



## 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

### **PTA OVERVIEW**

The PTA at Watchung has a long and successful history of uniting parents, caregivers, teachers, administrators, and members of the greater Montclair community to enrich the educational experience of our children.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

To support our children by partnering with staff, families and the wider community to create a safe and healthy learning environment where our students can excel and feel confident. We will foster respect and kindness in all we do and continue time-honored Watchung traditions as well as think about new and improved ways to grow and reflect the values, diversity and inclusiveness of our community. We will also strive to incorporate the tenets of the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) curriculum in all PTA initiatives.

### **VISION**

Make Watchung inclusive, collaborative and productive for the students, faculty and parents

### **OBJECTIVES**

Support Principal  
Empower Teachers  
Inspire Students  
Engage Parents  
Promote Inclusivity

### **STRATEGIC ADVISORS**

Principal (Mr. Krenn)  
Teachers / Administrators (To Be Confirmed)

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD - OFFICERS**

- **President (Sam Schoenfield)** - WatchungPTAPresident@gmail.com
  - Sets strategic direction for PTA; Ensures collaboration and accountability amongst Principal, Teachers, Staff, SATP and PTA; Leads PTA Meetings; Shares updates with Parent Body
- **Vice President (Anneka Street)** - streetanneka@gmail.com
  - Oversees Committee Chairs and Practice Leads to develop plans; Ensures governance is followed and programs most impactful; Drives cross-team collaboration
- **Treasurer (Brian Trainor)**
  - Manages PTA cash-flow forecasts and positions, related borrowing needs, and funds available for investment; Enables accounts payables and receivables, including member dues; Oversees operational contracts, including Insurance.
- **Secretary (Rachel Mullen)** - WatchungPTASecretary@gmail.com
  - Records and distributes PTA correspondence/meeting notes; Serve as Business Administrator (e.g., Bank Account); Lead documentation of best practices and yearly transition materials



- **Communications (Christine Onorati)** - christine.onorati@gmail.com
  - Defines and implements internal/external communications strategy; Enable and implement distribution platforms (website, email, social media, etc)

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD - COMMITTEE CHAIR**

- **Fundraising (Jennifer Mellish)** - Jennifermellish@gmail.com
  - Plans and coordinates fundraising events for PTA to positively impact the students, teachers and parents (e.g., "Annual Ask," Gala, Book Fair, Read-a-thon)
- **Friend Raising (Adesuwa Okesanya)** - adesuwa.ighodaro@gmail.com
  - Plans and coordinates non-fundraising events to unify and drive engagement amongst students, teachers, staff and parents (e.g., Kindergarten Socials, BooHoo/Yahoo Breakfast, Welcome-Back Event, Movie Night, Bowling Party, Parent Outings)
- **Teacher Enrichment (Jay Wall)** - jayonyxx@gmail.com
  - Empowers Teachers with additional resources to enhance impact on students (e.g., Enhanced Curriculum, STEAM and Resource support/Initiatives; MFEE, Teacher Grants, Teacher Appreciation)
- **Student Enrichment (Idil Bilgin)** - idilbilgin@yahoo.com
  - Inspires Students with additional programs to compliment school experience (e.g., After School Enrichment (ASE), Assemblies, Field Trips)
- **Creative Arts (Dag Wilson)** - dagdom17@aol.com
  - Promotes activities that allow for creative and imaginative expression (e.g., School Play /Musical, Drama Club, Talent Show, Workshops)
- **Health & Wellness (Hillary Brylka)** - hbrylka@gmail.com
  - Deploys programs that raise awareness of key issues to improve culture and livelihood of students and community overall (e.g., Kindness Week, Anti-Bully, Healthy Eating, Field Day)
- **Community Outreach (Emily Barocas)** - emilybarocas@gmail.com
  - Represents PTA among Board of Education and District PTA; Strengthens school partnership with surrounding Watchung/Montclair Community; Oversee Community events (e.g., Board of Ed / District PTA Meetings, Community Corners, Watchung Plaza Association Engagement)

### **PTA MEMBERSHIP**

Joining the PTA is the first (and easiest) way to show your child / students that Watchung is important to you. Dues are \$15 per individual, \$20 per family and \$5 for staff. To join, click on the following link:

[http://montclairpta.org/pta/WATCHUNG/images/misc/membership\\_2018-19.pdf](http://montclairpta.org/pta/WATCHUNG/images/misc/membership_2018-19.pdf)

### **PTA VOLUNTEERS**

Research shows that students whose parents are involved in their education have better grades and fewer discipline problems. For the PTA to be effective and truly representative of the school, everyone's participation is essential. To sign up, please email [WatchungPTAVolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:WatchungPTAVolunteers@gmail.com) and a member will be in touch ASAP.



### **PTA MEETINGS**

PTA meetings are held every 4-6 weeks, alternating between mornings and evenings so that everyone can be involved. Babysitting will be provided at evening meetings.

### **PTA COMMUNICATIONS**

To stay informed, please visit our website at [www.watchungpta.org](http://www.watchungpta.org) and “like” us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/WatchungPta>.

### **AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT (ASE)**

The PTA is responsible for running the ASE program, which provides before and after-school courses taught by teachers and outside providers. To learn more, click on the following link: <http://www.watchungptamarket.com/ase-fall-2018-class-overview>

### **SCHOOL CALENDAR**

To view the calendar, which is subject to change, click on the following link: [http://montclairpta.org/pta/WATCHUNG/images/misc/watchungschool\\_pta\\_2018-2019\\_calendar.pdf](http://montclairpta.org/pta/WATCHUNG/images/misc/watchungschool_pta_2018-2019_calendar.pdf)