

...higher levels of achievement...power to affect change...open dialogue...
...voice for the children...bringing parents, teachers & community together

It's a Fact...

School systems where parents are involved in district wide decision-making and advocacy have higher levels of achievement and greater public support.

The GPTA's Mission:

The Guilford Parent-Teacher Association is an independent, non-profit, non-partisan association whose mission is to be a collective voice for Guilford Public School students, parents, and teachers. The Guilford PTA recognizes that which is working well, identifies areas of concern, and provides valuable resources toward solutions. The GPTA relies on its membership to work together with the Guilford Board of Education, Administration, PTO's, parents, teachers, and community members and organizations to enhance and improve educational opportunities for all students. In advocating for our students, parents, and teachers, and empowering parents to be a voice for their children, the GPTA expects to increase student performance at all levels and to promote continuous improvement in the quality of Guilford's public schools.

Guilford PTA History

In our short history, we are proud of our accomplishments, including:

- Public education forums featuring political candidates every year since 2004
- 2004: Position statement requesting earlier public input on the budget, resulting in public forums occurring as early as October
- 2004: Position statement requesting math books be given to the teachers and the students in the timeframe the Truex Administration promised
- 2004: Conducted parent survey
- "Get out the vote" campaigns 2004-2007, resulting in budgets passing first referendum
- Perseverance to continue to ask questions about our public schools publicly resulting in a much more open BOE
- March 2005: Differentiated Instruction Forum
- 2005-2009: Sponsoring Destination Imagination teams
- 2006-2009: Started Reflections Art Program, district-wide art competition for all students
- 2006-2009: Turn Off TV Week in partnership with district PTO's
- March 2007: Sponsored Minds in Motion
- Two original GPTA members are now serving on the Board of Education!

2008-2009 Programs

- October:** Political Candidates Forum on Education 10/6
- October:** Galvanized Jazz Concert 10/28
- November:** Destination Imagination
- January:** Reflections Art Program
- April:** TV Turn Off Week
- Other:** "Get out the vote" campaign Junior Achievement, K-12

Check the GPTA website for Special Education Committee programs.
www.guilfordpta.org

2008-2009 Initiatives

- ❖ Increasing Parental Involvement on GPS Committees
- ❖ Support Non-Partisan Boards of Education
- ❖ Promote Youth Awareness Day
- ❖ Work with GPS to establish an appeals process for students that are denied entrance to accelerated programs
- ❖ Support CT legislation for increased funding for Gifted and Talented programs
- ❖ Follow up on middle school recess initiative

As parents, it is critical to know what to expect as our children move through the four distinctive school environments within our district. Don't you? Please join with us!

Membership Information

Individual membership (one vote) is \$15/year. Sign up an additional family member (a 2nd vote) for only \$5 more.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

How can the Guilford PTA support your interests in your child's education, or Guilford's public schools in general?

Please make check payable to:
Guilford PTA
PO Box 1421
Guilford, CT 06437

Thank you for joining!

When Are the Meetings?

*Meetings are held at 7:00 pm
at the Community Center unless noted ***

General Membership Meetings:

August 21	January 15
September 18	February 12
October 16	March 19
November 20**	April 23
December 18	

Annual Meeting May 21, 2009

{Location to be determined}

All are welcome ~ Bring a friend!

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