

## Join the PTA

Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Parents' Names:

Student(s) Last Name (if different):

Street Address:

Phone:

Email Address:

I am a:

Parent/guardian at  
 SSES  HKMS  both

Staff member at  
 SSES  HKMS  both

Community member

Yes, I would like to receive emails  
from the Easton PTA.

### Annual 2007-2008 Membership Levels:

\$6 Staff  \$50 Star  
 \$15 Member  \$100 Superstar  
 \$25 Patron  \$\_\_\_\_\_  
(other)

Please make your tax deductible check (all but the first \$4.75 is tax deductible) payable to **Easton PTA**. Send it with this form to the school office, or mail directly to:

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The State and National PTA require us to share our membership list with them as part of our membership in those organizations. We do not sell or share your names with any other organizations other than our listserv company who sends notices on our behalf. The listserv company does not share our membership list and you have the option to discontinue receiving notices anytime.

## Why Join the Easton PTA?

A small membership fee of \$15 covers your students at both SSES and HKMS. You get the SSES calendar and SSES/HKMS student telephone directory, two invaluable tools. Plus, you are helping to ensure that the Easton PTA continues to fund valuable programs.

Help us achieve our goal of 100% membership in the Easton PTA.

## Easton PTA 2007/2008 Officers

**SSES PTA Co-Presidents:  
Kathleen Wasmer and  
Christine Cremin**

**HKMS PTA Co-Presidents:  
Gina Orticelli and  
Margot Abrams**

**Treasurer: Patti Romaniello and  
Kim Babcock (Deputy)**

**Membership: Dina Massey**

**Corresponding Secretary:  
Jodi Forte**

**Recording Secretary:  
Michele Koubeck**

## Easton PTA

**2007/2008 Membership  
to support SSES and HKMS**



## Our Mission

The Easton PTA is a volunteer organization dedicated to enhancing the learning experience of our children at home and at school. We promote programs that enrich and excite our children, and support the efforts of our parents and teachers. We strive to create an environment that fosters better communication among the school, home, and our town.

[www.eastonpta.com](http://www.eastonpta.com)

## Why Join the Easton PTA?

The Easton PTA supports many programs at both Samuel Staples Elementary School (SSES) and Helen Keller Middle School (HKMS); programs that might not otherwise exist. By paying a small membership fee of \$15, parents ensure that these programs will continue. To be a member of the PTA, you are not required to volunteer your time. (Although, your help is always appreciated!)

## What Programs Does the Easton PTA Support?

Below is a partial listing of the programs funded and organized by the Easton PTA. For a complete list of all programs supported by the PTA, see our website at [www.eastonpta.com](http://www.eastonpta.com).

**Telephone Directory**—The PTA produces a directory of all SSES and HKMS families that is given to all PTA members. This is a tremendous resource for parents when planning birthday parties, play dates, etc.

**SSES Calendar**—The PTA produces a SSES calendar that is given to all parents with children at SSES. This is an invaluable organizational tool for busy parents.

**School Newsletters**—The PTA produces a semi-monthly newsletter for SSES parents (the *SSES Scoop*) and a monthly newsletter for HKMS parents (the *HKMS Cougar Connection*).

**HKMS Sports Teams**—The PTA provides monetary and volunteer support to several sports teams at the middle school, including Volleyball, Wrestling, Field Hockey, and Skiing. The PTA also provides support to the HKMS Drama Group which puts on a school play each year.

**Student Publications**—The PTA provides support for student publications at both schools, including SSES Superscribes & Scribblers, the SSES Fifth Grade Yearbook, the HKMS yearbook, and the HKMS Keller Teller student newspaper.

**Media Centers**—Parents have an opportunity to expand their own libraries during the Scholastic Book Fair at SSES, hosted by the PTA, and at the HKMS spring book fair, where the PTA provides volunteers. A percentage of the sales go to the media centers and to other PTA programs and activities. The PTA also runs a Birthday Book Club at both schools, which provides a way for parents to donate books in their children's names to each school.

**Meeting School/Student Needs**—The PTA remains responsive to school and student needs throughout the year. Frequently, school based initiatives are brought to our attention, and the Easton PTA supports the schools by providing funding and volunteers.

**Student Enrichment**—The PTA provides the money for various enrichment programs, including HOTS, which vary each year at both schools.

## What Fundraisers Does the PTA Hold Each Year?

Easton PTA fundraisers include: Gift Wrap Sale, Bulb Sale, Scholastic Book Fair, Family Portrait Day, Cookie Dough Sale, Note Card Sale, Sound Tigers game, Comedy Night, Spring Social, Bridgeport Bluefish game, Box Tops for Education, Pizzeria Uno nights, and movies.

## What Else Can I Do?

When you join the PTA, you are under no obligation to commit to anything other than your \$15. However, if you have the time and inclination, here's what you can do:

**Become a Room Parent (SSES) or Grade Parent Coordinator (HKMS)**—PTA members can volunteer to be a room parent in their child's class at SSES, or a grade parent coordinator at HKMS. Room parents at SSES organize class parties throughout the year. Grade parent coordinators at HKMS provide organizational assistance for grade-wide activities. (Please note that due to insurance restrictions, parents who want to volunteer to be a room parent or grade parent coordinator must be a member of the PTA.)

**Attend PTA Meetings**—The PTA holds monthly meetings and all members are invited to attend.

**Take a Position**—Volunteer to chair or assist on a PTA committee, or run for a PTA board position.