

Finneytown Secondary



What is the PTA? A not-for-profit association of parents, educators, students, and other citizens active in their schools and communities, PTA is a leader in reminding our nation of its obligations to children. Our 22 year affiliation with PTA ties us to the Ohio and National PTA organizations which both have a long history of supporting children's issues. The Ohio PTA, founded in 1901, has over 100,000 members in nearly 1,000 local PTA units. National PTA, with nearly 6 million members, is the largest volunteer child advocacy organization in the United States. By joining Finneytown Secondary PTA, you are showing support for your student, teachers, and community in a simple way. You'll be setting the example. Membership is only \$5 per person and anyone in your family can join. Grandparents, alumni, friends, and neighbors are also welcome to join to show their support! The membership fee covers our unit and the work it does. When joining and providing your e-mail address on your membership registration, you will have access to the on-line version of the National PTA magazine, "Our Children" and will receive the "PTA Parent." You'll also receive a variety of special discounts offered through the National PTA from national companies.

How will you define PTA in Finneytown this year? What we know is that people in Finneytown care about their students, school, and community. They want to be involved in some way. Whether you're baking cookies, shopping for food for families in need, passing out popsicles on warm weather days, or chairing a committee, no role in PTA is too great or too little. No member will receive more or less recognition for their contribution than the next person because the Secondary PTA is proud to support children and encourage parent involvement. Our mission in PTA is to be the powerful voice for ALL children, to remain a relevant resource for families and community, and to be a strong advocate for the education and well being of every child.



Have an idea like no other? PTA meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month in the Media Center on the Secondary Campus at 7:30 p.m. Most times, our meetings follow Secondary Principal Mr. Fisher's PCC (Parent's Communication Council) meeting at 6:30 p.m. The first PTA Meeting is scheduled for Aug. 23, 2011 at an earlier time of 6:30 pm.

SECONDARY PTA SPONSORED PROGRAMS

After Prom: PTA provides a representative and financial support. *This year, Secondary PTA awarded \$1,800 to the After Prom Committee!*

Community Service – Volunteers collect, sort and assemble baskets filled with canned goods and other food products to be distributed to Finneytown families. PTA provides monetary support.

Scrapps Gift Card Sales – Sell gift cards from select stores that give a percentage back to the PTA.

Kroger Gift Cards – Make Kroger re-loadable gift cards available for purchase especially for students to raise funds for approved trips or projects. The PTA keeps track of each card assigned to a student and 3% of the money loaded on the card goes to the students account. This is done for the 8th grade Washington DC trip, band camp, and PTA approved music group trips. One percent stays with the PTA to support our projects. *Students have had their entire events paid for with this service!*

Grade Level Representatives – Serves as liaison between teachers and parents for grade level activities (i.e., arrange chaperones for field trips and help with raising class funds.)

Hospitality – Provides desserts at Open House and dinner for staff on Conference nights.

Homecoming Parade – PTA provides cash prize money to each class account for their float entry.

Membership – Organizes and conducts the fall membership drive. Provide membership assistance throughout the year.

Mini-Grant Committee – Reviews applications submitted by Finneytown teachers and awards grants to support their projects. *Over \$1800 in funds were awarded last year!*

Newsletter – Published four times per year to keep families informed of PTA activities, upcoming dates, parent information, and donations.

Phone Books – The PTA Phone Book keeps families connected to each other and to the school community. It's also a big fundraiser through the sale of each Phone Book. PTA volunteers gather information, edit, and assemble book for distribution.

Reflections (Cultural Arts Contest) – Reflections is an autumn arts competition sponsored by National PTA in the categories of music, literature, visual arts, photography, video production and choreography. Winners are honored at a Finneytown ceremony. First place advances to the county level, and possibly the state and national levels.

Safe Homes – Provides a pledge to be signed by parents stating safety measures are addressed at home and gatherings will be alcohol free and supervised. Families who sign the pledge are noted in the Phone Book.

Scholarships – Provide two \$500 scholarships to Seniors and funds for 8th Grade Class Trip.

School Board Representative – Report on items of interest from the school board.

Senior Ribbons & Signs – Place the ribbons on Winton Rd. and signs in the yards.

Spring Flower Sale – Sell Moeller flower vouchers to the PTA to support our projects.

Staff Recognition – Arrange staff breakfasts and other staff appreciation activities and events.

Volunteer Coordinator – Matches volunteers to projects. Opportunities both large and small can be found to fit your talents and time.

Webmaster – Maintains PTA website and posts PTA related information provided by chair.

UPCOMING DATES AND THINGS TO REMEMBER

September 15, Phone Book Orders/Updates are due!

September 19, Board of Education Meeting at 7:30 PM

September 20, 7:30-9 PM: Secondary PTA Board Mtg 7:30 PM

September 22, Homecoming Parade begins at 6 PM

September 23, Tailgating Party

September 27, Hamilton County Council of PTAs, Executive Luncheon (check webpage for updates)

October 17 Board of Education Meeting at 7:30 PM

October 18, 7:30-9 PM: Secondary PTA Board Mtg. 7:30 PM

November 8, **Reflection Entries Due Date**. This year's theme is "Diversity Means."

November 15, 7-8:30: Secondary PTA Mtg.

November 21, School Board Meeting at 7:30 PM

January 17: PTA Educator of the Year Nominations Due

January 17, Board of Education Meeting at 7:30 PM

January 22, 3-5 PM: Reflections Ceremony PAC & MP

January 24, 7:30-9 PM: Secondary PTA General & Board Mtgs. (Nominating Com.)

February 21, Board of Education Meeting at 7:30 PM

February 28, 7:30-9 PM: Secondary PTA Mtg.

April 24, 7:30-9 PM: Secondary PTA General & Board Mtgs. (Elections)

Look for updated and revised dates on the school or PTA web page calendar or contact Donna Saul at (513) 821-5714.

2011-2012 PTA BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

President	Donna Saul	821-5714
Vice-President	Jennifer Richardson	521-6107
Recording Secretary	Lori Kleiman	931-1535
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Treasurer	Claire Snyder	931-7133
Council Delegate	Jim Reeb	681-8681
Alternate Council Delegate	Joan Gordon	931-9595
Area Advisor	Elise Fessler	931-4234
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Faculty Representative	Amy Lampe	931-0712
	(Alternate: Lara Walker)	931-0712
School Board Representative	Anita Ruffin	
Advocacy	Elise Fessler	9314234
After Prom	Mary Barkocy	931-1304
Community Service	Karen Mahan	522-4352
Scripps Gift Cards	Leslie Gamble	919-9600
Kroger Gift Cards	Kim Fain	641-4551
Grade Level 7 Rep.	Dan Deitch	
Grade Level 8 Rep.	Heidi Rice	931-7445
Grade Level 9 Rep.	Mary Jo Berlon & Cindy Heath	931-6469
Grade Level 10 Rep.	Joan Gordon	931-9595
Grade Level 11 Rep.	Sherry Enderle	403-5644
Grade Level 12Rep.	Elizabeth Green	
	& Patty Kathman	931-0704
Hospitality	Jane Kennedy & Kellie Smoker	729-5822
Membership	Angela Murphy	522-1120
Mini-Grants	Cindy Heath	521-8809
Newsletter Assembly/Mailing	(HELP WANTED)	
Newsletter Editor	(HELP WANTED)	
Phone Book Coordinator	Angela Murphy & Dan Murphy	522-112-
Safe Home Pledge	Dan Murphy	
Senior Ribbons & Signs	Cathy Zimmerly	761-7281
Spring Flower Sale	(HELP WANTED)	
Staff Recognition	Cindy Heath	521-8809
Volunteer Coordinator	Trent Richardson	521-6107
Reflections	Elise Fessler	931-4234
Webmaster	Bill Fessler	

Please look for revised & updated Standing Committees in the 2011-2012 PTA Phone Book. If you have any interest serving or promoting or assisting on any of the committees above, please contact Donna Saul @ (513) 821-5714.