

Dear Families,

August 2020

If this is your first year at Symmes, we would like to extend a warm welcome to you. If you are a returning member of our Shark family, welcome back!

We would like to tell you a little about the PTA (Parent Teacher Association) here at Symmes Elementary. The PTA is the largest and longest running non-profit volunteer advocacy organization in the country. The Symmes PTA is made up of Shark families, teachers, staff & community members. Anyone can join! In addition to our membership drives, the PTA fundraises specifically to provide our Sharks with a better school experience. This year, we are excited to announce our Educator Grant Program! Through the program we are able to provide the teachers and staff with funds to enrich and enhance our learners' creative minds. We will keep you updated on the exciting ways our teachers and staff choose to spend their grants. The PTA partners with the school when we can to host fun events for our families and community.

**** NEW this year!...The PTA will be fully digital & online!! Please DO NOT send cash or checks into the school! All purchases for memberships and T-shirts will be done online!! Everything will be very simple, we will always have records, and transactions can be done at any time! ALL links can be found below, on our Facebook page, or on the school's website. ****

You can join our PTA for only \$10 for an individual, or \$15 for a dual membership (same household. A portion of each membership is paid to the state and national PTA organization, and is used to help us pay our required insurance, taxes and filing fees. To become a member, please go to our memberhub page (below). After you join, your PTA card will be automatically emailed to you. Make sure to renew your membership if you previously joined last year! You will receive benefits at Symmes events, free goodies, and perks throughout the year. You can also receive discounts at Legoland and other FL PTA partnering businesses!

The PTA meets on the 2nd Monday of every month, right at our school, in the media center at 6:30pm. Being a member does not mean you are required to attend meetings or volunteer. If you are a member, you do not have to be physically present to be involved! We continue to encourage our students, support our teachers, and build meaningful relationships everyday. We hope you find it easy to reach out to us with any questions as you navigate through your upcoming school year. We can be reached through email or on our Facebook page! Please follow us! Our Facebook page is very active and we keep you up to date on school news, important information, events, activities, and ways you can be involved in your child's elementary school experience.

We look forward to meeting and catching up with everyone! We are so excited to have a fun and successful year with you all!

Sincerely,

Your 2020- 2021 Symmes Elementary PTA Executive Committee,

Jennifer Lawless- President Jen Pellow- Treasurer Amanda Kovach- Secretary

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Membership link- <https://symmespta.new.memberhub.store>

Symmes 2020 Spirit Shirt-

Adult- <https://checkout.square.site/buy/B6KZ4ZK3YGN7ZSAXNGJX3UQQ>

Kids- <https://checkout.square.site/buy/EDOBXEWW4CK27USFME5PQ67Q>