



September 2019

Dear Mountainside Families:

On behalf of the Mountainside NJ PTO Executive Board, we hope that you had a wonderful summer and would like to welcome you back to a new school year! We thank you in advance for your continued support with volunteering to plan and execute our many successful events throughout the school year! They would not be possible without your help. We would like to encourage all families to join the PTO! Your membership and volunteer efforts are critical to the PTO's success and ability to continue supporting our schools.

- The PTO provides funding for field trips and student assemblies at all grade levels.
- We will continue to offer the successful programs that you have come to enjoy throughout the years including the Back to School Ice Cream Social, Fall Festival, Holiday Shoppe, Bingo Night, Library Bunch, Red Ribbon Week, Scholastic Book Fairs, School Supply Sale, Box Tops for Education, and our annual Spring Fundraiser.

2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

PTO ONLINE ANNUAL REGISTRATION AND STUDENT DIRECTORY AUTHORIZATION

Please visit the PTO website, <https://mountainsidenjpto.ptoffice.com>, where you can register for your annual membership and utilize it as a collective resource for volunteer sign ups, upcoming events and fundraisers, etc.

Registration, Student Directory Authorization, and the collection of dues and direct contributions will be conducted online. Families must renew their memberships annually.

Please register by Tuesday, Oct 1st. Detailed instructions are available online via the Forms section of our website for both registration and the payment process. The case-sensitive password is: **mountainsidePTO2019**

Membership entitles you to be a voting member of the PTO and receive one print copy of the PTO Handbook and Student Directory per address. **The cost is \$7 for EACH parent or guardian.**

Direct Contributions eliminate the need for many fundraisers, and 100% of the money directly benefits our children. Based upon the results of past years as well as parent feedback, this structure remains a success, and we will continue it again this year with a request of **\$25 for EACH student**. If you wish to contribute additional money, you will be noted as a *Silver, Gold, or Platinum Donor* in our Student Directory. Please note, financial assistance is available. *Please check with your employers for possible direct contribution matching programs!* Last year we secured additional funding towards our direct contribution campaign through member's employers.

Unlike previous years, **Party Money** will be collected by class parents at the beginning of the school year..

Again, welcome back and please keep a look out for postings in the ELFF, via E-alerts, and on the Mountainside NJ PTO Facebook page reminding you of upcoming events. We welcome any questions and/or suggestions and look forward to another great year!

Thank you!

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