## Welcome Back Smith Families!

The PTSA and I would like to welcome you back to school and hope you had a safe and exciting summer. This year we will be focused on enriching, enhancing and supporting our students, parents and teachers. One of our goals is to represent the voice of each family within the Samantha Smith Community. In order for us to hear your voice, please join our PTSA membership by stopping by our table or online at smithptsa.org.

## What does the PTSA do?

Our Parent Teacher Student Association provides events such as Back 2 Business, Dolphin Carnival, Winter Wonderland and Fifth Grade Celebrations. We also provide valuable funding for Nature Vision, Explore Art, Accelerated Reader, Accelerated Math, Assemblies, IXL, Read Naturally, and Library Resources. The PTSA runs student pictures, yearbook, and Spirit Wear. Last year your PTSA assisted in purchasing a new Reader Board for the front of the school.

## How can I assist the PTSA?

We are always looking for Volunteers to assist in the many events and programs we bring to Smith. Watch for our requests in the Dolphin Byte Newsletter or logon to our website at <a href="https://www.smithptsa.org">www.smithptsa.org</a>. Looking to give a monetary donation? Our fundraising event, Dolphin Dash is held once a year and is our only fundraising drive. If you are able, please come out and cheer your child on, as they run/walk for pledges.

## Have your voice be heard.

Our first General Meeting will be held on September  $10^{\rm th}$ . Come out and review our proposed Budget, Mission, New Goals and Updated Standing Rules. Your input is greatly appreciated, please come and exercise your voice and vote.

Should you have any questions or concerns throughout the year please contact myself at <a href="mailto:president@smithptsa.org">president@smithptsa.org</a>. I look forward to hearing your thoughts, critics and complements.

Have a great 2015-2016 school year and I look forward to seeing you at are numerous PTSA sponsored events.

Best wishes for the next school year,

Cara Leitch PTSA President Samantha Smith Elementary

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