

# Perspectives on the value of the PTA

If you are interested in learning more about the PTA, or would like to become a member or volunteer, please contact one of the officers below.

“Bolstering parental involvement is one of my main goals as Superintendent of Durham Public Schools, and the PTA is crucial to this effort. Our parents are our very best resources in the effort to increase student achievement, and the PTA is the conduit. For decades, the PTA has set the standard of how parents can be more meaningfully involved with their schools and with their children's education.”

Carl E. Harris, Ed.D.  
Superintendent, Durham Public Schools

“The success of our school program rests in the synergy between committed teachers, involved parents and enthusiastic students. Our PTA provides wonderful opportunities for parents and teachers to work together in a variety of ways which enable our school community to capitalize on that synergy. Such efforts work to benefit student life at Morehead. I strongly encourage all parents and teachers to become members!”

Cory Hogans  
Principal, Morehead Montessori

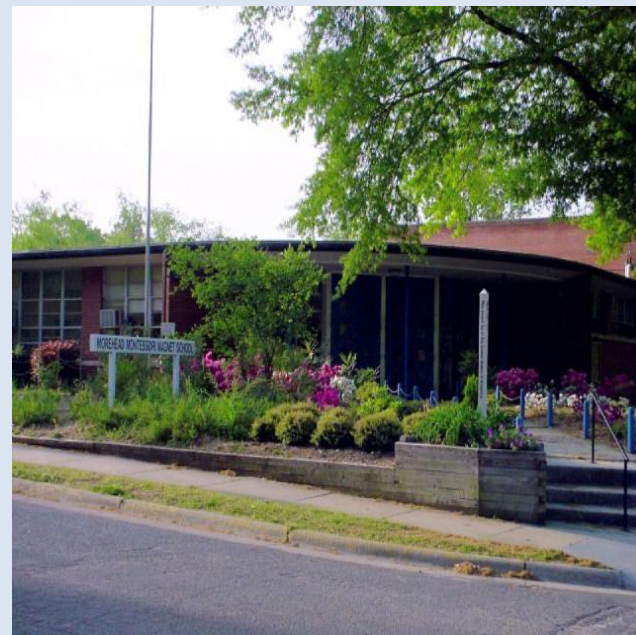
“As a teacher and a member of the PTA, I have had the opportunity to get to know parents better by working together on projects and activities that enhance the child's academic environment. Our PTA has created a richer, more nourishing educational climate and along the way has given our school a community. Through the care exhibited by parents and teachers, students are able to affirm the positive connection between home and school.”

Teresa Van Acker  
Teacher, Morehead Montessori

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# MOREHEAD MONTESSORI PTA



## The National PTA's Mission is to:

**SUPPORT** and speak on behalf of children and youth in the school and community and before organizations that make decisions affecting children.

**ASSIST** parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children.

**ENCOURAGE** parent and public involvement.

# MOREHEAD MONTESSORI PTA

The Morehead Montessori PTA is a great way to become involved in your child's school and education. In alignment with the national PTA organization's mission, the Morehead Montessori PTA focuses on:

**CREATING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY** at the school between families, teachers, and students. Activities are planned throughout the year to help build the school community.

**SUPPORTING TEACHERS** with supplies, volunteer time, and funds for staff development.

**RAISING FUNDS** for special projects such as playground equipment, technology improvements, and classroom supplies.

**PROMOTING EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT** by funding and arranging special programs for our children.

**EDUCATING PARENTS** on topics that impact our children.

To receive official school and PTA announcements, join the "MoreheadAnnouncements" e-mail group. Send a blank e-mail to:  
[MoreheadAnnouncements-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:MoreheadAnnouncements-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)  
After getting an automated e-mail response, you must click on the link and follow the instructions provided in the e-mail.

Consider becoming more involved in your child's education through the PTA by becoming a member and volunteering on one of the following committees:

**Communications** – Facilitates PTA communications to help increase awareness of school activities. Designs fliers and other informational materials, sends e-mails, and supports the PTA website.

**Family Partnership** – Helps form connections between families and encourages parents to be a part of their children's school. Sponsors events such as Fourth Friday play dates, movie night, and a talent show.

**Fundraising** – Coordinates fundraising efforts to support the school. Includes creating and executing fundraising campaigns, writing grants, and requesting funds from the local community.

**Grounds** – Responsible for the beautification of the school grounds. Organizes volunteer work days to help maintain and enhance the school's grounds.

**Healthy Living** – Provides opportunities for growth, learning, and confidence building to students of Morehead through individual and group physical activity. Promotes behaviors for life-long healthy living.

**Staff Appreciation** – Organizes events that help parents show their appreciation for the teachers and staff and all that they do for our children and school.

## 2008/2009 Programming

Please join us the third Thursday of every other month for a general PTA meeting followed by these programs:

- Sep 18 Volunteer Fair**  
Come for our family welcoming meeting and find out how to get more involved in your child's school.
- Nov 20 Technology Night**  
A chance for parents to learn about the technology teachers are using to help our children learn.
- Jan 15 Children Teach the Parents**  
A favorite of parents and students alike, the children show parents their work plans and specific learning activities that they perform during the day.
- Mar 19 Parents Symposia**  
A variety of short presentations will be led by experts in our school and DPS covering topics of interest to parents.
- May 21 Music Showcase**  
Our chorus and violin students will perform. New 2009/2010 families are invited to join us for the concert and an informal meet & greet.

*Note: Additional programming is being planned*