



### **Welcome from the PTSA!**

If you are returning to Smith this year, we welcome you back; hopefully, you already know all the important work the PTSA does for our school and you will renew your membership this year. If you are new to Smith, then welcome to our school family; we are certain you will agree that Smith provides excellent education opportunities for our children. We encourage you to get involved with the PTSA by learning more about it (starting below), joining (using the form or [online](#)), leveraging our communication resources (listed below) and by volunteering in any way you're able (there are lots of ways to volunteer, even from home). Our goal is for each family to volunteer at least one hour of their time each month.

**What is PTSA?** The PTSA is an organization designed to complement and enhance our children's excellent school experience by providing additional services, enrichment programs and family events. We do this by organizing volunteers, fundraising, supporting programs at school and in the classroom and working with the teachers and staff to identify needs. At a regional and national level, we also advocate for students in the legislative arena.

This year will be a very unusual one as we navigate starting off our school year digitally, but with the hope that we will be able to safely return to the classroom sometime before the end of the school year. Many of the things we do as an organization will be on hold until we can return to the classroom. As such, we have adapted our budget and will be relying on leftover funds from the end of last year rather than holding our normal fundraiser in the fall. But we'll still be here supporting the school in any way we can. Please join us!

### **Here are some links to resources to help keep you informed:**

PTSA site (please join today): [smithptsa.org](http://smithptsa.org)

PTSA Facebook page (latest updates): <https://www.facebook.com/smithptsa/>

Volunteers FB group (school community connections): <https://www.facebook.com/groups/532895347507344>

Also look for the latest PTSA news in the PTSA section of the weekly Dolphin Byte newsletter sent by the school.

### **PTSA Funded these programs and more for the 2019-2020 school year:**

- \$7,800 YMCA recess playtime instructor
- \$7,000 Field trips
- \$5,400 Nature Vision
- \$3,800 Explore Art supplies
- \$3,000 Classroom reading materials
- \$2,800 Accelerated Math/Reading
- \$2,500 Assemblies
- \$2,500 Read Naturally
- \$2,200 Student Council
- \$1,500 Library resources
- \$500 Student scholarships
- ....and MORE

### **Our 2020-2021 Smith PTSA Board Members:**

**Co-Presidents:** Gina Eason & Marcus Grinde

**Treasurer:** Samantha Kenna

**Secretary:** Tiana Wright

**VP of Communication:** Dipti Agrawal

**VP of Expenditures:** Kate Thibodeau

**Co-VP's of Fundraising:** Hollie Palke & Jen Okeefe

**Membership:** Chad Simpson

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Jenn Cartlidge

**Emergency Preparation:** Funda Ozkeskin

**[\[Click here to renew your PTSA membership or join for the first time\]](#)**