



The PTA is excited for another great school year!

Part of what makes Burruss a great school is our community and parents like YOU. Our parent and family involvement keeps Burruss a sweet, loving school for our kids.

We get many questions throughout the year regarding PTA, so we hope this form will help you understand more of what we do and how we help your kids and OUR school.

Q: Where does my PTA money go?

A: Our funds provide benefits such as grants to teachers, field trips for students, and help with teacher school supplies. This past year, the teacher grants included: a new refrigerator for the school nurse, STEM Friday activities, calm-down kits, and a “Fun Weird Science” assembly.

Q: How can I get involved?

A: This is our number one question, and we want to make it easy for parents and families to get involved and help. You can do anything from being a committee chair to signing up for one shift at an event. Volunteers are needed with the following:

1. *Homecoming Committee* - help with the ALB float for the MHS Homecoming parade
2. *Fall Festival Committee* - assist with the largest fundraising social event at Burruss (ticket sales, games, inflatables, vendor booths, sale of food & drink, snow cones, etc)
3. *Membership* - Enroll parents, guardians, teachers and any supportive citizens or businesses in the PTA
4. *5th Grade Committee* - organize school-wide functions that serve as fundraisers for the 5th grade class trip and end-of-year luncheon.
5. *Reflections* - promote and organize the Reflections contest to students and teachers
6. *Staff Appreciation* - coordinates events that thank the teachers and staff for their dedication to our children
7. *Vendor Cash* - Promotes the use of Publix Partner Card, Kroger Plus Card, Target Red Card and Amazon Smile program, and several other programs

Q: How much does it cost and what are the membership levels?

A: There are three levels:

- ★ *White* - \$7, includes one single PTA membership
- ★ *Orange* - \$50, Includes 2 PTA memberships; an ALB-themed notepad and some local discount coupons
- ★ *Navy* - \$100, includes PTA memberships for 2 adults and every current ALB student; an ALB-themed tote bag, sticker/car decal & notepad, a spirit wear shirt and some local discount coupons.

Q: How do I sign up for PTA:

A: Look for our membership tables at the Sneak A Peek, all PTA meetings, and grandparents day. You can also sign up online at <https://squareup.com/store/albpta>

Q: When are the PTA meetings?

A: There are 3 PTA meetings throughout the year. Mark your calendars:
Thursday, August 15, 6pm - Open House immediately following the meeting
Thursday, February 6, 6pm - International Night immediately following the meeting
Thursday, April 30, 6pm - Talent Show immediately following the meeting

Q: How do I stay informed of events?

A: There are many ways to stay up to date! Official school social media pages are:
Facebook: A.L.Burruss Elementary
Twitter: @ALBurrussEle
PTA is on Facebook: A.L. Burruss Elementary School PTA
You'll also receive information every Thursday in the Burruss Express, in a monthly email from Dr. Johnson, and communication directly from the homeroom teacher.

Q: Why should I join PTA?

- ★ *Get Connected* - There's no better way to know what's happening in your school.
- ★ *Discover Great Resources* - PTA offers a variety of programs for parents and students.
- ★ *Tap into a Network* - meet other parents and teachers, building rapport and discussing issues that are on your mind. You can share ideas, concerns, and experiences.
- ★ *Watch Yourself Grow* - By volunteering with your PTA, you put your skills and hobbies to use for a noble cause—your child and all children in the community.
- ★ *Speak Up* - PTA can be a way for you to more effectively suggest change at the school.
- ★ *Witness Improvement* - By getting involved at your child's school you'll be part of the solution, helping make positive changes. Local PTAs play an important role by supporting building improvements through advocacy and play an important role in fundraising for curriculum based programs and social events.
- ★ *Be a Role Model* - By becoming a PTA member, you'll be demonstrating to your child the importance you place on education.
- ★ *Enjoy Substantial Benefits* - Individuals and local units can take advantage of a host of benefits from PTA membership including discounts and offers from member benefits providers and sponsors, magazine subscriptions, leadership training, e-newsletters and much more.
- ★ *Benefits your child* - get connected; tap into a network; be a role model; help our school

Q: How do I get in touch?

A: Contact the PTA Presidents:
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We are looking forward to a great year!
Emmy Staton and Katie Pilson - Presidents
Emily Hobel and Brittany Maddox - VPs
Jessica Meade - Treasurer
Kesha Austin - Secretary