



Dear Parent:

Greetings and Welcome Back to Another School Year!

Each year the Somers PTAs collectively contribute approximately \$200,000 to programs and events to enhance our children's education. Our funds are used to enrich our students' experiences by sponsoring such programs as Author's Days, class trips, mini grants (which are used by teachers to fund new and innovative classroom programs), cultural programs, green week, red ribbon week and so much more.

As you can imagine, it takes a lot of resources – both volunteers and funding - to bring these programs into our schools. First, to keep informed about the exciting programs at each school, please join the PTA at each school in which you have a child and consider volunteering for some of these events. In addition, please consider supporting the PTA financially. This year, you have two options to consider:

Option 1: You can participate in the Annual District Wide Fundraising Campaign which began on September 9th. As part of this year's campaign, students and families in grades K-5 will be selling Innisbrook gift items and the students and families in grades 6-12 will be selling Little Ceasar's Pizza Kits. The PTA receives approximately 50% of the purchase price from the sale of these items.*

Option 2: In the event that you choose not to participate in the District Wide Fundraiser, you can choose to donate to your PTA directly . You can write a check to your PTA. By making a direct donation to your school, 100% of the contribution benefits the unit (as compared to a portion of the sales for other fundraisers) and your donation is tax deductible to the extent provided by law (the PTA is a qualified 501 (c)(3) organization).

Whichever option you choose, please consider supporting the PTA – together we can make a difference in the lives of our children. We realize that these are challenging economic times and we thank you in advance for your consideration.

Kathy Cucchiarella and Becky Williams

SMS PTA co-Presidents

* Please note: When you participate in the District Wide Fundraiser, you will make your check payable to your school's PTA. At the conclusion of the fundraiser, all of the profits from each unit are aggregated and distributed as follows:

Primrose PTA: 23.25%

SIS PTA: 23.25%

SMS PTA: 23.25%

SHS PTSA: 23.25%

SEPTA: 7%

In order to accomplish this distribution, some units will be required to write checks to other units to reconcile the profits according to the allocations.