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Welcome to Ben Franklin Elementary School! We look forward to having your family as part of the Ben Franklin community. The BF PTA partners with the school administration and teachers to sponsor many programs and activities. This handout highlights all the PTA does for your family at Franklin.

We also hope you find one or two committees that interest you so that you consider giving of your volunteer time, talents, and energy to help. As a volunteer-driven organization, we need enthusiastic people willing to volunteer their time and energy to help with these activities. Sign up forms for these activities and committees will be available during One-Step Sign Up early in the new school year.

Thank you!

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2009 – 2010 PTA Executive Board

HOW IS THE PTA FUNDED?

The BF PTA collects funds through efforts of the Fund Raising Committee and events like the Donation Drive, Fun Fair and Purchase Incentives/Smart Bucks.

Your donations allow us to provide worthwhile programs including:

- Programs and clubs on the back of this form,
- School assemblies,
- Special Family events like the Ice Cream Social, and . . .
- Much more!!!

During your One Step Sign Up, please consider making a donation to the BF PTA so we can continue these programs and offer new ones to our children and families. For returning families, the Donation Drive will take the place of traditionally more frequent and smaller fund raisers.

DON'T FORGET TO JOIN THE PTA THIS FALL!
One parent membership is only \$7.50 per person.
Join during One Step!

**Committee Chair
Opportunities Still Available**

If one of these is your passion, let us know!

- **High Interest Day**
- **Fun Fair**
- **Hot Lunch**
- **Literacy Night**
- **Purchase Incentive/Smart Bucks**
- **SERC**
- **Staff Appreciation**

(see back page for explanation of these programs)

If interested, please contact Heather Carlson, Vice President,

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GET TO KNOW YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER & CLASSROOM!

Become a Kindergarten Room Liaison. A Room Liaison is the intermediary between the classroom and the PTA committees. As a RL, you facilitate communication between the teacher and parents/guardians of the students in the classroom. You would also assist the teacher as requested, coordinating volunteers for parties, field trips, and PTA activities. If you want to be involved in your child's classroom next year, this is a great way to do it! If you're interested, please contact Heather Carlson, Vice President, at heather.carlson@mindspring.com by June 3, 2009.

Ambassador's Club –

Art Appreciation - an interactive art history/world cultures experience for children of all grade levels.

Author Visit - visits and book signing by well-known authors once or twice a school year.

Bear Tracks - electronic Ben Franklin communication vehicle, currently once/month.

Book Fair - promote a love of books and reading while benefiting the school as a school fundraiser.

Chess Club – A fun club open to children of all grades and playing levels to learn the game of chess.

Community Outreach – coordinating meaningful projects for students to share their time and talents for those in need within our Ben Franklin community and beyond.

Cougar's Night/ Ozzie's Reading Club - an all school reading program and spring event at a Cougar's game.

Cross Country Skiing - help 4th and 5th graders learn to cross country ski.

Cultural Arts - coordinates cultural arts assemblies for the students.

Destination Imagination - small teams of students compete against teams from other schools to develop creative solutions to problems devised by the worldwide Destination Imagination Association.

Directory - layout, design and produce the Student Communication Directory.

Drama Club – direct students to prepare and perform a play.

Earth Savers Club - promotes stewardship of the earth through education, crafting and action.

Family Math - courses, offered in 3 week sessions by grade level, that focus families on activities that make math fun and successful for children.

Fun Fair - school-wide social-event for families including games and activities, raffles and baked goods.

Great Books - small group discussion/interpretation of classic literature, often including fairy and folk tales.

Health Aide Committee - assist nurse with vision and hearing screening; assist with school wide health concerns as they arise.

Health & Wellness - encourages healthy behaviors of students, staff and families through a variety of educational programs.

Hobby Night & Invent America - a night for students to display and talk about their hobby or collection.

Hot Lunch Days - served in the lunchroom twice a month.

Library - work in the library one morning or afternoon, every other week.

Literacy Night - an evening of fun activities promoting reading and highlighting the LLC's resources.

Language at Lunch –2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th grade Spanish and French language learning programs during lunch.

Membership – Help recruit new members to the PTA.

New Family Welcoming & Kindergarten Committee - orient Kindergarten and new families to Ben Franklin.

One Step Sign Up – oversee BF families' online sign up for PTA activities and programs early in the school year.

Outdoor Play - improving the experience of the students during lunch recess.

Purchase Incentives/Smart Bucks - purchase incentive programs with national and local businesses.

Recycling – coordinates recycling activities in school.

Reflections - local participants in the annual national PTA sponsored writing, music and art show and competition for all grade levels.

Safety - promote awareness and education on safety issues that concern our children and community.

School Pictures - Volunteers will be needed to help on picture day in the fall and spring.

School Sportswear - fall sportswear sale to help collect funds and distribute orders.

School Supplies - takes orders for school supply kits.

Social Committee - help plan and execute social events for Ben Franklin families, including the Ice Cream Social, Dads and Donuts, Skating Party, Sock Hop, Pool Party, etc.

Special Education Resource Committee (SERC) - SERC offers a supportive network in which to share resources, ideas, and contacts to assist all those working with students with special education needs.

Staff Appreciation Committee – coordinate showing our appreciation to Ben Franklin's staff, including an appreciation luncheon.

Talent Show – Coordinate student acts for annual show.

Web Site - Maintain Ben Franklin PTA web page.

Yearbook - formatting, printing and distribution of the yearbook.