



EGAN PTA UPDATE

The Egan Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is dedicated to enhancing the education of students at Egan Junior High. Egan is a special place for our children due to exceptional staff and teachers as well as our extraordinarily supportive parents. Your student's tenure at Egan will pass quickly, but during that time we hope you will share your time, talents and financial support with the PTA and with the school overall.

Goals – As a part of our ongoing goal of supporting student, staff, and parent programs at Egan, we would like to increase the use of online resources to facilitate communication between school, students, and parents. We encourage you to check the new Egan website at www.eganschool.org regularly as your most comprehensive source of information. In addition, our goals for the year include continued financial support for the technology curriculum as we help provide the tools necessary to meet the needs of the 21st Century student.

Membership - All Egan parents and teachers are invited to join the PTA. Membership dues are \$10 per year. Last year we had 400 members, representing about 80% of our families. We greatly value the participation of all Egan families and hope every family will join the PTA.

Meetings – PTA meetings are held the first Thursday of every month. The meetings begin at 8:45 am in the library and last until approximately 10:00 am. Refreshments are available starting at 8:30. Meetings consist of: an update by our principal, Brenda Dyckman, on any issues of the moment and often a very interesting and insightful look at selected topics dealing with the young teen age group; a short presentation by one of the staff or a selected teacher; and a short business meeting to approve expenditures, to approve minutes of the last meeting, and to hear from committee chairs about the status of on-going events and activities. You are welcome to stay for as long as you wish.

Most importantly, we hope you'll be involved. Consider serving Hot Lunch, helping with the Magazine Drive or Holiday Faire, or contributing to the underpinnings of many programs by joining and participating in the PTA. Please take a minute to complete the volunteer sign-up sheet in the Back to School packet or join us at the Back to School Coffee for parents on Thursday, August 23 at 8:30am in the courtyard.

It looks to be another great year and we look forward to meeting our members, new and old. Our first PTA meeting will be Thursday, September 6, 8:45am in the Library - refreshments starting at 8:30. We hope to see you there!

Sheri Blaisdell and Claire Rigodanzo
Egan PTA Co-Presidents