



PTSA

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Association

NEWSLETTER

(Summer / Fall 2016)



PTSA President's Welcome,

On behalf of the Northwest PTSA, I want to welcome back our returning families and extend a heartfelt WELCOME to all new families joining the Wolverine community. It is hard to believe that our babies are entering 6th grade, their first year of middle school and our 8th graders are entering their final year of middle school. Time has truly flown by!

My name is Thelma Walker and it is my pleasure to serve as the President of Northwest Jackson IB World Middle School PTSA for the 2016/17 school year. You ask what is PTSA? PTSA stands for **P**arent **T**eacher **S**tudent **A**ssociation. The purpose of the organization is to provide support to the administration and teachers at Northwest and to help promote student self-esteem and assist in efforts to solve school needs through support. Some of the support comes in the form of our time, and some in the form of our finances. The PTSA is asking each parent to commit to volunteer 3 hours this school year.

Once again, a warm welcome and best wishes for a successful school year! Please contact any board member with your questions or comments.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

August 7 - Open House
2:30 pm for 6th grade
3:15 pm for 7th grade
3:45 pm for 8th grade

August 9 - 1st Day of School

August 16 - PTSA Meeting

August 15 - Reading Logs Due

September 2 - PTSA Sponsored
Membership Dance

September 5 - Labor Day
(No school)

October 10 - Fall Break
(No school)

October 11 - Parent Teacher Conf.
(No school)

October 20 - Reading Fair Projects
Due

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Reading Program
REMINDER!!!

All Northwest scholars are required to read and complete a log for the following book according to their grade level:

6th Grade - Fish In A Tree
7th Grade - A Long Walk to Water
8th Grade - Black Boy

ALSO, all scholars are required to read and submit a minimum of 20 reading logs by 8/15.

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School Uniforms: Dress Code  
REMINDER!!!

All Northwest Scholars should wear his/her regular school uniforms:  
white/navy tops  
(maroon tops on Fridays only)  
with khaki/navy bottoms.

## **2016/2017 Open PTSA Positions**



Northwest PTSA Board positions are open to any Northwest PTSA member and do not require previous board or PTSA experience. The PTSA currently has 2 elected positions open for nomination and 2 appointed positions. If you are interested in a PTSA board position please contact Thelma Walker at [NorthwestJacksonPTSA@gmail.com](mailto:NorthwestJacksonPTSA@gmail.com) or Principal Kevin Culver at [kculver@jackson.k12.ms.us](mailto:kculver@jackson.k12.ms.us). A summary description for each open position is listed below.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> VP Membership** – (elected)

Time Commitment: 1-3 hours per week at beginning of year; flattens out after October. Busiest Times of Year: September – November (Good job for parent working daytime hours)  
Coordinate membership drive: create membership envelopes for distribution, collect envelopes & record memberships in database. Collect, count, and deposit money with Treasurer.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> VP Fundraising** – (elected)

Time Commitment: about 1-2 hours per month; more during peak times Busiest Times of Year: around major fundraisers. Assist with recruitment of and provide support to committee chairs for key fund-raising events. Coordinate and execute fundraising campaign, recruit volunteers as needed. Place vendor orders, advertise merchandise sales, organize and maintain inventory, submit invoices to Treasurer for reimbursement to vendors. Monitor results of fundraisers; align fundraising objectives and strategies with Northwest's budgetary needs and research other fundraising opportunities as required.

### **Hospitality Chairperson** - (appointed)

Time Commitment: 3-5 hours per month. Busiest Times of Year: On-going, varies by event; Recruit committee of helpers and focus on making all parents feel welcome at Northwest. "Host" several events during the school year including a back-to-school lunch for school staff, Back to School Night/Open House, and teacher luncheons during holidays, conferences and at end of year. Coordinate Staff Appreciation Week events.

### **Volunteer Coordinator** – (appointed)

Time Commitment: 3-5 hours per month Busiest Times of Year: On-going, varies by event. Coordinate parent volunteer pool at the beginning of the year for the various school events, both PTSA and school sponsored, by creating a volunteer interest form. Information gathered here may be used to form volunteer email lists for each event. Assist committee and event chairs in volunteer recruitment using various methods.

## **Join the PTSA**

We need all Northwest parents, teachers, staff and community leaders to join the PTSA to support our scholars. The cost is \$5 per person

Please complete a form and return it to your scholar's homeroom teacher or a PTSA member.

## **2016/2017 PTSA Officers:**

**Thelma Walker**/President  
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## **PTSA Meeting Dates:**

Save the Dates!!!

August 16  
October 4

Additional dates to be announced later.

All PTSA meetings are held at 5:30 p.m. at Northwest.