



PTA Newsletter

SEPTEMBER
2019

Month-at-a-Glance

September 20

World's Finest Chocolate
Sales Begin

September 25

Family Fun Night
Panera Bread

September 26

Friendship Forms Due
Wanamassapta.org/forms

September 27

Picture Day

Sept. 30 – Oct. 1

School Closed

October 7

PTA Meeting
7pm in the Library

October 9

School Closed

October 10-11

School Store

October 14

School Closed

October 16

Parent/Teacher Basketball
Game

LOST AND FOUND

The table is located in the hallway outside of the main office. Be sure to check it regularly for missing items.

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year!

The Wanamassa Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is a diverse group of volunteer parents and teachers who help provide an enriching learning environment and many exciting events for our students and the Wanamassa Elementary School family.

Our goal is to provide students with unique experiences through assemblies, school trips, guest speakers, and so much more. In addition, we fundraise via fun activities in order to host these events. This year, we seek your participation to help continue our traditions and create amazing memories for the students of the Wanamassa Elementary School. As the saying goes, "It takes a village." And this is indeed our village.

Please visit the PTA website, www.wanamassapta.org, and our Facebook page, **WanamassaPTA**. They contain committee descriptions for each event that we host, a calendar of events and fundraisers, PTA meeting minutes, and much more. You can also sign up for the PTA on the website and volunteer for committees.

Submit your information for the class Friendship List today!

Each year the PTA organizes a friendship list for each class which can be a great reference tool for play dates, party invitations, and more. In addition, we usually send home multiple forms regarding volunteer opportunities.

This year, in an attempt to simplify the back to school process for everyone, in lieu of paper forms **the PTA has implemented a single online form** with three sections:

- Section 1 - Student Information
- Section 2 - Contact Information and Friendship List Permissions
- Section 3 - Volunteer Opportunities

Go to: wanamassapta.org/forms

Please complete this form by September 26. Should you run into any difficulties completing this form, please contact info@wanamassapta.org. In addition, if you have any questions please feel free to email any of the PTA Board members. Each individual member's email address is located on wanamassapta.org.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you at all the fun events throughout the year.

Sincerely,

The Wanamassa PTA Board of Directors

Get Involved.
Stay Connected.



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WHO IS THE "PTA BOARD" ANYWAY?

(Hint: Just a bunch of parents like you.)

- President: Colleen Werner
- Vice President: Kelly Hansen
- Treasurer: Nancy Martins
- Secretary: Neel Khichi
- Chair, Membership: Jackie Farrell
- Chair, Fundraising: Carla Batalas

We look forward to meeting you and working together this year so if you see us around, be sure to say, "hi!"

WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE SALE

Due to its popularity last year, we're pleased to bring back the chocolate sale again this year. More information coming this week. If you have any questions, please contact Carla at fundraising@wanamassapta.org.

PARENT-TEACHER BASKETBALL GAME

Join us on October 16th at 6:30pm for some friendly competition.

Players needed! Contact Jackie at membership@wanamassapta.org to reserve your spot on the court.



4th ANNUAL RUNAMASSA

Our 4th Annual Runamassa Fun Run is taking place on Sunday, November 3, 2019 beginning and ending at the Wanamassa Elementary School!!

The 1-mile fun run/walk starts at 9 AM followed by a short toddler trot/dash on the front lawn of the school.

We will provide refreshments, a DJ, school spirit and community bonding. Rain or shine!

Wanamassa teachers/staff please join us at a discounted rate of \$1 donation.



Register today at
wanamassapta.org/runamassa

FUNDRAISING ALL YEAR LONG WITH 0.5% EFFORT

Did you know your regular shopping could result in donations to the Wanamassa PTA? While not huge revenue generators, every little bit helps.

AMAZON SMILE – When shopping via AmazonSmile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. To sign up or change your charitable organization, go to smile.amazon.com and select Wanamassa PTA.

SHOPAROO – Earn money for the PTA with every trip to the grocery store. Simply download the Shoparoo app and use it to take a picture of your receipt.

BOX TOPS – Box Tops are collected all year long. Cut them out and send them in with you child. Better yet, download the app and just scan your receipt!

ADVENTURE FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY WITH WANAMASSA'S OWN CUB SCOUT PACK 143!

Our school's Cub Scout Pack gives parents and their children opportunities to make memories together while helping kids develop skills and character traits that will benefit them for the rest of their lives. Whether it is serving as a den leader, going camping as a family or celebrating the achievement of earning a new badge, parents and family can be as involved as they want they'd like.

Dens for boys and girls are now forming for students in K-5th grades. Meetings are generally held on Wednesday nights at the school and there are multiple ways to join at no cost to you. Give your child the experience of a lifetime and build your family's adventure with Pack 143.

For more information email Pack Committee Chairman Brian Valentino mcbbsa@brianvalentino.com or visit their Facebook Page at fb.me/OceanPack143. To register visit www.tinyurl.com/JoinPack143.

Wanamassa PTA is the Chartering Organization for Pack 143.



2019-2020 WANAMASSA PTA CALENDAR

Scheduling Changes Happen. For the most up-to-date information visit: wanamassapta.org/calendar

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Kindergarten Orientation/Teacher Tea
- 5 *First Day of School*
- 16 Open House
- 20 Chocolate Sales Begins
- 25 Family Fun Night – Panera Bread
- 26 Picture Day
- 30 *School Closed*

OCTOBER

- 1 *School Closed*
- 2 Hat and Coat Drive Begins
- 7 PTA Meeting
- 9 *School Closed*
- 10 School Store (K, 2, 4)
- 11 School Store (1, 3)
- 14 *School Closed*
- 16 Parent Teacher Basketball Game
- 23 Food Drive Begins
- 31 Halloween Parties

NOVEMBER

- 3 Runamassa Fun Run
- 4 PTA Meeting
- 7-8 *School Closed*
- 25 Toy and Gift Drive Begins
- 28-29 *School Closed*

DECEMBER

- 5 Holiday Shop
- 6 Holiday Shop
- 20 Holiday Parties
- 23-31 *School Closed*

JANUARY

- 1 *School Closed*
- 3 Spirit Friday
- 6 PTA Meeting
- 9 School Store (K,2,4)
- 10 School Store (1, 3)/Spirit Friday
- 17 Spirit Friday
- 20 *School Closed*
- 24 Spirit Friday
- 31 Talent Show

FEBRUARY

- 3 PTA Meeting
- 7 Son + 1 Event
- 13 Valentine's Day Parties
- 14 *School Closed*
- 17 *School Closed*
- 21 Bingo Night

MARCH

- 2 PTA Meeting
- 3 SPCA Towel Drive Begins
- 19 School Store (K, 2, 4)
- 20 School Store (1, 3)

APRIL

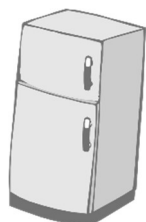
- 6-13 *School Closed*
- 24 Casino Night

MAY

- 1 Daughter-Someone Special Dance
- 15 An Evening of the Arts
- 25 *School Closed*

JUNE

- 3 Fourth Grade Celebration
- 5 *School Closed*
- 17 Field/Picnic Day
- 23 *Last Day of School*



psst... This might
be a good page to
keep on the fridge.



Join the PTA!

The PTA helps to make Wanamassa Elementary a better school in two ways:

1. We raise money by holding fundraisers like Runamassa, family fun nights, and Casino Night. That money goes towards class field trips, school assemblies, playground equipment, vouchers for the book sale, and so much more!

2. We show up. Parent/Child Bingo Night, Talent & Variety Show, Son +1, Daughter dance, holiday parties, picnic day – all events are planned and staffed by PTA volunteers. Activities that give the kids a chance to have fun and make some great memories.

We understand that time is a parent's most precious commodity, so we don't waste yours. Sign up and we'll let you know what's going on and what volunteer time is needed. Whatever your schedule is like – even if you only have few minutes to spare – you'll find opportunities to help: days, evenings, even the occasional Saturday. And although you aren't *required* to attend the monthly PTA meetings, everyone is welcome. The first meeting for the year is October 7th at 7pm in the school library. We appreciate every parent who volunteers throughout the school year!

Joining is easy! Register online at:

CLICK
HERE
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wanamassapta.org/forms

A single membership is \$8 for the year and an additional family member can be added for \$6.00.

Please note, all parents who wish to volunteer in the classroom during PTA sponsored events **must** be registered PTA members.

Questions?

Contact Jackie Farrell - Chairperson, Membership
membership@wanamassapta.org.

*First PTA Meeting
Monday, October 7
7pm in the Library*