

## Why join the PTSA?

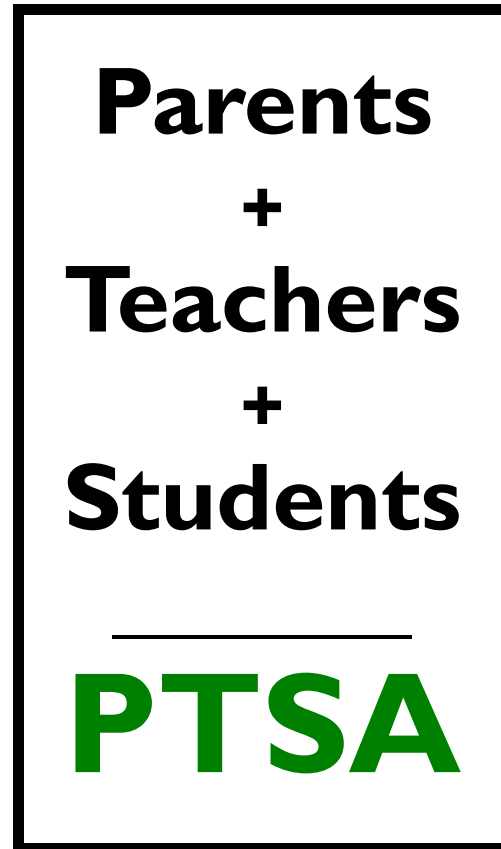
The number one reason is to **benefit your child**. In doing so, you also help your school. But there are many more advantages. Here are just a few:

- **Get Connected.** There's no better way to know what's happening in your school.
- **Discover Great Resources.** We offer a variety of programs designed for parents as well as students.
- **Tap into a Network.** Parenting is not easy—it helps to share ideas, concerns and experiences with other parents and educators in the community. Meet other parents and teachers, build rapport and discuss issues.
- **Watch Yourself Grow.** When you volunteer, you gain valuable experiences. It's an opportunity to put your skills and hobbies to good use for a good cause—your child and all children in the community.
- **Speak Up.** You are encouraged to make suggestions. PTSA can be a way for you to more effectively suggest change at your child's school.
- **Witness Improvement.** By getting involved at your child's school you'll be part of the solution, helping make positive changes. Our PTSA plays an important role in fundraising to provide building improvements, curriculum-based programs, and social events—all vital to a school's success.
- **Be a Role Model.** By becoming a PTSA member, you'll be demonstrating to your child the importance you place on education.

*Adapted from the national PTA.*

*Find more information at:*

[www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org)



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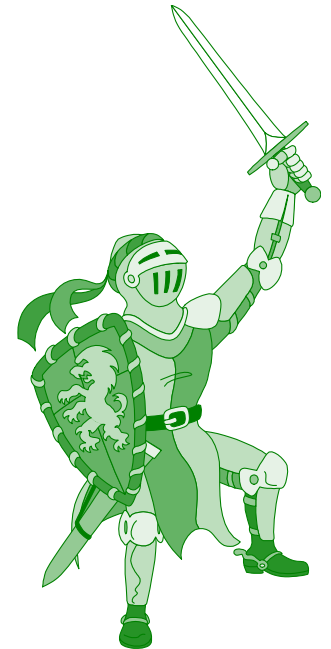
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NORDONIA MIDDLE SCHOOL

PTSA



# What PTSA has planned for 2008-2009

## Summer Reading Recycling

September 2008 and May 2009

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## Rock Our Socks Fundraiser

August 2—September, 2008

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## Little Caesar's Pizza Fundraiser

August 21—September 25th, 2008

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## Scholastic Book Fair

February 17 – 20, 2009

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## Teacher Appreciation Dates

Fall, Winter, Spring

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## Summer Camp Fair

Saturday, February 7, 2009

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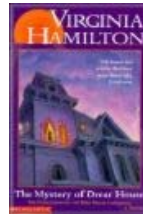
## Ohio Achievement Tests

PTSA Provides Breakfast to Students

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## Eighth Grade Celebration

Spring 2009



## The Summer Reading Recycling Program

**Here's how it works:** Turn in any book on the 7th/8th grade summer reading list and your name will be entered into a drawing to win one of two \$15 Cinemark Gift Cards. You will earn a chance to win with each book turned in. **Deadline to enter is September 30th.** Drawing will be held and winners announced October 1st. Books from other grades will be accepted, but will not earn rewards—other than the great feeling you'll get knowing that you are helping someone else find the book they need next summer and that you may be saving a few trees! In the spring, we'll be distributing the books collected. Stay tuned for more info!

## The Summer Camp Fair



**Save The Date for our Second Annual Summer Camp Fair, Saturday, February 7th!** Camps for all ages will be here - for children as young as six years old, for teens as old as eighteen, and even for families. There are so many options out there and, believe it or not, February is the best time to plan. We'll also have food fun, and prizes. Don't miss it! Up to the minute details online at:

[www.summercampfair.com](http://www.summercampfair.com)

If you would like to be involved in the planning or help work the event, we need you!

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## Look What Was Accomplished Last School Year

- Registered 262 members.
- Fulfilled 8 mini-grants to teachers.
- Launched the summer reading recycling program.
- Hosted the first ever Summer Camp Fair, with 38 summer camps participating.
- Provided refreshments at band and choir concerts
- Funded the "Art-To-Go" program
- Facilitated the 8th Grade Celebration aboard the Nautica Queen

**Get Involved!** Meetings are typically held the second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm in the Middle School Cafeteria. Check the school calendar for details.