



Panther PTSA Membership and Stress-Free fundraising We need you!

The PAMS PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association) welcomes you to the Panther family for another exciting school year! Your PTSA has been hard at work this summer researching new programming and learning new ways to meet the needs of our school.

But, as the cliché states, none of this can happen without you and it can't be any truer at Princess Anne Middle. Because of your input and participation at PAMS and your PTSA, we have again been awarded the honor of holding the National PTA of Excellence award continuing on for the years 2018-2020. While I do agree that the award is quite an accomplishment in which we all have had a part, your PTSA has other factors driving us to solicit your membership into this meaningful organization.

Your membership at PA not only enrolls you into our program, it also enters you into the National and VA PTA organization; the number one advocate for your child. Every day these groups are tackling the greatest areas of concern preventing our children from getting the best education they so deserve. With your membership, you become one of hundreds of thousands in their quest to make education better. Many voices make a lot of noise- with all of PA families being represented, our own school will give National PTA over 1300 people behind them. Consider joining the PTA not just for PAMS but for all children in our nation.

What about raising funds to make this all a reality and what is a Stress-free fundraiser. Only \$1.20 of your \$5 fee go to PAMS PTSA. The Stress-free fundraiser is the PTSA's popular fund drive in which families can make a one-time, "stress-free", monetary contribution in lieu of participating in other fundraisers throughout the school year. Because of the previous success of this program, the PTSA has not asked families to sell wrapping paper, candles or cookie dough. PAMS is fortunate to have many clubs and groups all that will run fundraising projects during the year to support their numerous activities. Out of respect, we've always strived not to hold "selling-type" fundraisers. 100% of your donation goes to PAMS PTSA.

PTSA funds come from a few sources: mainly membership, and the annual Stress-free fundraiser. However, it has become increasingly difficult for these sources to fully underwrite all the services we support/provide. Our budget calls for over \$15,000 in grant money allocated to the staff and teachers to enhance their classroom experiences, creating an even more diversified school year than ever before. From events and unique programs for our students to purchasing food for the school food pantry and even improving the school's outward appearance, the PTSA's scope of contributions knows no end.

The Stress-free fundraiser is a **one-time fundraising** opportunity! We kindly ask you to consider contributing at least \$20 in honor of your PAMS student, but please give as much as you are able. Any donation is 100% tax deductible. Your canceled checks can serve as receipts (Tax ID# 54-1260742), but should you require additional documentation, we would be happy to provide such. Simply note your request on the returned Membership form. This school year each and every PAMS student will have had an experience in which they will have felt the touch of your donation.

Thank you so much for contributing to your PTSA! We look forward to all that we can do together!