

A WELCOME LETTER FROM YOUR 2008-2009 WEKIVA PTA...

I'd like to take a moment to welcome our returning families and to tell our new families how happy we are to have them here at Wekiva Elementary.

At the request and suggestion of many parents, this year the PTA will continue supporting our students and teachers with much needed supplies in the classroom. The teachers continually use their own funds to stock their classrooms and the PTA hopes to ease that burden as much as possible. PTA will also donate "start-up" funds for all new teachers to Wekiva.

Please take a moment to review the PTA items being sent home in your welcome folder this year regarding our PTA Student Directory and volunteer sheets. The membership information is included at the bottom of this letter.

The PTA Board will continue to work hard to bring quality programs and events to our community to enjoy. We hope that in turn, all parents will volunteer just a small amount of time (or more if you want!!) in supporting these events and programs. While these require many volunteers to provide time during school hours, there are needs that can be met at home and after school hours. We understand that many parents work full-time, but still wish to be involved. Remember, the PTA cannot continue to bring these events to the community without your help and support. If you can't give time, perhaps you can give ideas or donations to help with a specific event (like decorations or balloons for the Fall Festival or Family Dinner). No effort will be turned away!

This year the PTA invites all parents, grandparents, and community members to join our PTA. Your financial support is instrumental in helping to provide the quality program and events that are designed to promote the welfare and success of our children. After paying the required county and state PTA dues, the balance of the membership funds go directly toward such program and events. When you join the Wekiva PTA, you join other Wekiva families who care about the issues that affect our children. Membership is open to anyone concerned with the education, health, and welfare of our children. THE FIRST 500 FAMILIES TO JOIN WILL RECEIVE OUR POPULAR CALENDAR MAGNET highlighting the school calendar and special school events. So act now and please support your Wekiva PTA and the Wekiva students. Single memberships are only \$6.00 and dual memberships just \$10.00!!!

Even though membership does not obligate attendance, we are asking that you attend our general PTA meetings. While it is true that our PTA Board members meet at least monthly, **there are ONLY 4 general meetings a year**. We try to keep our meetings short and offer exciting programs that are child centered and fun. When possible, we include the students in the meetings to make them more meaningful for the kids and the parents.

Fundraising is a necessary part of the PTA and there will be two major fundraisers this year. These fundraisers allow the PTA to provide Wekiva with as much support as possible. Please remember whenever paying for any fundraiser or PTA event by check to include your oldest child's full name, teacher, grade, and the event on the check. This is necessary for proper coordination of all events.

Should you have any questions about any PTA issue or event, or just want to let us know you want to help, feel free to call our PTA voice mail at 407-746-3173.

Thank you in advance for supporting our school and your WEKIVA PTA.

Damarys Morales-Meléndez
PTA President

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### WEKIVA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Single Membership: \$6.00      Dues Membership: \$10.00

We will send your membership card and magnet home with your oldest child.

***EVERY CHILD. ONE VOICE.***

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| Member #1 Name: _____                                                                                                   | Oldest Child's Name: _____ |
| Member #2 Name: _____                                                                                                   | Teacher: _____             |
| Amount Enclosed: _____                                                                                                  | Grade: _____               |
| Relationship to Child: <input type="radio"/> Parent <input type="radio"/> Grandparent <input type="radio"/> Other _____ |                            |