

Komarek School District 94



Home of the Wildcats

Parent Teacher Association

PTA Vision:

“Making every child's potential a reality.”

PTA Mission:

To make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children

Komarek PTA Mission:

We, the Komarek Parent Teacher Association, strive to inspire positive change in our community. To accomplish this, we believe that it is vitally important for our children to see us, parents and role models, actively involved in their lives by supporting and volunteering in planned activities. In addition, we are committed to supporting the parents, teachers and role models in their efforts to provide creative learning environments that encourage academic and social growth.

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2019-2020

Goals and Objectives:

- **Promote closer connections between school and home**

Objectives:

- Increase parent attendance to PTA meetings and School conversations
- Ease and increase communication between parents and teachers
- Support families with communication barriers, due to different languages being spoken in the home

- **Enhance the educational experience for students**

Objectives:

- Support each grade with an available budget for enrichment events
- Support after school enrichment clubs
- Promote and recognize our sport teams

- **Promote and increase parent volunteerism and involvement.**

Objectives:

- Increase the membership families by 25 percent
- To increase and retain the number of parents at regular PTA meetings by 30 percent
- Recruit and retain a minimal of 25 members for the Committees
- Increase and retain the number of regular parent volunteers by 20 percent

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

Head of Committee: Adriana Nieto Co-Vice President

Encourages members of the school and community to join the PTA. Should be an annual effort that conducts a campaign to recruit members year-round. Goals include:

- Set a membership goal at the beginning of the school year
- Responsible for promoting new and continuing memberships
- Educate families on the benefits of joining PTA
- Provide membership updates during PTA meeting and in quarterly newsletters

The biggest membership push should be conducted at the beginning of the year with:

- Membership drives at all registrations
- Membership drive at Open House
- Membership drive on the first day of school

Throughout the year, periodical pushes should take place via email, social media, and possibly additional drives to bring in more members.

- Open House
- Registration Day
- PTA 101 / -PTA Buddy
- Parent/Teachers conferences
- Coordinate PK enrollment
- Send forms/ emails to non-members families

GRANTS COMMITTEE:

Head of Committee: Ana Avalos, Treasurer

The grant committee would be in charge of looking for active grants that will provide opportunities for the children of Komarek. Some grants will require implementation of a program or event and the grant committee will work with school administrators to organize such programs and events. Such grants may include:

- Plung Into Fitness: Working with Raging Waves to get the children up and active. For 30 minutes of exercise students will qualify for a free admission ticket for the month of June or admissions discount for July to September
- Supply A Classroom.org: Supply two large classroom supply boxes with enough core supplies to last an entire year.
- 2019 STEM + Families Science Grant: win money to host a STEM and families science festival
- 2019 STEM + Families Math Night: win money and community connections to host a STEM and Families Math Night
- Fountains For Youth: win filtered ezH2O Bottle Filling Station for the school
- Parks for Kids: Kaboom Grant

ART COMMITTEE

Head of Committee: Leticia Navarro, Secretary

The Art committee would ensure all arts education programs have the necessary resources and tools to help teach the arts as well as strengthen family and community relationships with the school. We would work together to provide new art learning opportunities and resources for students. We would advocate for student and family interest and values of art education. Some ideas for the year are:

- Ms. Tomitas Art Sale
- Creative Career Fair (New this year)
- National PTA Reflections Program

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Head of Committee: Leticia Navarro, Secretary

The Health committee would push for healthy active living through healthy habits. We would bring together parents and the school since they are the two most important influences. Together we would work in areas of healthy eating, physical activity and mental health awareness. Some ideas for the year are:

- Walk to school event
- Bike safety (helmet purchase)
- National PTA Healthy Lifestyles Month in November (New idea this Year)
- Blood Drives (New idea this year)
- Health Fair (New idea this year)
- 5k walk/run (New idea this year)
- Yoga/Zumba Classes for kids and parents (New idea this year)
- Health conferences for parents.

FUNDRAISER COMMITTEE:

Head of Committee: Kristine Kalfas, Secretary

The major responsibility of the fundraising committee is to raise the amount needed to meet the proposed unit budget and to work cooperatively with the PTA president and treasurer in accounting for receipts and disbursements for the activity. The committee may also plan specific fundraising events and activities. The person in charge of this committee will oversee all fundraising activities during the school year (Listed below). The person in charge will also work closely with fundraising chairs for each event to make sure goals are met.

Fundraiser plans for the school year:

- Ad Book and Well Wish Ads: Due date is August 16th, book is to be passed out in September.
- Membership and Donations
- McTeacher Nights o possibly have 2-3 events this year, need to work out dates with school administration and PTA board.
- Affy Tapple Fundraiser (Tentative Dates below, needs approval)
 - Pass out order forms to the students on September 25th 2019. The Due date for the order forms would be October 16th 2019
 - Collect orders and money from the teachers on October 17th o Tally up, count money, place order on October 17th or October 18th
 - The apples would be delivered on October 24th 2019
- Spirit wear: Need to pick out a vendor and possibly have forms sent out by the end of October. Also need the ability to take orders and payments through MemberHub.
- Redemption Programs
 - Box Tops (Stress use of app, Box Tops for Education is going completely digital this year)

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- Amazon Smile
- Holiday Bazaar
 - Date needs to be finalized with school administration (First week of December?)
 - Vendors and Bake Sale
- Spring Photos
- Flying High Fundraisers
 - 10/12/19 7:30-10:30
 - 01/17/20 7:00-10:00
 - 04/25/20 7:30-10:30
- Krispy Kreme
 - February 2020
 - Similar to Taffy Apple orders and pick up.
 - Would be nice to do pick up in the morning outside of school.
- Penny Wars
 - One week long challenge
- Market Days
- Amazon Smile

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HOSPITALITY/ EVENTS COMMITTEE:

Head of Committee: Cynthia Panduro, Co-Vice President

Hospitality/Events committee is on task to provide a warm and inviting environment for certain PTA events. Volunteers of this committee are required to brainstorm for PTA events, organize and/or recruit chairman/co-chairs to coordinate the assigned events held throughout the school year. They will also support them with the process or if needed coordinate those.

- The head of the committee will maintain hospitality supplies and equipment and an updated inventory for them
- Presents hospitality budget for approval at executive board meeting at start of the PTA year and monitor authorized budget
- Reports on plans at board meetings for forthcoming PTA events

MULTICULTURAL & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

Head of Committee: Christian Rodriguez, President

Recognizing diversity within communities means valuing differences and similarities in people through actions and accountability. This committee aims to share traditions and backgrounds within our rich multicultural community, will responsible to develop tools and discuss best practices to build a vibrant school and engage ethnically diverse families in our PTA and in the community.

Our main goal is strengthening family and community participation in the improvement of student achievement and addressing issues of concern to our community by providing resources, and implementing strategies to support them.

We invite everyone in our community and welcome the newcomers. We value everyone's background and seek input and experiences, collaboration and engagement of families, parents/guardians, staff, teachers, and children... everyone!

Activity ideas for the school year:

- Support Heritage Night
- Survey families to plan activities that will represent their culture / background
- Work with the school to identify the primary language in the Komarek families
- Implement Bi-lingual meetings if need it and have PTA forms and flyers translated for non-English speaking parents
- Start conversations with LADSE and agencies that can provide trainings and parenting conferences.
- Work side by side with the school to bring resources to the families
- Bring IT professionals to talk about parenting controls through the internet/ Cyber safety, educate parents about IEP / 504 and School Safety

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

This committee is responsible for presenting the best qualified nominees to hold officer positions. This committee shall be composed of an uneven (3) number of PTA members and will be selected by executive officers in February. (Committee responsibilities begin in March, and will include being responsible for naming officer nominees in April, and helping with the election in May)