# The PTSA wishes you the warmest **WELCONE TO NELCONE TO**

MEADOWLARK



The Meadowlark School Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) is thrilled to welcome you to the Meadowlark community! Inside you will find useful information created by fellow Meadowlark parents to make your transition as smooth and welcoming as possible.

> WE ARE HERE FOR YOU! Questions about anything? E-mail us! hospitality@mavsptsa.org

### QUICK REFERENCE RESOURCES

### BELL TIMES

Soft start 8:35-8:45 a.m. Bell rings at 8:45 a.m. Late start every Wednesday: 9:45 a.m. Dismissal every day at 3:45 p.m.

### ACADEMIC CALENDAR

www.bvsd.org/calendar

PARENT DIRECTORY

bvsd.helpatschools.com

LUNCH MENUS

food.bvsd.org/meals-nutrition/menus

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

bvsd.helpatschools.com

### GET YOUR MAV SPIRIT WEAR!

Meadowlark Mavericks spirit wear is available for sale year round! 10% of all sales go directly back to Meadowlark PTSA.

### www.MavMart.org



**MEADOWLARK MAIN OFFICE** (720) 561-5403

ATTENDANCE meadowlark.attendance@bvsd.org

### STAFF DIRECTORY

ml8.bvsd.org/about/staff-directory

### MEADOWLARK PTSA

www.meadowlarkptsa.org @Meadowlark PTSA on Facebook @MeadowlarkPTSA\_BVSD on Instagram

### CLASS FACEBOOK PAGES

Join the parent-volunteer run "Class of" Meadowlark page for your student(s) on Facebook. This is a great way to connect with other families In your student's class! Search "Meadowlark Class of [enter year they will graduate high school]" on Facebook.

#### WHAT IS THE PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION (PTSA)?

A PTSA is a Parent, Teacher, Student Association that is comprised of families, students, grandparents, teachers, school administrators, and local business and community leaders devoted to the educational success of children and the promotion of parent involvement in schools. Membership in our PTSA is open to anyone who wants to be involved and make a difference for the education, health, and welfare of children and youth.

Our PTSA's mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. The Meadowlark PTSA is a registered 5O1(c)(3) non-profit organization that prides itself on being a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for families and communities, and a strong advocate for public education. We strive to build a partnership between faculty, staff, and families by providing diverse opportunities for involvement.

### LEARN MORE AT meadowlarkptsa.org









### WHAT WE Do

The primary purposes of Meadowlark's PTSA are captured in the Five C's:

- Communication Provide clear, concise communication between teachers, parents, students, and staff about PTSA events
- **Community Building** Engage families in events that build a strong sense of community and develop mutual respect and positive relationships
- Classroom Support Sponsor, promote, and communicate events for all students that supplement and enhance the BVSD curriculum
- Creating Volunteer Opportunities Provide many and varied opportunities for families to become involved in their children's education
- Cash Raise funds through advocacy to meet students' needs not provided through district allocations

### WHO WE ARE

The PTSA Board is made up of your fellow Meadowlark parents, teachers, school administration, and the Meadowlark Student Council.

### DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION at Meadowlark

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) at Meadowlark encompass a rich tapestry of races, cultures, religions, abilities, genders, and sexual orientations. Collaboratively, the DEI committee dedicates unwavering effort alongside school staff, district officials, and community leaders to forge a culture that resonates with our collective pride. Embracing DEI isn't just important; it's imperative for nurturing an environment marked by inclusion, respect, and equity–a space that uplifts every student, faculty member, and the entire community. By embracing DEI, we're equipping our students with the tools they need to navigate the intricate nuances of the world and become catalysts for positive transformation. Our uniqueness is our strength, and we celebrate it wholeheartedly.



To join this transformative journey, reach out to our DEI committee at <u>diversity@mavsptsa.org</u>. Your voice matters, and together, we're shaping a future that truly embraces every shade of humanity.

### PTSA SPONSORED EVENTS

### Meadowlark PTSA sponsors many events each year that support our school and community.

- 3 annual General Meetings
- Back to School Bash
- Kindergarten and Preschool Welcome celebrations
- Back to School Night
- Mavs Movie Night on the Field
- National Hispanic Heritage Month
- Walk & Roll to School Day
- Parent/Teacher/Student Spring & Fall Conferences - Meals for Staff
- Diwali Celebration
- Thanksgiving Meals for Meadowlark families in need

- Staff Winter Holiday Gifts
- Lunar New Year
- Rare Disease Day
- Hope & Gratitude
- Spring Social Fundraiser for parents
- Staff Appreciation Week
- Mav Mile/Field Day
- 8th Grade Continuation
- Erie Pride
- Juneteenth
- Multiple Dine Out Nights
- Book Fair Support



# **BECOME A PTSA MEMBER!**

Support Meadowlark by <u>becoming a member</u> of the PTSA this school year! Come visit our table at school events to sign up or register online at www.mavsmembership.org.

95% of your donation goes directly toward providing programs and services that benefit every child at Meadowlark to enhance the educational experience.

While our quarterly General Meetings are open to all Meadowlark community members, only PTSA Members have voting rights. Don't have any time to commit to PTSA activities? That's OK! There is no obligation to attend meetings or volunteer as a PTSA member. We want you involved as much or as little as your schedule allows.

Simply becoming a PTSA member is the biggest way you can help at Meadowlark. Your membership dues will support the state and national PTSA as they address legislative and advocacy issues in Colorado and across the nation.



### Learn more about how to

## VOLUNTEER

### There are many ways to get involved!

Volunteers are critical in supporting Meadowlark and its Learning Communities.

There are a variety of roles available to Meadowlark volunteers, including

- Classroom/LC Volunteers
- Joining the PTSA Board
- Welcoming families at the Meadowlark Back to School Bash
- Helping students at the Curiosity Center
- Chaperoning during field trips
- Shelving books at the Curiosity Center
- Helping with LC holiday parties
- Set up food and treats for teachers and staff during Teacher Appreciation Week
- Helping plan our spring social fundraising event

### How will I know about volunteer opportunities?

- Check out our online volunteer calendar at Help at Schools

   helpatschools.com
- Read the PTSA section of the Mav Minutes (a weekly school newsletter that comes out every Sunday)
- Follow us on Facebook and Instagram!
   Facebook @MeadowlarkPTSA
   Instagram @MeadowlarkPTSA\_BVSD
- All updates are also posted on our website blog and calendar
  - www.meadowlarkptsa.org

You do not need to be a PTSA member to volunteer at Meadowlark, but you do need to complete a Raptor Background Check every 12 months!



#### RAPTOR BACKGROUND CHECKS REQUIRED FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

Once your application has been approved, you will be able to volunteer for 12 months/365 days, so we recommend that you complete it now! It only takes a few minutes and approval usually only takes a few days!

www.meadowlarkptsa.org and click the Volunteer tab or online at <u>Volunteering at BVSD</u>.



#### **"FREE MONEY" PROGRAMS**

As part of our fundraising initiatives, the PTSA offers several programs that enable you to support Meadowlark for "free"! When you shop at these select retailers, a portion of your purchase is donated directly back to Meadowlark!

Complete "How to" videos are available on our website www.meadowlarkptsa.org. Still having trouble registering? Email our Treasurer at treasurer@mavsptsa.org!



Support Meadowlark when using your SooperCard or loyalty account phone #! To designate the Meadowlark PTSA as your social cause, login to your King Soopers loyalty account, select 'My Account' then scroll down to the Community Rewards section. It's a free program and once enrolled, supporting Meadowlark is as easy as shopping for groceries!

#### givebacks

out! Download the app to your phone and/or install the browser extensions to your computer, and earn money for Meadowlark at no cost to you. Visit the Givebacks page on our PTSA website to learn more, scan the QR code, and sign up for your free account!

Earn cashback for yourself and for Meadowlark every time you shop or eat



Do you use Longmont Dairy for your milk delivery service, or know someone who does? Every bottle cap you collect and turn in to the school means \$0.05 goes to the Meadowlark PTSA! Simply put your caps in the collection bins at the front entrance to the school!

When purchasing in-store, online, or by phone, you can support the



Meadowlark PTSA! AFW donates 2% back to the school, with some manufacturers matching it for a total of 4%! Simply mention Meadowlark School at checkout or give them our Partner ID of MDWLRK. When ordering online, enter MDWLRK in the School Rewards field.



Ordering photos, holiday cards, calendars, photo albums, or other fun photo trinkets at Shutterfly? Meadowlark will get 13% of all orders placed when you use Meadowlark's special link!



Does your workplace have a donation-matching program? Do you work for Ball, Microsoft, Apple, Astra Zeneca, Google, ADP, SAP, Samsung, Starbucks (plus many more!) Benevity causes portal is a Corporate Match program that your company may participate in. When you register online and select Meadowlark PTSA, the amount you give will be matched by your employer.



Donate 5% of your purchases back to Meadowlark when you shop at any Grandrabbit's location - it's easy! At checkout, tell the cashie that you want to support your school by having your "Bunny Bucks" added to the school account. (Be sure to specify that it is the Meadowlark K-8 in Erie, not the Meadowlark Preschool in Boulder!)

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summer camps, or just because? Mabel's Labels rock for all sorts of applications but we also love them because Meadowlark can earn 20% on your purchases! When visiting their website, simply click on the Support a Fundraiser button and search for Meadowlark PTSA before you start shopping! mabelslabels.com Download the Box Tops app to start earning money for Meadowlark!

Ordering name labels or bag tags for back-to-school, daycare,



Scan your store receipts and Meadowlark will get at least \$ .10 per eligible box top product you buy! Whether you're ordering groceries for delivery or pickup, or if you requested an email receipt at checkout, you can still submit any digital receipt containing participating products and earn Box Tops for your school. www.boxtops4education.com



Wondering what to do with your old toothbrushes, toothpaste, squeeze pouches, deodorant containers, and other hard to recycle items? Deposit them in the marked bins located inside the school's main entrance! For a list of recyclable items, visit the PTSA website or check the posters on the bins.



Meadowlark PTSA has partnered with Premier Members Credit Union and the LIFE (Loan Interest for Education) program as a "no cost" way to support your school. Meadowlark can earn \$300 per mortgage loan or 10% of loan interest in consumer loans - including Home Equity Lines of Credit, 2nd Mortgages, auto loans, credit cards, personal loans for debt consolidation, etc. Both new purchases and refinances count! Visit https://www.pmcu.org/life/ for more info!

### become a Meadowlark PTSA SPONSOR

Events like our Back to School Bash, Mavs Movie Night, Meadowlark Spring Social Gala (fundraiser) and our annual Mav Mile (fun run and field day), along with our many other school-wide efforts, wouldn't be possible without the support of these AWESOME sponsors!

If you or your business would like to <u>BECOME A SPONSOR</u> for this school year, visit our Fundraising pages or contact our Fundraising team at fundraising@mavsptsa.org.



### Welcome to the Meadowlark community! WE LOOK FORWARD TO NEETING YOU!

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions that we can answer about being a Meadowlark parent! We are here to help!

hospitality@mavsptsa.org www.meadowlarkptsa.org @MeadowlarkPTSA

