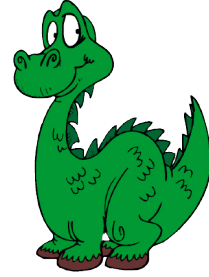


# Everything You've Always Wanted to Know About the Chandler PTA



The Chandler PTA is a group of parent volunteers that work together with Chandler administrators, teachers, and staff to enhance the educational experience of our children.

## What does the Chandler PTA do?

We support classroom activities as well as run our own programs and activities. We focus our efforts in three broad areas: academic enrichment, staff appreciation, and community outreach.

**Academic Enrichment** - The Chandler PTA creates and supports enrichment opportunities for Chandler students and their families. Last year, our activities included:

- Grade-level science presentations from the Boston Museum of Science and the New England Aquarium.
- The Classroom Parent volunteer program to support in-class activities.
- A Reading Challenge that offered weekly incentives and age-appropriate recognition.
- Subscriptions to engaging student learning tools such as *BrainPOP Jr.* and Scholastic School magazines.
- Funding to support bus transportation for field trips for all grades.
- Author visits from Jerry Pallotta and Kate Hanscom to inspire our young writers.
- A Math Challenge which reinforced math fact practice at home

**Staff Appreciation** - Throughout the school year, we create opportunities for Chandler families to show appreciation for our dedicated teachers and staff. Activities range from a welcome back luncheon, to staff meeting breakfast, Teacher Appreciation Week activities, and spring flower bouquets – mostly small gestures to remind our staff that we are grateful for all the work they do.

**Community Outreach** - Through our popular Helping Hands programs, we engage students in age-appropriate activities to support the efforts of local service organizations, such as the Interfaith Council and the Senior Center. We also expand our reach beyond Duxbury to collect books for inner city after-school programs and to send care packages to U.S. soldiers serving overseas.

To make all this happen, the Chandler PTA raises funds through apparel sales and special activities. Our fundraising activities range from offering unique Chandler or Duxbury-branded apparel to creating opportunities through national and local vendors that make shopping and annual gift-giving easier.

## How do I join?

To join the PTA, simply submit a Membership Form and pay the annual dues. This can be done online at [www.chandlerpta.org](http://www.chandlerpta.org) or via paper form. The form can be returned at the PTA Table during Chandler's Welcome Back Day or sent to school with your child via backpack in an envelope marked "Chandler PTA".

## What does it mean to be a PTA Member?

Your participation as a member can be whatever works for you – attend monthly meetings, volunteer for committees, participate with events, support our fundraising activities, or simply support us with your membership dues.

## How much time is involved with being a PTA volunteer?

We understand that life is demanding, so we have many different types of volunteer opportunities with varying degrees of time commitments. If you want to volunteer your time, tell us what you're interested in and we'll find the right fit for you!

## When are PTA meetings?

Our meetings are held at 9:30 a.m. on the first Thursday of each school month in Room 303 of the Canty Wing at Chandler. *Children are always welcome at these meetings.* It is a great way to learn what the PTA is doing, to find out what's happening at Chandler from our Principal, Mrs. Wiesehahn, and to listen to informative guest speakers. Please note that the meetings scheduled for October 6 and March 2 will be at 7:30 p.m.

## I can't make the PTA meetings. How can I learn more?

We offer many ways to help you stay informed:

**Class parent emails:** Chandler PTA distributes email updates to help you keep track of where you need to go, what you need to do, and what you ought to know. At Open House you'll be invited to submit your email address to your Classroom Parent to receive these updates.

**Our website:** The Chandler PTA has a website within the Duxbury Public Schools' website that can be accessed directly at [www.chandlerpta.org](http://www.chandlerpta.org). All upcoming activities are listed on the front page and our calendar provides a good preview of what's to come.

**Facebook:** Our Facebook page is a helpful way to remember our events and see their great pictures. If you're on Facebook, 'like' Chandler Elementary PTA to stay up-to-date.



**Dragon News:** Chandler PTA's brief newsletter is emailed bi-weekly and includes highlights of upcoming events and action items important to parents and students.

## I still have questions - who can I talk to?

Contact any member of the Executive Board and we'll try to answer your questions:

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