

August 2008

Dear Lebanon Township Student Families,

Welcome to the 2008/2009 school year! We hope you have all had a fun-filled summer and time with your children. The PTA has been busy organizing some great programs, committees, and a membership drive to help unite parents, teachers and community for the common good of all children in our schools.

We are very enthusiastic about the upcoming membership drive. Your membership will enable us to achieve our goals in providing quality programs for Lebanon Township Schools. The Student Directory is a great opportunity for you to stay in contact with your children's friends throughout the school year and advertise your business to members in the school community.

Your packet of information includes: **Calendar of PTA meeting dates, student directory and membership form, Student Directory Artwork form, volunteer sign-up form, and committee descriptions.** Please send the forms quickly back to school in an envelope marked "PTA" forms.

The PTA has prepared its budget for the school year's activities and programs. We are hoping to raise enough money through your membership and fund-raisers to support these programs. While the official mission of the PTA bears no mention of fund-raising, we all know that funds are necessary to provide programs and activities listed in our budget. Therefore, the PTA bylaws state, "*Children and youth should not be exploited. Children and youth should not go door-to-door for the PTA. Children and youth should not be offered prize incentives, which have been known to cause needless competition among students and encourage inappropriate, unsafe selling tactics.*" As always, safety is our first concern.

The year begins with Sally Foster as our product only fund-raiser. We will offer cookie dough, wrapping paper and products, and Entertainment books. We encourage you to visit the website and order on-line using our school code. Additionally, this enables family/friends around the country to support the children and have the items shipped directly to them. Your support in the program allow the **PTA to provide** well received **school assemblies, Theater Week, author visits, WG Dances, talent show and more!**

We greatly appreciate your involvement in the PTA and our endeavors. We encourage you to attend our general membership meetings posted on the website, www.lebtwppta.org. We look forward to an exciting 2008-09 school year and welcome all to become involved in shaping the future of our children.. "*Tell me and I'll forget, Show me, and I may not remember, Involve me, and I'll understand*"

Sincerely,

The Lebanon Township PTA Officers:

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