



The Buzz

A SIDWAY PTA NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2020

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year!

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ABOUT THE SIDWAY PTA

- We build community through events
- We provide education enrichment for our children
- We support our school through volunteering and teacher grants

PTA Mission:

To make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.



HOW PARENTS CAN SUPPORT THEIR STUDENTS IN ONLINE LEARNING

- Allow for frequent breaks between lessons
- Create a study schedule that best supports your child's needs
- Supplement virtual field trips with tasks for students to complete
- Stay positive - even through technical difficulties
- Acknowledge when your student does well and encourage them.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/yyb4whmp>

Dropping off your child:

Drop off and pick up procedures will be different than they were last year. You will notice when you pull into our lot that there are brightly colored polka dots on the side walk along the parking lot and leading up to the building.

Procedure for Dropping Off in the Morning:

Please park your car and get your child out of the car seat. You may park in any of the spots in the lot.

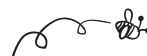
Once you are on the side walk, please stand on a polka dot, they are 6 ft. apart. Please wait for the staff member to direct your child into the school. You will not be walking your child into school.

Students will be greeted by faculty and staff and safely escorted to their classrooms. Please make sure your child is wearing their name tag sent in the assignment letter to help with this process.

Picking up your child:

Please park and make your way into the school following the socially distanced polka dots. There is one-way traffic in our foyer. You will sign out your child (please feel free to bring your own pen) and your child will be matched up with you. **Please remember to bring your photo ID. Students will not be released to anyone with a photo ID.**

Check out our website:
<http://sidwaypta.weebly.com/>



Contact us: sidwaypta.info@gmail.com

FIRST-EVER FALL MUM SALE!

The Sidway PTA is holding its first-ever mum sale this month! Beautiful 9" mums are available in a variety of colors for \$10 each! You can order online through the PTA website:

<http://sidwaypta.weebly.com/mum-sale.html>

Or you can send in your print order form (available through the same link above) with cash or a check (made out to Sidway PTA).

Orders due by September 20th. Contactless pick-up in the Sidway parking lot on Wednesday, September 30th, 1-6PM.

Help us reach our goal of selling 1,000 mums!



PTA MEMBERSHIP

Everyone is encouraged to become a member....moms, dads, guardians, caregivers, teachers, staff, aunts, uncles, grandparents... Anyone in the community can join to show their support. \$5 goes a long way!

Fill out the form below or visit sidway.memberhub.store to become a PTA member!

MORE PARENTS RESOURCES FOR ONLINE LEARNING

Check out these websites for more great resources on helping your child learn remotely! These resources a=(and more!) will also be published on our website.

<https://tinyurl.com/y3tln5cj>

<https://tinyurl.com/y5h4lf6c>

<https://tinyurl.com/yxzendko>

PTA MEETING Sept 14th | 4:00pm

Our first PTA meeting of the year is on September 14th at 4:00PM and will be held virtually. Please join us to learn more about the PTA. We will also have a Q&A session with Sidway Principal, Mrs. Dunbar!

To join:
meet.google.com/vzt-adhs-jfv



SPIRIT SHIRTS

Students can sport their blue and white colors and fill the halls with school spirit! Fill out the form below to purchase a shirt!.



AMAZON SMILE FUNDRAISER

Are you an Amazon shopper? Go to smile.amazon.com and choose to support "PTA New York Congress 11-076 Sidway PTA". Each time you shop through smile.amazon.com, 5% of your purchase will go to Sidway PTA.

BOX TOPS GOING DIGITAL!

Box Tops for Education is now digital! After purchasing qualifying products, shoppers will be able to scan their receipts and designate a school to support. Receipts need to be scanned within 14 days. Physical Box Tops will be phased out. Download the Box Tops app today!



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Follow us on Facebook!



<https://www.facebook.com/sidwaypta>

Add Sidway's phone number to your phone contacts for easy school communication! 773-8870

PTA Board positions are still available! Contact us for more information!
sidwaypta.info@gmail.com

SIDWAY PTA SIGN UP/CONTACT

Name _____

Child's Teacher/Room # _____

Email _____

Phone _____

I would like to...(please circle)

1. Purchase a Spirit Shirt (include \$7 per shirt)

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QTY: ___ TOTAL ___

2. Join the PTA (include \$5 per member)

3. Be contacted about purchasing an art smock

4. Join the PTA Board!

***Please return this completed form to school/your child's folder. Include any payments (cash or checks made to Sidway PTA) in an envelope labeled PTA.