

WHAT IS CRANBERRY PTA?

PTA is the largest volunteer child advocacy organization in the United States. A not-for-profit association of parents, educators, student, and other citizens, PTA is a leader in reminding our communities and nation of their obligations to children.

Cranberry PTA is a local unit organized under Massachusetts PTA. This statewide unit was organized to enable those who have an interest in issues relating to children and youth and who may not be presently connected with a local unit in their community to become active PTA members and supporters. Membership is open to any person interested in working for or supporting the work done by PTA for children and youth across the state and nation. The goal of each PTA is to work towards accomplishing PTA's *Mission* and *Purposes*.

As a member of Cranberry PTA, you are also a member of both Massachusetts and National PTAs. The annual meeting of the Cranberry PTA is held annually during the Massachusetts PTA convention. All members of this unit are encouraged to attend the annual meeting.

PTA MISSION

- To support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in the community, and before governmental agencies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children;
- To assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children; and,
- To encourage parent and public involvement in the public schools of this nation.

PTA PURPOSES

- To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, community, and place of worship
- To raise the standards of home life
- To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth
- To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth.
- To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Access National and Massachusetts PTAs resources for parenting, parent involvement, leading your organization, and children's issues
- Participate in opportunities for leadership development through state and national conventions, conferences, and workshops
- Add your voice to influence state and federal legislation
- Learn how to influence policymakers
- Receive a one-year subscription (6 issues) to *Our Children* – PTA's nationwide magazine for parents
- Receive *News You Can Use*, Massachusetts PTA's newsletter
- Receive *Massachusetts PTA in Action*, Massachusetts PTA's legislative e-newsletter
- Know that your membership and support will make a difference for all children locally, statewide, and nationally
- Vote at the Massachusetts and National PTA conventions according to the provisions of State and National PTA bylaws and upon payment of convention registration fees.
- Profit from the experience, expertise, and reputation of a highly respected national organization

FOR MORE INFORMATION, contact info@masspta.org or call (508)347-7055.

TO JOIN CRANBERRY PTA, please print, complete, and return this form with a check in the amount of \$25 payable to Massachusetts PTA. Send to: Cranberry PTA, c/o Massachusetts PTA, P.O. Box 421, Rehoboth, MA 02769.

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