



**Deerfield
School 9 PTA
Packet**

**PTA MEMBERSHIP
& WELCOME PACKET**



JOIN THE SCHOOL 9 PTA!

- . Create connections through school
- . Join fun events for our kids & families
- . Fundraise for class trips & activities
- . Support & celebrate our faculty
- . Be active in the School 9 Community

deerfieldschool9pta@gmail.com

Dear Families & Faculty of Deerfield School 9,

Welcome back to the 2021-2022 school year! We are excited for the year ahead and are looking forward to a great year for our school kids. This packet contains important information about the PTA and the importance of being an active member.

In this packet, you will find the following PTA information:

- membership information & dues
- head class parent information
- volunteer & committee details
- birthday sign details
- event calendar (Sept-Dec 2021)
- contact details for new PTA board members
- important sign-up forms (**ALL FORMS LOCATED TOGETHER AT THE BACK OF THE PACKET**)

Our first PTA meeting will be Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held in the cafeteria and the Linden High School ROTC has agreed to provide free childcare for the monthly meetings.

Everyone is encouraged to attend PTA meetings to learn about future plans and share your thoughts and ideas. We are thankful for each and every parent who volunteers their time and helps to ensure the best experiences possible for our children.

Throughout the school year, please feel free to reach out to the PTA Board with ideas, comments and suggestions via email at deerfieldschool9pta@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
The Deerfield School 9 PTA Board

Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much. -Helen Keller



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PTA MEMBERSHIP (2021-2022)

We are asking that you support and be an active member in our school's PTA for the 2021-2022 school year. The PTA builds a strong sense of community with our children, our teachers, our fellow parents and neighbors. Research shows a direct correlation between parent involvement and student performance, which means work done by the PTA is important for our school.

The PTA supports many great initiatives such as:

- Supporting class trips for every class
- Providing resources for our teachers and their classrooms
- Hosting Fall Festival, Trunk-or-Treat, Holiday Fair and Fun Day for the kids
- Student of the Month pizza celebration
- And much more!

Join us in making our children's School 9 experience the best it can be! Parents, teachers, grandparents and friends are all encouraged to join.

Membership fees for the upcoming school year will be \$9 per person. Membership fees help provide insurance coverage for our events, access to PTA resources and a portion goes to our PTA to build a base for our PTA initiatives.

9 Great Reasons to Be a PTA Supporter & Member:

1. **PTA creates** a village to help raise our kids and strengthen our community.
2. **PTA hosts** fun events for our kids and families.
3. **PTA inspires** a love of reading and provides books for our classrooms.
4. **PTA fundraises** to support class trips.
5. **PTA links** families to school info and resources.
6. **PTA advocates** for policies on a national level that support our students.
7. **PTA supports** and celebrates our faculty.
8. **PTA provides** outlets to connect with parents, families and faculty.
9. **PTA makes you smile** when you see the kids enjoying class trips and events!

2 WAYS TO JOIN:

1. **Use this MEMBERHUB link** and register & pay online. Go to:
deerfield9.memberhub.com/store
Click on the appropriate category (individual, teacher, community member) and complete form and payment fields.
2. **Or** complete and the Membership Form and return to school with your child in an envelope marked PTA. Deadline is September 30th – **see the Membership Form in the back of the packet.**



HEAD CLASS PARENT & CLASS HELPER

We need your help! Head Class Parents and Class Parent Helpers are an important resource for our teachers and students. They help coordinate additional class events, parties and activities for the classroom in collaboration with the teachers. Head Class Parents & Class Helpers must be PTA Members and should regularly attend monthly PTA meetings. **An individual can only be Head Class parent for 1 class. They can be a Class Helper in a second class.**

Head Class Parent Responsibilities (1 per class)

- Coordinate class functions with the teacher (ex: holiday parties & special events)
- Help in class as requested or permitted by the class teacher
- Share information with class parents as needed

Class Helper Responsibilities (number of helpers requested by Pre-K class teacher; 2 helpers for grades K and up)

- Assist the head class parent as needed
- Help in class as requested or permitted by the class teacher

Parents will be notified of their selections by the PTA Vice President, Helena Ramos. If you have any questions, please email deerfieldschool9PTA@gmail.com. There will be a separate meeting that is required for Class Parents & Class Parent Helpers that must be attended to provide additional instructions and guidance.

A Head/Class Parent form must be completed and sent in by September 24th – return with your child in an envelope marked PTA. **See the Class Parent form in the back of the packet.**



BIRTHDAY SIGN

Celebrate your child's birthday in the spotlight by posting their name on the School 9 Sign in front of school. Due to limited space, weekends, and holidays, we cannot guarantee how long a name stays on the sign but the birthday child's name will always remain through the day of the child's birthday.

Birthday Sign Cost: \$5 per child

A Birthday form must be completed, and payment sent in by September 17th – return with your child in an envelope marked PTA. **See the Class Parent form in the back of the packet.**



PTA COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

We need your help! There are many ways to help support the PTA. Our hope is that every parent explores how they can help make our children's school experience the best it can be. If every parent volunteers for one event or special committee, we can do so much more! Please review the list of available event-based and special committees that we are seeking your help for. Ideally, we are looking for 5-10 members for each committee with one person as the chair. There are event-based committees for events taking place throughout the year.

Complete the PTA Committee form and send in by September 30th– return with your child in an envelope marked PTA. **See the Class Parent form in the back of the packet.**



PTA BOARD MEMBERS CONTACT INFO

Below are new PTA Board Members for 2021-2022. Throughout the school year, please feel free to reach out to the PTA Board with ideas, comments and suggestions via email at deerfieldschool9pta@gmail.com. We'd love to hear them!

Deerfield School 9 Executive PTA Board Members:

- Meredith Horvath, President
Cell: 908-612-1984
Email: MeredithHorvath@comcast.net
- Helena Ramos, Vice President
Cell: 201-306-7897
Email: HelenaaRamos7@gmail.com
- Natalie McGarry, Secretary
Cell: 908-577-8405
Email: Natalie052909@gmail.com
- Nicole Pekosz, Treasurer
Cell: 607-423-1938
Email: Nicole.Pekosz@yahoo.com



PTA COMMUNICATIONS: REMIND & CLASS DOJO



This year, we will be working to provide updates via text message using the Remind App, which provides information about school and class events, including PTA information and events. Per your Student Packet, please follow the below instructions. Please sign up according to the directions for each grade level. If you have more than one child in the school, you have to sign up for multiple classes. This will help streamline communications into one place from the school, classroom teachers and the PTA.

If your child is entering Pre-k please sign up to
Sch9prek by texting @sch9prek to 81010

If your child is entering Kindergarten, please sign up to
Sch9Kindergarten by texting @sch9k to 81010

If your child is entering 1st grade, please sign up to
Sch9First by texting @sch9first to 81010

If your child is entering 2nd grade, please sign up to
Sch9Second by texting @sch9second to 81010

If your child is entering 3rd grade, please sign up to
Sch9Third by texting @sch9third to 81010

If your child is entering 4th grade, please sign up to
Sch9Fourth by texting @sch9fourth to 81010

If your child is entering 5th grade, please sign up to
Sch9Fifth by texting @sch9fifth to 81010

Please remember to use your first and last name on the account.



ClassDojo

We will also be getting our own PTA CLASS DOJO account to send updates electronically and share information so keep an eye out for more communications on how to stay in the loop digitally. The app is free on iPhone and android. Stay tuned for more information.



PTA EVENT CALENDAR (Sept – Dec 2021)

Below are PTA events scheduled for September-December 2021. A calendar for January-June 2022 events will be sent out in early January. For early dismissals and days off, please refer to the District Calendar on the Linden Public School website. PTA events, dates and times can be subject to change, in which case notifications will be sent in advance. More information and sign-up details about each event will be sent out in advance of the event.

DATE	PTA EVENT	TIME
September 2021		
Friday, Sept 24	PTA Night Fun Night/Movie Night	6:30pm
October 2021		
Tuesday, Oct 5	Fall Pictures	7:30am -3:30pm
Thursday, Oct 5	PTA Monthly Meeting & Head Parent Meet & Greet	Class Parent: 6:00-7:00pm PTA 7:00-8:00
Friday, Oct 15	Fall Festival	Set-up 7:00-8:45 Event: 8:45am – 3:00pm Breakdown 3:00pm-4:00pm
Wednesday, Oct 20	Rain Date Fall Festival	Set-up 7:00-8:45 Event: 8:45am – 3:00pm Breakdown 3:00pm-4:00pm
Friday, Oct 29	Trunk or Treat	Start: 7:00pm
November 2021		
Friday, Nov 1	Kick-Off Gertrude Hawk Fundraiser	
Tuesday, Nov 9	PTA Monthly Meeting	7:00pm
Tuesday, Nov 9	Book Fair Set-up	8:00pm
Wednesday, Nov 10	Book Fair	Start 9:00-3:00 Breakdown 3-4pm
Monday, Nov 15	Fall Picture Retakes	8:00am -3:30pm
Friday, Nov 19	Family Craft Night	6:00pm Set-up 6:30 – 8:30pm
Friday, Nov 19	Harvest Dance	6:00pm Set-up 6:30 – 8:30pm
DECMEBER 2021		
TDB	Winter Concert	TBC
Thursday, Dec 9	Holiday Fair Set-Up	6:00pm -9:00pm
Friday, Dec 10	Holiday Fair	Start 9:00-3:00 Breakdown 3-5pm



IMPORTANT PTA FORMS

The next section of this packet includes required paperwork and payment information.

Please review and complete all relevant forms by their due dates.

Return all forms and applicable payments to your child's teacher in an envelope labeled PTA.

Questions?

Email DeerfieldSchool9PTA@gmail.com



PTA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Complete and **return the form by September 30th** with your child in an envelope marked PTA.

REQUIRED INFORMATION	
Member's Name:	Member's Email:
Member's Cell:	Member's Occupation:

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Member's Cell:	Member's Occupation:

Child's Name – Grade – Teacher	Child's Name – Grade – Teacher
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PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Payment can be made by cash, check or electronic payment through Venmo (new). Checks should be made payable to Deerfield School 9 PTA. Send in an envelope marked PTA.

___ Cash ___ Check ___ Venmo + Date of Venmo Payment _____

(Venmo: Install the Venmo app: venmo.com/app – username for PTA payments due is: Deerfieldschool9PTA – include Name + PTA Membership description)

COST PER MEMBERSHIP:

___ 1 person = \$9 ___ 2 people = \$18 ___ 3 people = \$27 ___ 4 people = \$36

___ Donation: KEEP THE CHANGE (round up your donation, a portion of the membership fee helps fund PTA school programs)

For PTA Use





PTA HEAD CLASS PARENT & CLASS HELPER FORM

Complete one bracket per child as interested. A parent can only be a head class parent in one class, but can be a class helper in another class. Return the form with your child in an envelope marked PTA no later than September 24th.

I would like to be a: ___Head Class Parent ___Class Parent Helper

Parent Name:	Child's Name:
Grade:	Teacher:
Parent's Cell Phone:	Parent's E-mail:

I would like to be a: ___Head Class Parent ___Class Parent Helper

Parent Name:	Child's Name:
Grade:	Teacher:
Parent's Cell Phone:	Parent's E-mail:

I would like to be a: ___Head Class Parent ___Class Parent Helper

Parent Name:	Child's Name:
Grade:	Teacher:
Parent's Cell Phone:	Parent's E-mail:

Note: Upon selection, a meeting will be held with all class parents and helpers and additional information will be provided.





PTA VOLUNTEER & COMMITTEE FORM

Volunteers make the PTA a success! Please check all that apply. Event-based committees are just for Sept-Dec 2019. Additional committees will be announced in January for the balance of the year. **Please complete and return the form by September 30th – return with your child in an envelope marked PTA.** Upon receipt of the form, a PTA Board member will contact you.

PTA EVENT-BASED COMMITTEES

Check & initial if more than one volunteer per household.

- Fall Festival – Friday, Oct 15
Coordinate decorations and on-site support such as taking photos and assisting teachers and kids.
- Trunk-or-Treat – Friday, Oct 29
Organize planning and logistics for event, secure sign-ups, set-up and general event support.
- Fall Book Fair – Wednesday, Nov 10
Assist with set-up and break down of book fair, sales with the kids and provide general event support.
- Craft Night – Friday, Nov 19
Facilitate family-friendly craft event including supplies and logistics.
- Harvest Dance – Friday, Nov 19
Organize logistics including, on-site sales, set-up and break down.
- Holiday Fair– Thursday, Dec 9
Organize logistics including, on-site sales, set-up and break down, purchase of items to sell, holiday photo-op and tricky trays.

SPECIAL PTA COMMITTEES

Check & initial if more than one volunteer per household.

- 5th Grade Planning Committee
Assists in supporting 5th grade activities and fundraising support: year-end class trip, graduation ceremony, memory book, etc.
- Candy & Fundraising Sales
Assist with candy and other purchase-based fundraisers including coordination of communication & delivery.
- Treasurer Committee
Assist with secondary review of expenses and revenue, review bank statements and provide support to PTA Treasurer.
- Donation Initiatives
Reach out to local businesses for donations that help the school.

Parent/Volunteer Name:	Child's Name:
Parent/Volunteer Cell & Email	Grade/Teacher:
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Parent/Volunteer Cell & Email	Grade/Teacher:



BIRTHDAY SIGN FORM

Provide your child's information to have their name listed on the birthday sign in front of school. **Return the form and payment in an envelope marked PTA by September 17th.** If your child has a birthday prior to September 17th, send your form in ASAP or reach out to Nicole Pekosz.

Student Name:	Birth Date:
Teacher/Grade:	

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Student Name:	Birth Date:
Teacher/Grade:	

Guardian Contact Name:	Guardian Contact Email:
Guardian Contact Cell:	

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Send cash or check. Checks should be made payable to: Deerfield School 9 PTA

Cash Check

Total Number of Kids _____ x \$5 each = Total Payment _____

For PTA Use

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR
SUPPORT & PARTICIPATION**

**LOOKING FORWARD TO A FUN YEAR
-DEERFIELD SCHOOL 9 PTA-**