

# What Does PTA Do?

**WE PROVIDE SUPPORT AND VOLUNTEERS IN A VARIETY OF AREAS AT FISHKILL ELEMENTARY.**

## SERVICE

**Membership** – membership & participation in PTA is a great way to show your children you value their education. Members are our greatest asset!

**Room Parents** – link between PTA, parents and school, assist teachers, coordinate class parties, grade-wide events and HUGS Day picnic

**Staff Appreciation** – formal recognition of school staff

**Hospitality** – – set up refreshments and welcome members at PTA meetings and other special events

**Community Outreach** – requesting donations, partnering with our community

## COMMUNICATIONS

**PTA Meetings** – reports from the Executive Committee, Principal, Teacher Representative and committee chairs keep you informed about what is happening in our school

**Parent Express Emails** – sign up to receive communications about school & district events

**Website** – everything you ever wanted to know about PTA including link to NYS and National PTA as well as links to WCSD and the Board of Education information

**Facebook Page** – announcements and reminders... like “Fishkill Elementary PTA” to stay up-to-date

## PROGRAMS

**Programs & Assemblies** – educational presentations that enrich students’ school experience

**Fruit of the Month** – an opportunity for each student to taste a variety of fruits and vote whether or not they like it

**Gardening** – maintaining the gardens at the front of the school

**Adopt a Book** – add a book to our library in honor of your child’s birthday, etc.

**Pick A Reading Partners (PARP)** – reading program that encourages parents & children to read together every day

## EVENTS

**Ice Cream Social** – celebration of reading at the end of PARP (Pick A Reading Partner)

**Family Nights** – evening activities with a focus on topics like math, games, reading or science

**Moving Up Reception** – 6<sup>th</sup> grade graduation celebration

## SUPPORTED PROGRAMS

**H.U.G.S (Happiness Under Great Strategies)**

**Committee** - special events that increase self-esteem and promote character education: Red Ribbon Week, VIP Parade, and Hugs Day in June

**P.B.I.S. (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports)** – district wide program with expectations and acknowledgments for good behavior. Fishkill Frogs are Respectful, Responsible and Safe

## EVENT FUNDRAISERS

**Book Fair** – opportunity to shop for low cost books right at school, family night for themed fun and shopping together

## TOOLS FOR SCHOOL

**Box Tops** – collected Box Tops (worth 10¢ each) are redeemed for cash that we put back into programs for our school

**Shoparoo** – with this free app, pictures of grocery store receipts are converted to points, then cash for programs

**Amazon Smiles** – sign up to automatically have a percentage of each purchase donated to our PTA

## PRODUCTS

**Spirit Wear** – t-shirts, hoodies, car magnets & more to show our school pride

**Excuse Notepads** – note pads to check off and fill out for absences, pick-ups, etc.

**School Pictures** – individual and class pictures of students and staff

**Yearbook** – class, individual and candid photos compiled to capture memories from the school year

**Fishkill Elementary**

