



Dear Ford Families,

Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year at Ford Elementary! The beginning of each school year brings the opportunity for your child to be inspired on a new level in their education and thus in life.

It may be the year that they find their “hook book” that is the catalyst for a lifetime love for reading or it might be the year that they discover that science is fascinating. This just might be the year they discover how big and diverse the world really is and it may be the year that they gain a new level of confidence in handling their setbacks and successes as they navigate through their years at Ford and beyond.

As your PTSA board for the 2015-2016 school year, we look forward to seeing all of this more for all of the students at Ford. We know how fortunate we are to send our children to such an amazing school and we hope that through our volunteer efforts, we can assist the staff in crafting a first-class educational experience.

Your child will directly benefit from your commitment to their education.

Please join us as we work alongside Ford Foundation to enhance school-wide programs that benefit all of our students and host events that engage families and the community in the learning environment. We are looking to you for support through membership, sharing your voice at PTSA meetings and volunteering at all levels. Even an hour of your time makes a difference. Let us find a place for you within our organization where your time, talents and knowledge can help our students blossom.

Communication is a key part of a successful school and family relationship. To foster better communication as well as facilitate online purchases and PTSA membership sign-up, we will be using a new “Parent’s Portal.” Please visit www.fordptsa.org and follow the instructions found on the main page to click through to the new PT Avenue Parent Portal and register as soon as possible.

We look forward to working with you and your children this year.

Ford Elementary PTSA Board, 2015-2016

Katie Stevenson, *Co-President*

Heather Harmon, *Vice President*

Sharon Ellis, *Treasurer*

Marci Hoskovec, *Co-President*

Leighann Buford, *Secretary*

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What is Ford PTSA and Why Join?

The Ford PTSA is a parent-led group working toward a common goal – enhancing the learning experiences of our students while supporting the faculty, staff and parents.

We encourage you to join as a member and/or volunteer to help us bring the best possible educational opportunities and experiences to our children. There are opportunities big and small to get involved be it joining a PTSA committee, becoming a PTSA member or joining PTSA meetings to have your voice heard. Below is a sample of what your PTSA team will do this year:

<p>Academic Enrichment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classroom magazines Reflections Program Yearbook Production 5th Grade Events and Graduation Reading Programs Online Math and Reading Resources 	<p>Teacher Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teacher grants and support materials Back-to-school luncheon Teacher Appreciation Week Room parent coordinators Production room volunteers Conference week support Special event assistance (Field Day, Evening in the Garden) Staff of the month reward program
<p>Family Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sneak-A-Peek support Bingo nights Family Fun Nights Fall Festival Holiday Shop Jingle Jam Family Dance Spring Fling Community Outreach 	<p>General Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrative support Building and grounds beautification Legislative awareness Spirit wear production and sales Facilitate communication among parents, teachers and school administration Hearing and vision screening support Fundraising

So who can join? That’s the best part, ANYONE who wants to make a positive impact on the happenings at Ford can join – parents, grandparents, students, school staff and faculty. Please see our membership form for information on joining or become a Ford PTSA member by visiting www.fordptsa.org

Please contact Katie Stevenson at kstevenson@fordptsa.org if you are interested in getting involved or have questions or visit the following online resources for more information.



2015-2016 Ford PTSA Membership

Thank you for joining Ford PTSA. Your membership assists in enhancing school-wide programs that benefit all our students.

Parents, students, faculty and staff are invited to join the PTSA for the 2015-2016 school year.

Name _____

Full Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Membership Options

___ \$6 Single Membership

___ \$20 Deluxe Membership includes 2 memberships plus coupons

___ \$50 Family Membership includes up to 4 memberships, coupons and a drawstring bag

___ \$75 Platinum Membership includes up to 6 memberships, coupons, a piece of spirit wear and wrist band for each student at Fall Festival

___ \$25 Business Membership includes advertising on website, at school events and mention on the Ford PTSA Facebook page

Name of Joining Member	Name of your Ford Student	Your Relation to Student	Teacher

Total Amount Due \$ _____ CASH _____ CHECK _____ CREDIT _____

Please make checks payable to Ford Elementary PTSA

Mustang Supply List 2015-2016



	QUANT. NEEDED	ITEM	\$	QUANT	RC'D	AMOUNT
KINDERGARTEN	1	Blue Nikki Folder	\$2.00			
	1	Magic Rub Eraser	\$1.00			
1ST GRADE	1	Blue Nikki Folder	\$2.00			
	3	Magic Rub Erasers	\$1.00 each			
2ND GRADE	1	Red Nikki Folder	\$2.00			
	1	Blue Nikki Folder	\$2.00			
3RD GRADE	***No school store items required this year					
4TH GRADE	1	Red Nikki Folder	\$2.00			
	1	ELA Progress Grade 4 Workbook	\$18.00			
	1	Finish Line Math Workbook	\$12.00			
	1	Recorder	\$8.00			
5TH GRADE	1	Red Nikki Folder	\$2.00			
	1	ELA Progress Grade 5 Workbook	\$18.00			
	1	Finish Line Math Workbook	\$12.00			
	1	Recorder	\$8.00			
				SUBTOTAL		

Back To School Spirit Wear 2015-2016

Style	Description	Please circle size	\$	Quantity	Received	Amount
	Red moisture wicking short sleeve tee with digital camouflage design	Available in: Small Medium Large XL Adult Small Adult Med Adult Large Adult XL	\$12.00			
	Mint/navy blue short sleeve with front and back design - runs small	Available in: Small Medium Large XL Adult Small Adult Med Adult Large Adult XL	\$12.00			
GRAND TOTAL						

Name: _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

Phone: _____ Order Completion _____ Cash _____ Check _____ Credit _____