

# WASHINGTON GT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

## BACK TO SCHOOL PACKET

Welcome back...**Virtually**, Washington GT Elementary students and families! Even though

The Washington PTA's mission is to make every student's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. Washington PTA has translated this mission into four core themes:

- ★ Teacher Empowerment and Support
- ★ Building the WES Community
- ★ Enriching Student Experiences
- ★ Advocacy and Outreach

Our role is to create programming and events based in these four core themes. We invite you to become an active partner in your child's education by volunteering in your child's classroom and with the PTA!

Included in this packet you will find:

- ★ PTA Membership Information
- ★ School Calendar of Events
- ★ PTA Fundraising Information
- ★ PTA Volunteer Interest Form

How can you stay informed about what is happening at school?

1. Join the PTA by creating a MemberHub account at <https://washingtongt.memberhub.com/join/pe8h0b>, then pay via credit card by clicking on the link to "Join or Renew your PTA membership," OR send in the enclosed Membership Information Form with cash or check. Membership must be renewed annually. **MemberHub has a GREAT School Directory feature, but it only works if we all log in and put your family info online!** You can easily elect not to make address / phone # info visible unless you choose to do so.
2. Read our bi-weekly newsletter, "Wizard Words," mid-September. It will be sent through MemberHub and Class Dojo.
3. Visit our PTA website at [www.wizardpta.org](http://www.wizardpta.org)
4. Visit our Facebook page at "Washington GT Elementary PTA," and do not forget to "Like" it to stay connected! Also, follow us on Twitter - @wizardpta.
5. Attend our monthly "Virtual" PTA Executive Board meetings on the second Mondays of each month at 7 p.m. or until we can meet again in person. Dates are on the included calendar. Every parent's attendance and input is greatly appreciated and encouraged!

Please feel free to contact the PTA Board Members at any time. We look forward to working with YOU this year as we empower teachers, build our community, enrich our students and be advocates for education!

# Washington Elementary PTA Membership Information 2020-21

Joining the PTA gives you a voice in the direction of our school, how to fund programming and classrooms, voting privileges, and allows you to hold an office on our PTA Board. Members also receive access to tools and resources from the National PTA and NCPTA, as well as digital magazines, e-newsletters, and discounts on products. Membership must be renewed every year and any person can join.

The PTA is the oldest and largest child advocacy association in America. Today's PTA is comprised of over 4 million parents, teachers, grandparents, caregivers, foster parents and other caring adults who share a commitment to improving the education, health and safety of all children. We speak with one voice for every child. We hope you will join us to support children, families and our school. Anyone in our community can join Washington's PTA.

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JOIN ONLINE through MemberHub! Either login to your existing MemberHub account or create one here: <https://washingtongt.memberhub.com/join/pe8h0b>. Once you are logged in to MemberHub, click on "Shop" at the top of the screen and you will see options to pay for your PTA membership with a credit card.

JOIN via this form. Please fill it out and send it back with your check payable to Washington PTA at - WES PTA, Washington Elementary, 1000 Fayetteville Street, Raleigh, NC 27601.

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 Gold Family PTA Membership
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$5.00 Individual PTA Membership
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$5.00 Faculty PTA Membership

\*\*With each membership, \$1.75 goes to the North Carolina PTA, \$2.25 goes to the National PTA and the remainder goes to the Washington PTA to fund school programs

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ (please print clearly)

Child's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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If you choose a family membership, please provide TWO email addresses.

E-mail(s) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail(s) \_\_\_\_\_

<b>PTA Records Only</b>		
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Admin only - Addtl Donation Amt	
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# WASHINGTON CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020-2021

## 2020

### AUGUST

- T 11 PTA Board Meeting (Virtual)
- Th 13 Back to School Lunch for Staff 12 p.m.
- M 17 First Day of School (virtual)
- 25-27 Assigned slot for drive through meet  
The Teacher & Material pickup
- M 31 1st Quarter Electives Begin/  
Kindergarten will begin year with special only  
(Electives to start with definitive Plan B)

### SEPTEMBER

- M 7 Holiday
- T 8 1st Quarter Electives Begin 1-5
- M 14 PTA Board Meeting (Virtual)
- Week of 9/15 Openhouse/orientation held virtually at  
different times for K-1, 2-3, 4-5
- Week of 9/15 General PTA Meeting with Open House  
& Shining Star Fundraiser Begins (6 times, virtually)
- M 28 Teacher Work Day

### OCTOBER

- TBD PTA Reflections Art Contest
- F 9 1st Quarter Electives End
- M 12 PTA Board Meeting (Virtual)
- F 23 Teacher Work Day
- M 26 5th grade Parent info session on magnet  
middle schools (6:00 - 7:00 pm)
- M 26 Q1 Report Cards go home

### NOVEMBER

- M 2 2nd Quarter Electives Begin
- T 3 Teacher Work Day
- M 9 PTA Board Meeting (Virtual)
- W 11 Holiday
- 16- Virtual Book Fair
- 25-27 Vacation/Thanksgiving Holiday

### DECEMBER

- TBD Holiday Coat Drive and Holiday Magic
- TBD School Spirit Night (TBD)
- M 14 PTA Board Meeting (Virtual)
- Th 17 2nd Quarter Electives End
- 21 Teacher Work Day
- 22-31 Winter Break

## 2021

### JANUARY

- TBD Magnet Open House
- TBD Grade Level Spelling Bees  
Spelling Bee Final
- F 1 Holiday
- M 4 First day back for students
- M 11 PTA Board Meeting (Virtual)
- 11-15 4th Grade Writer-in-Residence (Kelly Starling  
Lyons)
- Th 14 2nd Quarter Electives End
- M 18 Holiday
- T 19 Teacher Work Day

### FEBRUARY

- M 1 3rd Quarter Electives Begin
- M 8 PTA Board Meeting (Virtual)
- M 15 Calendar Out Day (Students out)
- T 16 Teacher Work Day
- M 25 Q2 Report Cards Go Home
- TBD Bus Driver Appreciation Week

### MARCH

- TBD Staff Appreciation Week
- M 8 PTA Board Meeting (Virtual)
- F 12 Teacher Work Day
- F 19 Spring Picture Day (Individual and Classroom)
- Th 25 3rd Quarter Electives End
- 29-31 Spring Break

### APRIL

- TBD Spirit Night
- 1-2 Spring Break
- M 5 Campus Out Day (Students out)
- T 6 Teacher Work Day
- W 7 4th Quarter Electives Begin
- M 12 Q3 Report Cards Go Home
- M 12 PTA Board Meeting (Virtual)
- Th 22 International Cultural Night

### MAY

- Th 13 Teacher Work Day
- 20 or 27 4th Quarter Electives End
- TBD (tentative) Spring BOGO Book Fair
- TBD Spring Fling Elective Showcase & General PTA  
Meeting
- TBD PTA Board Meeting (Lunch)
- M 31 Holiday

### JUNE

- M 7 Field Day (rain date, T 8)
- Th 10 Last Day/Graduation (9:45 am)/Q4 Report Cards  
Go Home

## **WASHINGTON PTA FUNDRAISING**

Washington Elementary School PTA offers programs and events that support four core themes:

- ★ Teacher Empowerment and Support
- ★ Building the WES Community
- ★ Enriching Student Experiences
- ★ Advocacy and Outreach

PTA's programs and events are created to promote WES students' growth and achievement. WES PTA can only accomplish this through dedicated volunteers and fundraising.

WES PTA raises funds in three ways: Shining Star Fundraiser, select product sales, and passive fundraising.

### **Shining Star Fundraiser**

WES PTA's direct donation campaign is the Shining Star Fundraiser. You Give. PTA Plans. Students Shine! More information about this fundraiser will come in the next couple of weeks.

Most importantly, like before, this fundraiser will still allow WES students to benefit from 100% of your donation. As always, donations made to WES PTA and Shining Star Fundraiser are tax deductible.

**Product Sales:** All products sold by WES PTA have been carefully chosen to work with PTA's mission and core themes. These product sales include:

Wizard Wear Sales – WES PTA designs, sells and distributes Wizard Wear to promote school spirit and to build the WES community.

Scholastic Book Fair – This weeklong book sale occurs in the WES Media Center the Fall. The goal of the book fair is to enrich the student experience by putting books in the hands of WES students and by supplementing classroom libraries through the use of teacher wish lists.

School Store – The school store is open to students on certain mornings each week. The school store offers school supplies and is a fun way for students to use support fundraising efforts at WES.

Yearbook Sales – WES PTA sells and distributes school yearbooks. WES PTA also creates content and supplies photography to the publication. The sale of yearbooks occur in the spring. Yearbooks are a lasting memento for students of their time at WES.

**Passive Fundraisers:** Passive Fundraisers allow WES PTA to earn money from companies like Amazon, Harris Teeter, and Box Tops for Education. WES families simply need to follow these simple steps to help WES PTA and WES benefit from these free programs.

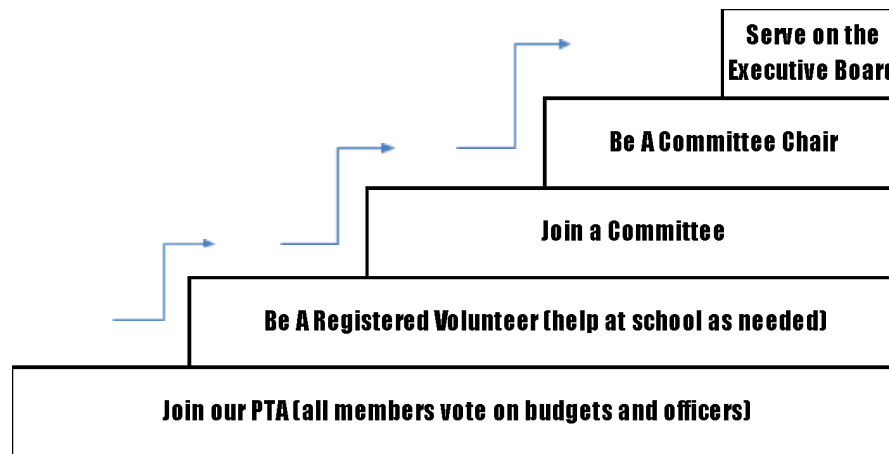
Smile.Amazon.com – Before you purchase anything on Amazon.com, be sure to sign up for the free program Amazon Smile. You can sign up at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/56-1383300> or you can search for Washington GT Elementary School PTA on Smile.Amazon.com. After you sign up, 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases will be given to WES PTA.

Harris Teeter VIC Card – Go to <https://www.harristeeter.com/together-in-education> and link your VIC card number with WES PTA, our school code is 2308. **You must re-link your card every year.**

Box Tops For Education – This program has changed! Box Tops should now be submitted via the Box Tops app, where you can scan in receipts.

## **How can you be more involved in YOUR PTA?**

Can you **Grow Together** with us and go up a step this year? We would love to have YOU!



The Washington PTA sponsors many events and programs for our students and their families throughout the year. We need help to make these programs a success!

### **Please consider volunteering for one of the following committees:**

- \* Wizard Wear
- \* Arts & Letters Night Planning Committee
- \* Magnet Relations (Hosting Tours)
- \* Staff Appreciation
- \* Teacher Start-up Funds
- \* Fall Family Picnic
- \* School Spirit Nights
- \* Reflections
- \* Spring Fling
- \* Advocacy Committee  
<https://www.pta.org/home/advocacy>
- \* Special Education Inclusion Committee
- \* Math & Science Night Planning Committee
- \* Reading Incentives
- \* Birthday Book
- \* School Store
- \* Scholastic Book Fair
- \* Shining Star Fundraiser

## 2020-2021 WES PTA Executive Board Volunteers – Contact Information

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**Please provide us with your contact information if you are interested in being part of a committee this school year. Email the following information to [wesgtpta@gmail.com](mailto:wesgtpta@gmail.com):**

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Child/children's names and grades: \_\_\_\_\_

Area(s) of Interest: \_\_\_\_\_