With so many learning opportunities online, PTA covers the cost of various learning apps and reading materials that are used daily in the classrooms – Mystery Science, Moby Max, Buzzmath, Super Science, Scholastic News, Time for Kids, Accelerated Reading Program, and more.
- One of our biggest events, the Scholastic Bookfair, is sponsored by the PTA. ALL proceeds go to purchase new books for the library.
- Fall Carnival, which is coming soon, is a great family event sponsored by the PTA. This event, with many others, are opportunities for families to support other PTA programs while having a great time at school.

These are just a few ways we support the school. All money raised goes right back to the staff, students, and families at Crestview.

The PTA is completely led by volunteers! Yes, volunteers. No one is paid! We do this because we want to support our school and see our kids be successful at Crestview. PTA parents come from all walks of life. Don't think there's not a place for you in the Crestview PTA. All are welcome who want to make children's lives better at Crestview.

Even though the PTA holds three major fundraiser a year: the Fall Fundraiser (Butter Braids and Trash Bags), Trivia Night/Silent Auction(adult only event), and the FUN RUN in the spring, this is not enough. We need your help!

So, I encourage you to get involved some way this year – become a PTA member, attend PTA meetings (first Thursdays of the month at 6pm), have your child participate in the fundraisers, make an extra donation, volunteer during a PTA sponsored event, something, anything. Let's make this the best year for Crestview because YOU are a part of PTA.

I look forward in seeing YOU at an upcoming PTA meeting/event. And, if you have any questions and/or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me.

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# A Note from the PTA President

