

Gulf Shores Middle School

PARENT, TEACHER, STUDENT ORGANIZATION (PTSO)



to the 2018-2019 school year at Gulf Shores Middle School. For those of you who are unfamiliar with us, we are a organization made up of parents, teachers, administrators, and support staff who are all dedicated to the success of children. The PTSO works hard to help make the school year both enjoyable and exciting for the students and teachers. We would like to extend a warm welcome to all new and returning families. We believe working together can truly make the difference.

What Does the PTSO Do?

We plan and organize events such as The Shrimp Festival fundraiser, the FundRays coupon book sale, Field Day, and the 8th Grade Banquet, just to name a few. These events help raise funds to support our school. We provide classroom supplies and teaching aids to staff and students. Last year our raised funds purchased solar eclipse sunglasses for all students, virtual learning goggles for our history classes, new training buzzers for our scholar's bowl team, and provided \$3000 towards the school's participation in the Shakespeare Festival in Montgomery, AL.

What Ways Can a Parent Volunteer? *

Anyone with a child at Gulf Shores Middle School is invited to be part of all the volunteer opportunities. Here are some ways to get involved:

- Participate with your child in chaperone opportunities and enjoy our school community.
- Donate items for our Teacher Appreciation week.
- Participate with your child during fund raising events (i.e. Shrimp Festival, Coupon Book Sales, Field Day).
- Donate your time when Administrators request it (i.e. Hall monitoring during testing).

These requests come via posts on The GSMS Facebook page, handouts sent home, emails or Sign up Genius

PTSO Myth Busters!

Joining the PTSO does NOT mean you are joining the Board or committing to volunteering. It simply means that you are providing financial support for the many programs and activities that the PTSO funds. But we never say no to a volunteer!

The PTSO does NOT have all the support it needs. Your support matters and is used to benefit every child at GSMS through programs and activities funded by the PTSO.

We understand that time is a parent's most precious commodity, so thank you in advance for sharing it with the GSMS PTSO. Please sign up to receive PTSO emails and volunteer opportunity invites.

Name: _____ Child's Name(s): _____ Grade(s): _____ Homeroom Teacher: _____

Parent's Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

We also invite you to contribute any amount you feel comfortable giving for us to establish the PTSO fund for the 2018-2019 school year.

_____ **\$100 Contribution** (You will receive one FundRays Coupon Book and entered for a chance to win a GSMS t-shirt and 2 tickets for all 2018-2019 GSMS Home Sporting Events (excluding football))

_____ **\$50 Contribution** (You will receive one FundRays Coupon Book and entered for a chance to win a GSMS t-shirt and a \$25 restaurant gift card)

_____ **\$30 Contribution** (You will receive one FundRays Coupon Book)

_____ **Other Amount \$** _____ (Entered for a chance to win a FUNDRAYS fall coupon book)

We sincerely appreciate and thank you for supporting our students, teachers and staff throughout the year.

We will be offering several events in which to complete this form and/or contribute (Schedule pick up, Open House, PTSO Involvement Drive (Month of September). Participating in any of these events will allow your child to receive the 'benefits' we will be promoting for joining (i.e. Breakfast for class that has most participation)

If you are unable to contribute – please proceed with completing contact information so we can keep you informed about PSTO related news, events or volunteer opportunities.

Sincerely,

Your Gulf Shores Middle School PTSO Officers

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