

PTA FAQs

What is the PTA?

PTA stands for “Parent Teacher Association.” It is a partnership of caring people in the Middle Gate school community. We address issues relating to the school and community, organize and hold fun events for children and their families, and we are a support group for anyone looking to make a closer connection with their child or teacher.

How do I become a member?

At the start of the school year an enrollment form comes home. Anyone can join, extended family members and friends are welcome. The dues entitle you to a Directory, the opportunity to vote, and support PTA programs throughout the year. Membership is strongly encouraged, whether you choose to participate in programs or not. We do not give out or sell your personal information.

What are the meetings like and do I need to attend?

PTA General Meetings are monthly meetings open to all Middle Gate parents. You do not need to be a PTA member to attend. These meetings are to provide parents with meaningful information regarding Middle Gate and/or the Newtown school district. Please check the meeting schedule on the main PTA page for dates and times.

Do I need to volunteer?

We hope you will consider utilizing your talents! The programs that benefit your child and the rest of the school are a success at Middle Gate because of the dedicated parents that offer their precious time and talents. Children grow in confidence when they see you be an active member of the school. You will meet new friends and get out of the routine of house and work. You can help as little or as much as you'd like and there are ways for working parents to get involved, too. If you are considering chairing a committee, training and/or mentoring is available.

How do I stay informed about school and PTA events?

To stay informed you can visit the PTA website, attend PTA meetings, or sign up for the Middle Gate Minute - the bi-weekly newsletter that keeps you informed about things happening at the school as well as important dates and events.

What do I do with my younger child?

The PTA General Meeting **Babysitting** options. Babysitting will be provided at evening General PTA meetings. *Babysitters are volunteers from Newtown High School.*