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A Message from Your PTA President

Dear Sheridan Park Families, Faculty, and Staff:

My name is Dora Bullard, and I am very proud and again honored to represent Sheridan Park Elementary School as your PTA President for the 2018 - 2019 school year. I have been a PTA volunteer for many years, and had the privilege of serving on the board for the past 2 years.

We have an amazing PTA team that is excited and dedicated to working hard in order to do what's best for our school and our children. Our team will continue to work closely with our Principal, Mrs. Carro, Assistant Principal, Ms. Suarez, our faculty, staff, and of course, you the parents. We cannot do it alone. You can help, whether its two hours a week, or two hours a month.

PTA memberships are available to everyone, so we would love not only for you to join, but also your family members and friends. We want you to understand why it's important for you to join the PTA and volunteer. All of our children deserve to have a fun school that is also unique and rewarding, and you have the power to help make that happen.

This year our goal is to have 350 PTA Members by end of year. We will have boat races between our grade levels to see which grade level can get the most PTA Memberships by Dec. 1, 2018. The grade level with the most memberships will receive a Make Your Own Sundae Party before year-end 2018!

You can make a difference!

1. Register to be a volunteer at: https://webapp.browardschools.com/sbbc_volunteer/VolunteerForm.aspx
2. By joining the PTA (we encourage you to attend two meetings a year if you can, however it is not required).
3. Help us by participating and giving the PTA board a helping hand.
4. Volunteer as much and as often as you can.
5. Becoming a PTA member does not mean you have to volunteer.

Please take time to review the rest of this newsletter and use it as a reference. Feel free at anytime to contact your PTA Board Members via our direct line, (754) 323-7369 or email, SheridanParkPresident@gmail.com.

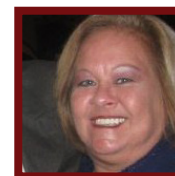
Thank you and we look forward to a great year!

Dora Bullard

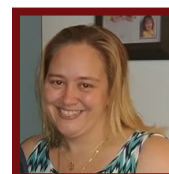
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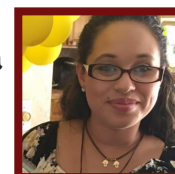
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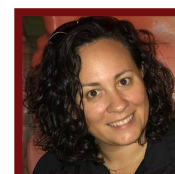
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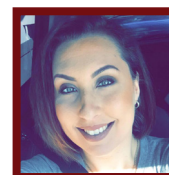
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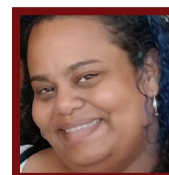
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We  volunteers

Sign-Up to be a Volunteer!

Get involved with BCPS Volunteer Services. If interested in volunteering, you must register at https://webapp.browardschools.com/sbbc_volunteer/VolunteerForm.aspx

If you do not have easy access to the internet, you can contact the front office for assistance to be authorized. It may take up to one week for your application to be processed. You may check with the front office to see if it has been completed. Once you are in the system, you may come to the front office, show your picture ID and you'll receive your volunteer badge for this year. This badge will allow you to volunteer for field trips and in-school activities.

V O L N T E E R

All that's missing is U!

Volunteer Orientation Meeting

We hope you can join us for the Volunteer Orientation, which takes place during our first PTA General Meeting of the year on Friday, September 7th at 8:30AM in the auditorium. You may park in the west lot at 8:25AM (gates will close at 8:35AM) and enter through the cafeteria. Please be on time. We need you for upcoming events and programs such as the Book Fair, the Holiday Shop, Box Tops, and the Yearbook committee. Come find out about the many ways you can volunteer from home as well as at school.

If you cannot attend this meeting but still wish to learn more about upcoming programs and volunteer opportunities, please feel free to contact us at SheridanParkVolunteers@yahoo.com or call Mrs. Prescott, (754) 323-7350.

Fall Fundraiser

This year our Fall Fundraiser is World's Finest chocolate bars! You may pick up your first box of chocolates (one per student) at your Open House. If you would like it before (the second Open House), then please sign a permission slip or come to the Chocolate Exchange and you can get a box.



Once you sell your first box of chocolates, and turn the money into the PTA, you are welcome to pick up an additional box. You will be able to sell as many boxes as possible before the announced deadline.

This will help pay for student activities and incentives, and it gives you a chance to win fun prizes! These chocolate bars pretty much sell themselves. Neighbors, friends, family, and co-workers love to support children and their schools, and at \$1 per bar, this is a great way for them to help. (Please do not let your children go door-to-door unless they are chaperoned.)

Chocolates will be given out at the 1st Open House on August 29th. There will be prizes for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place students and parent (or guardian) who sell the most chocolate. The top selling classes (most money collected per student) for these three groups, Kindergarten, through 2nd Grade, 3rd through 5th Grade, and the A-Team Classes, will also win a prize.

The three winning teachers will also receive a gift! Dates and times of the Chocolate Exchange, will be on the flyer/permission slip that you will receive soon.



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Shoparoo

Shoparoo is an easy to use app available on smart-phones and tablets that provides a hassle free way raise money for Sheridan Park.



Shop

Buy any item from any store, like you do today



Snap

Take a picture of your shopping receipt



Earn

Shoparoo donates to your school!

Simply snap a picture of your grocery or drug store receipts from retailers such as Target, Publix, Walmart, Winn Dixie, CVS, Costco, Walgreens, etc. and upload it to Shoparoo. When you do, Shoparoo donates cash to Sheridan Park.

It's that easy! Just download the app and designate "Sheridan Park Elementary" as your cause and start snapping away! Visit


Shoparoo.com for more info! We will be having an end of the year party for the grade with the most points! Let's double last year's earnings of \$426!



The PTA collects General Mills "Box Tops for Education" and Campbell's "Labels for Education" throughout the year. These are worth money to our school. If you use products from

these companies, be sure to send the labels in a baggie or envelope with your child's name and teacher's name written on it. Please turn them into your child's teacher. Every class has a collection envelope. Each month, the class that collects the most Labels and/or Box Tops wins a pizza party. The runner up class gets a cookie and juice party. It's one of the easiest ways to raise money for the school, using products you probably already have in your home!

2018 - 2019 GOAL \$1,800	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
	



Earnings Potential with Box Tops For Education

# of Students	Box Tops Per Month	Months	Box Top Value	Earnings Potential
500	1	10	\$.10	\$ 500
500	5	10	\$.10	\$ 2500
500	10	10	\$.10	\$ 5000
500	15	10	\$.10	\$ 7500
500	20	10	\$.10	\$10,000
500	25	10	\$.10	\$12,500
500	30	10	\$.10	\$15,000
500	35	10	\$.10	\$17,500
500	40	10	\$.10	\$20,000



Our school will earn credits equal to 5% of your qualifying Office Depot purchase to use for FREE supplies. Give our school ID#70021659 or mention Sheridan Park at the register every time you shop at Office Depot. The offer is good at any store in the U.S. and on their website, OfficeDepot.com. For more details, visit OfficeDepot.com/5percent.

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SimplyCircle

Our PTA email blasts are sent through SimplyCircle.com. Not only do we send updates about events and activities, we also post volunteer opportunities through this site. You can use it to sign up to volunteer or download PTA forms. If you do not already get our PTA emails, please send your email address to SheridanParkVolunteers@yahoo.com and we will add you to the list.



Accelerated Reader

This year the PTA is proud to support Sheridan Park's Accelerated Reader (also known as "AR") program. Accelerated Reader is a software program that is available to be issued in the classroom, and has been shown to improve reading comprehension. Whenever a student finishes a book that is at their reading level, they will have the opportunity to complete an AR quiz. Points will be earned based on the quiz results. The PTA will be rewarding the students throughout the year for their reading achievements. You will receive more detailed information from your child's teacher; however, you may visit ARBookfinder.com to find eligible books.



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you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection, and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to our PTA!



PTA Membership & Sparky Store

Remember to purchase your PTA annual memberships, Sparky t-shirts, and Fundsaver cards individually, or in combination with our Deluxe Discount package (see the attached order forms). We also sell yearbooks, now at a pre-sale price at \$30 until 1/25/19. In addition to the regular maroon and white Sparky t-shirts, we have our 50th anniversary t-shirt while supplies last. You may also purchase our "Charting A Course to Success" t-shirts which celebrates this year's school "Nautical" theme. While any Sparky t-shirt can be worn any time, students are encouraged to wear them on our various Spirit Days, and they are required to be worn on field trips. Anything you need to order can be dropped into our PTA Box at front office. Fill out the form completely, send **CASH (EXACT CHANGE ONLY)** in an envelope attached to the form.



Charting A Course to Success

Sheridan Park on FACEBOOK

"Like" Sheridan Park on Facebook and keep up-to-date on school events!





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2018 - 2019 Events & Volunteer Programs

Weekly	Icecream - Every Wednesday & Friday from 10:30A - 12:30P, need volunteers to assist in selling icecream to the students in the cafeteria.
Monthly Starts: Sept. 5 th	Box Tops - Looking for volunteers to help to count Box Tops each month. All box tops need to be to teachers by the 2nd Wednesday of every month.
Every Quarter	Accelerated Reader - Every quarter, the students with the highest AR points will get treated to a party. You can help with setting up and serving.
Throughout the Year	Yearbook - Our yearbook is created online. You can work at home or school throughout the year. This is a fun way to get involved from home at any time of day!
Throughout the Year/ Party at End of Year	Shoparoo - The grade with the highest Shoparoo points at the end of the year will get treated to a party, You can help with setting up and serving.
TBD	Class Picture Day
Friday, Aug. 24	Fall School Portrait Day - Help "tidy" up the students and retrieve classes.
TBD	Fall School Portrait Make-up Day
Aug. 29	Open House (Grades: 3 - 5)
Aug. 29 - Sept. 14	World's Finest Fundraiser
Wednesday, Sept. 5	Box Tops Collections Begins
Wednesday, Sept. 5	Open House (Grades: Headstart Pre-K - 2)
Friday, Sept. 7	Volunteer & PTA General Meeting - in the auditorium
Sept. 7 - 14	All for Books Coin Drive
Sept. 26	Dads Bring Your Child to School Day
Oct. 1 - 5	Fall Book Fair Week - Set-up, break-down, and help students pick out appropriate books at our Fall Book Fair
Friday, Oct. 4	Family Book Fair Night - help with event
Oct. 8 - 15	Snifty Pencil Sales
Oct. 22 - 26	Red Ribbon Week - help with events
Nov. 28 - Dec. 7	Holiday Shop - Set-up, break-down, and help students with their gift selections.
Dec. 11 - 13	Field Day
Jan. 14	Slice the Price (Domin'os Fundraiser)
Jan. 23, 2019	Bingo for Books
Feb. 25 - March 1	Dr. Seuss Week
March 15	Career Day - Help great presenters or be a presenter
TBD	Spring Portrait Day
TBD	Dan Marino Walk for Autism
May 6 - 10	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 17	Volunteer Orientation, PTA General Meeting, & Elections
May 20 - 24	Spring Book Fair Week - Set-up, break-down, and help students pick out appropriate books at our Spring Book Fair
Spring 2019	5th Grade Graduation Activities



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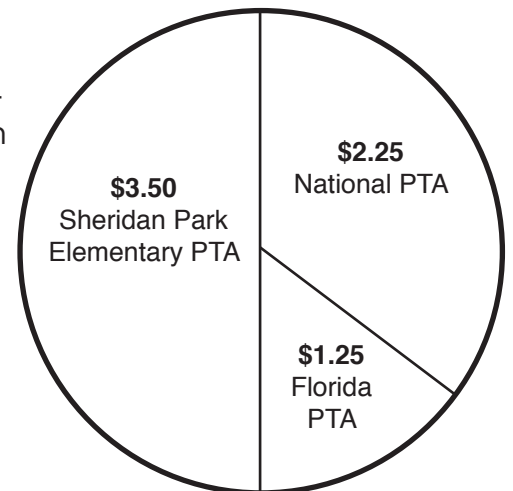
We invite all Parents, School Staff, School District Staff, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Business Leaders, and Neighbors to become members. PTA Membership is open to everyone and does not require having a child in a school. It also does not require a commitment to volunteer.

Look at what we do!

- We pay the annual subscription to Scholastics News magazine for all grade levels.
- We provide 5th grade students with a keepsake t-shirt with graduating class names to remember their time at Sheridan Park.
- We supplement the costs of at least one field trip a year per grade level.
- We are a sponsor of the Lego Robotics program.
- We produce and sell the annual yearbook.
- We sponsor the Muffins for Moms event for Kindergarten.
- We purchase a snack for all grade levels during testing.
- We provide certificates, trophies, medals, and brag tags for students to reward them for their achievements including Accelerated Reader.
- We host and run the Holiday Shop for the children.
- We provide items for Red Ribbon Week and Dr. Seuss Week.
- We provide pizza, popcorn, and snowcone parties for Shoparoo, Box Top winners, and other events.
- We run the Sparky Store during school functions.
- We work with the Media Center during Book Fairs.
- We host the meals for Bingo for Books Night.
- We hold fundraisers all year long, such as, Box Tops, Shoparoo, AmazonSmile, Snifty pencils, chocolate sales, t-shirt sales, family nights at Chipotle and others. We help show appreciation to our faculty and staff by providing them with appreciation gifts and a delicious luncheon during Faculty & Staff Appreciation Week.
- We provide water and popsicles for Field Day and other events.
- And much, much more!

Where does your \$7.00 for Your PTA Membership GO?!

- \$2.25 goes to the National PTA which invests in recruiting, training, and supporting our state and local leaders to ensure PTAs remain strong and relevant to their members. The national PTA also supports federal legislation that benefits all children and speaks on issue of critical importance impacting the education, health, and welfare of children. Your dues also support scholarship opportunities for graduating seniors.
- \$1.25 goes to the Florida PTA which advocates for public education, safety, and constitutional rights of all Florida's children.
- \$3.50 goes to the Sheridan Park Elementary PTA invest in student programs, incentives, events, and Broward County PTA dues. Your dues can earn you big savings thanks to National PTA's Member Benefits Provider Program. Visit PTA.org.



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WE NEED YOU, YES YOU!

If you are interested in volunteering we would love to have your help! Please fill out this volunteer form with the days and times that you are available and the type of job(s) you would like to do! If you are interested in helping but cannot commit to specific days and times, please let us know! We will have many opportunities to help. Thank you for volunteering your time!

2018 - 2019 Volunteer Interest Form

Volunteer Information: (please complete one form for each volunteer)

Volunteer's Name: _____ Relationship to Student: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

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Please indicate your availability (below):

M TU W TH FR Evening/From Home Activities Only

Opportunities available (check all that you may be interested in):

School Service and Support

- Library Volunteer
- Sell icecream to students
- Grounds Beautification
- Yearbook
- Portrait Day
- Special Events & Programs

Classroom Support

- Room Parent/Co-Parent
- Help with Grade Level Programs/Events
- Donate Supplies
- At Home Projects for Teachers
- Help with Bulletin Boards
- Read with a classroom or individual
- Special Events & Programs

On-Call Volunteer: If you are not sure right now how you can help, but would like to be involved in the future, your name can go on our "On-Call" Volunteer List. If we find we're short-handed for an activity or event, we'll go to our On-Call list and check with you to see if you can help with an activity or event.

I'm flexible: Contact me with opportunities to volunteer during school hours.

I'm not flexible: Contact me with opportunities to work from home or after school/evening hours.

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COLORING CONTEST!!!

Complete and turn into the PTA Dropbox in the Front Office by Friday, September 28th for a chance to win a prize! :) (1 Winner from each Grade Level will be awarded.)

Name: _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

BACK to School

THAT'S ME!

GROWING UP FAST... I'M THIS **TALL:**

MY Teacher's **NAME** is

When I first saw my teacher, I thought:

MY **NEW** PAL at school is:

LUNCH TIME!
THE BEST THING in my lunch was ☺

THE **NOT-so-GOOD** THING IN MY LUNCH WAS ☹

I'm in **GRADE**

my school is

Hey, I looked pretty **COOL** on the first day of School!
(DRAW YOURSELF IN THAT BOX!)

I AM LOOKING Forward TO THIS: